Year 1 Newsletter
Term 2 2017 Newsletter #2

What’s been happening?
So much learning has been taking place in the Year 1 classrooms. As reports are being written, it is pleasing to see the growth in all our students and we look forward to sharing this with you at Parent Interviews.

Investigations
The students have been focussing on taking ownership of their learning by coming to Investigations with a plan of what they will be working on. Students are being encouraged to use their initiative and to speak in full sentences when speaking with others. They are thinking about what they already know to help them problem solve and are being supported to make their artefacts look realistic.

Maths
Students have been practising counting on in Maths to help solve simple addition problems. They have been exploring Fractions and halving a whole into two equal parts. The students have also been collecting data and using a pictograph to represent this data.

Literacy
Students have been chunking blends (fl, st, dr, gr, ing) and diagraphs (ch, sh, th, wh) in words to help read and write unfamiliar words. We have been exploring the genre of persuasive writing and ways we can convince our audience of our opinion. It has been fantastic to hear the students reasons behind their thinking!
First Aid incursion

On the 1st of May, the Grade 1 students participated in basic First Aid training conducted by St. John's Ambulance. The students learnt what to do if they found someone unconscious and how to call for help. They practised looking for danger, seeing if the patient was conscious and advising 000 of their location. The incursion supports our Health focus this term of actions we can do to help keep our environment a healthy, safe and active place.

Wish List

Thanks for all your donations so far this year. We always appreciate how parents help support our program. We are always looking for boxes for the students to use in the construction area of our classroom, however, due to hygiene reasons we are unable to accept toilet paper rolls. Please look out for the wish list on the morning message boards outside your child's classroom listing items that are wanted. Any help is greatly appreciated.

Library

Year 1's attend the library each week to borrow books they can take home to read. We also share books as a class during this time. Children must bring a library bag in order for them to take a book home. The timetable for Year 1 is below.

  1G – Thursday   1O – Friday   1K – Thursday

Blue Satchels

It is very important for all students to bring their blue satchel to school every day. Students use this satchel to transport their take home book, reading log and important notices to and from school. Parents, please check your child's satchel regularly for excursion notices, hot food order forms, book club and other exciting event information.

Parent Helpers

Parent helpers are always welcome here at Stocky. If you would like to help in your child's classroom, please speak with the classroom teacher. They can inform you of the many ways in which you can help. Please note it is school policy that all parent helpers have a current working with children check. The forms for these are available at the post office or online.

Important Dates To Remember

- Education Week: 22-26<sup>th</sup> May
- RACV Road Safety Program: 29<sup>th</sup> May
- Melbourne Football Club visit: 30<sup>th</sup> May
- CFA excursion: 2<sup>nd</sup> June
- MND Ice bucket challenge: 9<sup>th</sup> June
- Queen's Birthday Public Holiday: 12<sup>th</sup> June
- Assembly, Year 1 performance: 19<sup>th</sup> June 9am
- Parent Teacher Interviews: 20<sup>th</sup> June and 22<sup>nd</sup> June