



Year 1 newsletter

Welcome Back to School for 2023

What a fantastic beginning to the school year for 2023. The first week back has commenced with our 'Start Right at Regency' program which fosters all students building relationships with their teachers and peers as well as establishing connections to their learning in the classroom. The students are settling in well and have made a very positive start. We are looking forward to a busy and exciting year ahead!

MORNING PROCEDURES & BUILDING INDEPENDENCE

As the children are now in Year 1, a continuing focus will be on building individual independence. At 8.50, students can bring themselves into the classroom. They will unpack their own bags and develop responsibility for their own belongings.

COMMUNICATION WITH TEACHERS

We will once again offer teacher email as a major component of communication between school and home. Emails will be checked each day and, if required, a response given within 24 hours. If you have anything to tell us, an area of concern or would like to make a time to meet, email is your best way to contact us. Please note that if it is a timely or urgent matter, it would be best to call the school office and leave a message with the office staff.

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DATES TO REMEMBER:

Classroom open

Thursday 9th February

Bush Dance

Friday 10th February

Year 1 Information Night

Tuesday 21st February
6-6:45pm online via Google Meet

Labour Day (no school)

Monday 13th March

School Photos

Tuesday 21st March

Parent Teacher Interviews

Monday 27th March
11.30-7.30pm

Book Fair

Thursday 30th March

REMINDERS:

Hats

Hats need to be worn at all times from the beginning of September until the end of April.

Brain Food

We encourage all students to bring some fruit or vegetables for brain food that we have each morning around 10am.

Tissues

It would be helpful if each child could please bring in a box of tissues for classroom use. Thank you.

Library Bags

To keep books safe students are required to have a library bag for bringing books to and from the library each week.

Art Smocks

Students will need an art smock for all art sessions to keep uniforms clean during craft activities - please send to school as soon as possible.





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CURRICULUM FOCUS AREAS TERM 1

Writing – Sentence structure, punctuation and recount writing.

Reading – Decoding, Book covers and Genre (fiction & nonfiction).

Spelling – Fountas and Pinnell Sight Words, SMART spelling

Maths – Counting, Patterns, Place Value, Data and Shape

Inquiry – Cultural Diversity

TAKE HOME READERS

The take home books will begin coming home from Monday 6th February. These are meant to be 'easy to read books' for your child. This is so your child can build their **fluency**, **accuracy** and **confidence** when reading aloud. Please fill out the reading log book each night with the date and title of book read. Teachers will be checking this regularly and rewarding students for every 25 nights read. The green case will come home with them each night and should be sent back to school everyday. **Please only record one book per night.**

We encourage you to aim for **5 nights of reading a week** – 1 book per night (approx. 10mins) If your child is tired, we suggest sharing the reading with them, line by line or page by page.

COMPASS

All attendances, absences and excursions are processed through Compass. If you have misplaced your login details please see the office or Miss Howard for another copy. All other information for Year 1 families will be explained on Information Night and through the Year 1 Information booklet sent home with students for information night.

BUSH DANCE

We are getting very excited about our Bush Dance day that is coming up on Friday 10th February. The students will participate in a 'dance and drama' session in the morning and then perform for you in the afternoon session from 1.50pm. You are also welcome to come for a picnic lunch with your child from 12.50pm. Please meet your child in their line up area. Students are able to wear free dress (feel free to dress in bush dancing clothes!) We hope you enjoy this fantastic event!

CLASSROOM OPEN AFTERNOON

On Thursday 9th February, our classroom will be open for parents to drop in and say a quick hello, introduce yourself and check out where your child will be working this year. It is an informal chat, so if you need an opportunity to speak in more depth to your classroom teacher, please book a time.

We look forward to working with you and your children and enjoying a fantastic year together!

Kind regards, Mrs Krawczyk, Mrs Fitzgerald, Ms Brooks, Mrs Later and Miss Carr.

