



YEAR 1 Parent Information Guide

Welcome to Castle Cove for what we know will be an exciting year of learning. We especially welcome all Year 1 families and students who are new to our school, and hope that that you and your children have settled in well.

Contact Information

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1/2G - Eleni Gardner (alternate Mondays and T/W) and Kerry Montgomery (alternate Mondays and T/F)

If you have any concerns or wish to make an appointment for a meeting please email class teachers directly. Any urgent matters can also be communicated to the office. Please note that our school staff meetings are scheduled on Monday mornings, Wednesday mornings and afternoons. We will usually be available for meetings outside of those times.

General Organisation

Birthdays

If your child wishes to celebrate their birthday with the class, please bring in cupcakes, biscuits, ice blocks etc to share as these are easier to distribute. When providing treats for your child's birthday, please be mindful of students with allergies. Individually wrapped items such as ice-blocks and small packets of popcorn are often very popular birthday treats. We promote a nut-free environment at CCPS.

Library

Please make sure that your child has their library bag on the day their class will be visiting the library for a lesson and to borrow books of interest to read at home for pleasure. Library lessons are taught by Mrs Westoby.

Scripture and Ethics

Scripture (combined Protestant, Catholic, Jewish) and Ethics lessons take place each Wednesday. Students whose parents do not elect a Scripture or Ethics group for them 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, 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 (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, please log their absence on the Parent Sentral app as soon as possible. If you are unable to access the Sentral app please email or phone the office. An explanation of any absence must be provided to the school within 7 days of that absence, as school rolls are legal documents. If your child is late to school (i.e. after 9.25am) or has to leave early, (i.e. before 3.25pm) a 'Late Arrival' or 'Early Leavers' note must be obtained from the school office.

Timetable and Routines for Year 1

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
8:40am <i>Staff Meeting</i>		Before School <i>Team/Stage Meeting</i>		
	10:45-11:25 1/2G Science (Mrs Rao)	9:25 10:05 1A Library 10:05 – 10:45 1N Library 10:45 – 11.25 1C Library	10:05 – 10:45 1C Science (Mrs Rao) 10:45-11:25 1/2G Science (Mrs Rao)	10:05-10:45 Year 1 Sport
12:30-1:10 1/2G Library	12:30 – 1:10 1C Science (Mrs Rao)	12:00 – 12:30 K-2 Scripture	11:50 – 1:10 SISA Stage 1 (even weeks)	11:50 – 1:10 1A Science (Mrs Rao)

				2:00 – 3:25 1N Science (Mrs Rao)
		3.30pm <i>Staff Professional Development Meeting</i>		

Homework

Reading

All students are required to read at home daily for 10-20 minutes. Year 1 are encouraged to read aloud to an adult. Home Readers for levels 1-30 are borrowed from the classroom. Levels are based on a student's independent reading level and are consistently monitored by the teacher. Please note, at this level the readers should be "easy" and can be read by the student without any assistance. We recommend readers are read for a minimum of two nights. Students are to return home readers in their folder on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. Students may select from a range of Usborne readers to read for enjoyment over the weekend.

Sight Words

Students will continue to practise and master words from the M100 Sight Word lists. These words are consistently taught in class and for homework we encourage playing games such as memory, snap, locating these words in readers as activities to further consolidate this knowledge.

The Castle Cove Public School's Homework Policy is currently being updated and will be posted on our school's website soon.

English

Literacy Groups

Year 1 students will participate in Literacy Groups 4-5 times per week. During these lessons, students will be working in small groups focusing on all aspects of literacy including writing, spelling, phonics, sight words, vocabulary and grammar activities. Students will work closely with their teacher reading and learning about texts according to their reading levels. These texts are at a higher level than the readers they bring home.

Shared Reading

During shared reading sessions, students will be engaged in lessons using quality literature. These lessons model appropriate reading strategies, focus on language conventions, grammar, increase vocabulary knowledge and explore themes. Writing lessons are often linked to the themes and skills demonstrated during shared reading.

Classes will complete the Premier's Reading Challenge (PRC) by the teacher reading texts from the PRC booklist as part of our shared reading program.

Phonics and Vocabulary

Phonics tasks are differentiated to cater for varying needs of students. Phonics representations and focuses for the week will be communicated via weekly emails. Mathematical language and vocabulary development will be a focus during English lessons.

Mathematics

Term 1 focus areas:

Number & Algebra	Measurement & Geometry	Statistics & Probability
Whole Numbers	Length	Data
Addition and Subtraction	2D Space	
Patterns and Algebra	Time	
Multiplication and Division	Angles (Year 3)	

Human Society and its Environment (HSIE)

Geography- Features of Places

Students will investigate the natural and human features of places. They will describe the reasons places change and identify the active role of citizens in the care of places. They will learn about how people describe the weather and seasons of places. Students will explore activities occurring in places and how the spaces within places can be used for different purposes.

History- Present and Past Family Life

Students will study present and past family life within the context of the their own world. They will learn about similarities and differences in family life by comparing the present with the past. Students will begin to explore the links, and the changes that occur, over time and are introduced to the use of historical sources.

Personal Development, Health and Physical Education

The Sports in Schools (SISA) team will be conducting fortnightly lessons to develop the students' fundamental movement skills and their ability to participate effectively in physical education. Please note that students are to wear full, regular school uniform (including black shoes) and not sports uniform on this day.

In Personal Development and Health, students will learn about safety, health, active lifestyles, growth and development and relationships.

In Term 4, Year 1 will participate in a 2-week swimming program at Carlile Swimming Pool, Castle Cove.

Science and Technology

Science will be taught by Anjali Rao this year and she will cover 4 topics throughout the year. This term, students will study a unit on Forces – Push and Pull.

Students have access to iPads and laptops to use in the classroom. In addition, there are desktop computers available in all classrooms and computer lab. Students will develop their understanding of Digital Citizenship and how to be safe online. STEM and coding activities will form part of the technology focus. Seesaw will be Year 1's learning platform.

Creative and Practical Arts (CAPA)

Students will participate in visual arts, music, drama and dance activities throughout the year. Some activities will be linked to other subjects and topics covered in class, as well as developing an appreciation for these different art forms.

As always, please let us know if you have any questions or concerns.

Kind Regards,

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