Dear parents and carers,

Welcome to another busy and exciting year. By working together we can ensure a rewarding and enjoyable year. This letter provides some information which might be helpful.

**Other teachers who help us:**
- Release teacher (RFF) - Carl Jacobs
- Librarian - Margarita Sitterlee
- Stage Supervisor - Kellie Stojanovic
- English as a Second Language support - Ava Van Der Ree/Krista Laine

**Our special times:**
- Library - Tuesday
- Scripture - Monday
- Assembly - Thursday at 2.05pm (even weeks)
- RFF - Thursday
- Sport - Friday

Please note: Homework is sent out each Monday to be returned each Friday for whole class marking. Personal items: It would be appreciated if parents / carers could provide the following resources for their child to use in the classroom during the year:

- 2 x blue pens
- 2 x red pens
- 1 x glue stick
- 1 x 30cm ruler
- 1 x packet of coloured pencils
- 1 x highlighter
- 1 x eraser
- 1 x sharpener
- 1 x library bag
- 1 x box of tissues / wet wipes / paper towel
- 1 x display folder (homework)
- 1 x paint shirt

**HELPING AT HOME**
- Maintaining good communication between home and school will help your child.
- Please ensure that homework is completed each week and returned to school on Friday. If your child is unable to complete his/her homework for any reason, I would appreciate a short note of explanation. Please help and encourage your child with homework (but don’t do it yourself).
- Listen to your child read each day. Books can be borrowed from the school and local libraries.
- Take every opportunity to join in school activities.
- Make sure that your child arrives at school on time and in uniform.

**EXCURSIONS AND EXPENDITURE**
We are planning a number of excursions for the students in Stage Three this year. At this stage, I have outlined some excursions we are planning and their approximate costs; however please note that these costs are not final and are only estimated. They may be either more or less expensive and exact costing will be forwarded as soon as possible.

- Spelling Mastery Book – when required $20 (a book will last approximately 12 months)
- Term 1
  - School Photos – Approximately $30 / student (various packages)
  - Bathurst Goldfields Excursion - Approximately $50
  - Life Ed - Approximately $20
- Term 2
  - Nothing booked as yet

- Term 3
  - Nothing booked as yet

- Term 4
  - Stage 3 Camp “The Great Aussie Bush Camp” at Tea Gardens – Approximately $350 / student
  - Swim Scheme – Approximately $20 / student
  - End of Year Excursion – Approximately $9 / student

PARENT HELP
If you are able to assist our class either at school or home, please contact me at your earliest convenience. Parents/carers who are able to help in the classroom will be required by the DET to complete a brief Child Protection session and sign on at the office on days that they are helping.

We also have a student with severe allergies to nuts so it would be appreciated if you would not send any nut products with your child.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any concerns. I look forward to a busy and rewarding year.

Yvonne Birtles
Class teacher