PARENT INFORMATION NIGHT; TUESDAY 9 FEBRUARY
SESSION 1; 6.30pm  SESSION 2; 7.00pm

Ash Wednesday Mass on Wednesday 10 February. 9.00am.

A Glimpse of Day One.

For those who may have missed my introductory Newsletter last week. Every week I will be sending ‘Our Week in Year One’ newsletter. This way, you can keep up with all that is happening in Year One for the week, such as special events, spelling words of the week, reading activities, excursions and any planned events. I will also include information and strategies for you - the parents and caregivers - that may help you to be part of our team this year, and support your child in learning.

Keep an eye out on the notice board for an interview timetable. Meanwhile, something to think about; at the interviews I will be asking you to tell me one goal you would really like your child to achieve during Year One. It does not have to be academic. So have a think....

Literacy.
This week our Book of the Week is ‘Mister Seahorse’. A warm and charming story about Mr Seahorse who looks after Mrs's Seahorses eggs until they are ready to hatch and then gives birth to them! As he drifts through the sea, he meets all sorts of other male fish who also look after their young until they hatch.

Religion.
Friendship. Knowing and loving Jesus. We will be reading some stories about Friendship and how important it is for us in Year One. We will read the bible story of Zacchaeus and how he became a friend for Jesus. We will create an art piece using
Spelling and Reading.
For the next few weeks we will be reviewing Phonics, letter sounds in words. The children will be guided through a series of phonics activities before we commence our spelling programme. This will be fully explained at our Parents Information Evening. We will begin our take-home spelling homework in week 3.
In week one we reviewed the letter Ii. This week we will look at Aa. We are learning about how the vowels ‘save the day’ and we cannot have a word without vowels!
I will also be hearing/testing each child’s reading level. Once this is completed, children will begin to bring home readers for practice with you at home.

Mathematics.
This week we CONTINUE using a number line 1 to 10. We will be doing some simple addition moving up the number line.
We are also using a game and the story of ‘The Rainbow Fish’ to practice numbers 20 to 30.

IT.
We continue to use our Smart TV as a learning and hands-on teaching aide. We will further explore the Starfall phonics spelling programme delivered online.

You will find an overview of the programme for Term One on our website and also on the noticeboard. Please email me or catch me before/after school if you have any queries.

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Remember all kids learn differently, but they all learn!

Have a great week.