

WELCOME TO GRADE 1!!

We are thrilled to be working with you and your child in what promises to be a fun filled and amazing year grounded in a productive partnership to ensure our children can achieve their highest potential. We understand that in order to be successful, our children need support from both home and school. We know a strong partnership with you will make a great difference in your child's education. As partners, we share the responsibility for our children's success and want you to know that we will invest in your child's Grade 1 journey.

Kindest regards,

Athena Petalas, Megan Farrow, Martina Aird, Tiffany Verwoert, Marie Lynch and Lainee Barwise.



Around the Classroom

Each and every classroom is a unique and special place that fosters development in a social, emotional and educational capacity.

To help your child and you adjust to the new environment please see below for some helpful information.

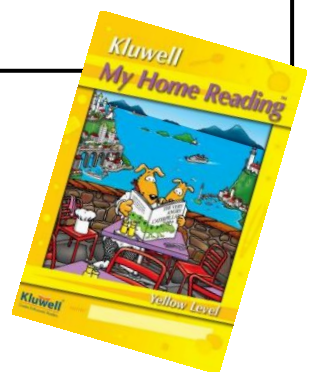
- Any notices can be placed into the 'Post Box' on the teacher's desk.
- Home readers will be changed on a weekly basis and in accordance to your child's assessed reading level.
- Each child has the opportunity to earn 'Stars' for their individual star charts when admirable and impressive decisions, attitudes and work ethos is demonstrated in all aspects of learning.

Home Reading in Grade 1

At Altona Primary School and in Grade 1 home reading is essential in developing your child's literacy skills and an appreciation for the adventure that unfolds when reading.

Your child has received a yellow 'My Home Reading' log. We ask that each night when your child has read 1 -2 of their home reading books you record this in their log. This will be checked on a weekly basis by your child's classroom teacher and tracked using the classroom reading ladder. 😊

For each 25 nights of reading a special reading award will be presented to your child; encouraging them to read and achieve each and every night!



Term 1 Specialist Timetable

Each term a new specialist timetable will be sent home with your child detailing the times and days their class has specialist subjects such as Art, Music and P.E.



Classroom Helpers in Grade 1

We LOVE classroom helpers in Grade 1. The opportunity for parents and guardians to become a part of and support the children (and teachers) in their learning is incredibly powerful.

If you would like to assist in your child's classroom please see your child's classroom teacher. 😊



Notes

Notes from your child's teacher and any Altona Primary School notices will be sent home on a Thursday in your child's mailbag.

Please ensure you check your child's mailbag daily. 😊



Homework in Grade 1

In Grade 1 your child will receive weekly homework in conjunction with nightly home reading.

During term 1 your child will focus upon the spelling of the Oxford high frequency words and a Mathematics task consistent with the topics addressed in class.

More Information

Additional information regarding Grade 1 is available on the school website.

Please visit and review this information by visiting

www.altonaps.vic.edu.au

Please also see your child's classroom teacher if you have any questions or queries.

Show and Share

As a part of developing your child's speaking and listening skills daily Show and Share sessions will take place in Grade 1.

This is an opportunity for your child to share something special with the class; an object or memory.

Please refer to the attached Show and Share timetable for your child's scheduled day.



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