



CASTLE COVE PUBLIC SCHOOL  
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### YEAR ONE INFORMATION NEWSLETTER

Welcome to all our Year One Parents and Carers. The teachers on Year One are:

1A:	Mrs Alison Auld Mrs Jacqui Bakker	Class Parent: Susannah Gallagher
1B:	Mrs Margie Byrom Mrs Lucy Little	Class Parent: Catherine York
1H:	Mrs Sue Hiblen	Class Parent: Kristy Contos

Year One Parent Rep/Co-ordinator: Alicia Spyrou

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
<b>Assembly</b> 2:40 pm		<b>Scripture / Ethics / Non-Scripture</b> 12:00 – 12:30 pm  <b>Library</b> 10:45 am 1H  <b>Science (with Mrs Clarry)</b> 2:00 pm 1B	<b>Library</b> 12:30 pm 1A	<b>Year 1 Combined Sport</b> 9:35 am  <b>Library</b> 11:50 am 1B  <b>Science (with Mrs Clarry)</b> 11:50 am 1H 2:00 pm 1A

We will be teaching the Key Learning Areas (KLAs) of English, Mathematics, Science and Technology, History/Geography, Personal Development, Health and Physical Education (P.D, H & P.E), and Creative and Practical/Performing Arts (C.A.P.A).

Information re the Australian Curriculum is available at <http://www.australiancurriculum.edu.au/>

### CLASS ORGANISATION

Class	Teachers' email address
1A	<a href="mailto:alison.auld@det.nsw.edu.au">alison.auld@det.nsw.edu.au</a> <a href="mailto:jacqueline.bakker@det.nsw.edu.au">jacqueline.bakker@det.nsw.edu.au</a>
1B	<a href="mailto:margaret.byrom@det.nsw.edu.au">margaret.byrom@det.nsw.edu.au</a> <a href="mailto:lucy.palethorpe@det.nsw.edu.au">lucy.palethorpe@det.nsw.edu.au</a>
1H	<a href="mailto:susan.hiblen@det.nsw.edu.au">susan.hiblen@det.nsw.edu.au</a>

### Library

Each term, all Year 1 classes will be attending Library with Mrs Westoby. To ensure all our books stay clean, please encourage your child to pack their own library bag.

### Scripture and Ethics

K-2 Scripture and Ethics lessons take place each Wednesday from 12.00-12.30pm. Scripture and Ethics classes are provided for Combined Protestant, Catholic, Jewish, Baha'i and Ethics. Students whose parents do not elect a Scripture or Ethics group will go to non-Scripture, where they will be supervised by a teacher.

## School Reward System

Castle Cards, Merit Certificates and A-Day Awards are given throughout the year. Once your child receives 10 Castle Cards (CC's earned in Kindergarten can be used to make up the 10), please return them to the class teacher in a named envelope/zip lock bag, for a Merit Certificate (this will be handed out in class). 10 Merits (can also include any A Day awards) earn a Bronze Award, another 10, a Silver Award and a following 10, earns a Gold Award. This award system continues throughout a student's school life at Castle Cove.

## Attendance/Late arrival and Early Leaving

If for any reason, your child is unable to attend school, you must provide written notification to the teacher, an email to the teacher, or a phone call to the office. An absent note must be provided to the school **within 7 days** of an absence, as school rolls are legal documents. If your child is late to school (i.e. after 9.25 am) or has to leave early, (i.e. before 3.25 pm) a 'Late Arrival' or 'Early Leavers' note **MUST BE** obtained from the school office and given to the class teacher or teacher on playground duty.

## Excursions

Year 1 will take part in a number of incursions and excursions during the school year. These include a Science Incursion 'Fizzics', a visit to the Opera House, Life Education and Musica Viva. The whole school will also travel to Chatswood in the last week of the school year to attend the movies. Payment for these events will be included in your child's school fees. Permission notes will be sent home prior to the event. Please ensure all notes are returned promptly.

**HOMEWORK** – Mandatory 10-20 minutes of daily home reading.  
Practising Maths Mastery Badge skills using Mathletics.

**Home Readers** Each student will be able to borrow an independent home reader on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. Usborne books may be borrowed on Fridays only. Students choose their own readers (at their independent, 96+% accuracy, reading level) and any Usborne book. The Usborne books are meant to be a 'shared reading experience' at home.

**Maths Mastery Badges** A copy of the Maths Mastery Badge Book has been sent home. The Year 1 Maths skills are listed on the back. These skills should be achievable by the end of Year 1. These badges can be accessed via the CCPS website below.

<https://castlecove-p.schools.nsw.gov.au/learning-at-our-school/homework/maths-mastery/red-level.html>

There are also some free games for students to practise their maths skills on the link below. (Please ignore requests for payment when using these links.) <https://www.symboloo.com/mix/mathsmasteryred>

**Presentations (Speaking and Listening)** Twice a year, all our students will present a talk to the class, e.g. a poster talk which they have prepared at home. These talks will be linked to a KLA and further information will sent home at a later date.

**Classroom Needs** - Thank you for providing all the items listed on the Year 1 Requirements note.

A raincoat and sunscreen should be in your child's bag at all times.

Thank you to those who have labelled all belongings. This makes it much easier to find and return, misplaced items.

## **Castle Cove Public School Rules**

Be Safe

Be Fair

Be Responsible

To yourself, others and the environment...