Dear parents and carers,

Welcome to another productive and exciting year. My name is Cassy Gavenlock and I will be your child’s teacher during 2015. I am looking forward to a great year of teaching and learning with your child. This letter provides some information which might be helpful.

CRUNCH ‘N’ SIP
Each morning at approximately 10.00am, we will be having a fruit/vegetable break, so it would be good if you could pack some fresh fruit or vegetables at this time – especially if it is cut up ready for eating so that it is easier for children to eat.

OUR SPECIAL TIMES:
- Scripture: Monday
- Science: (Wednesday) with Mrs Dutta
- Assembly: Thursday 2:00-2:55pm (even weeks) – all welcome
- Library: Friday with Ms Miller
- Sport: Friday 9:00-10:00am

PERSONAL ITEMS
It would be appreciated if parents could provide the following to use in the classroom during the year:
- 1 x paint shirt/smock
- 1 x library bag
- 1x plastic homework folder
- 1x plastic home-reading folder
- 1x pencil case containing 2xHB pencils, coloured pencils or wind up crayons, sharpener (with a shavings catcher), a glue stick, an eraser and whiteboard marker

Could all items be marked with your child’s name.

Glue sticks, lead pencils and whiteboard markers may need replacing before the end of the term as they tend to run out quickly so it is always good for students to have a spare pencil at school and a glue stick at home ready to bring in when necessary.

FOR THE CLASSROOM
- 1 x box of tissues and 1 x paper towel (each Term please)

HELPING AT HOME
- Maintaining good communication between home and school will help your child.
- Each Tuesday the following will be sent home:
  1. Take-home readers
  2. Homework booklet

  Please ensure that homework is completed each night and returned to school every Monday. If your child is unable to complete his/her homework for any reason, I would appreciate a short note of explanation. Failure to complete homework and hand it in on time may result in your child not receiving a Personal Best award. Please help and encourage your child with homework (but don’t do it yourself).

  Homework for 1 Gelato will begin in Week 3.

  For additional homework, a username and password will be attached to the front of the homework booklet for your child to access the websites, Study Ladder and Bug Club. There are instructions for this on 1 Gelato’s class page, on the school’s website.

  Listen to your child read and read to your child each day. Take-home readers will be sent home every Tuesday. Please sign your child’s home-reading card and return all on the following Monday. Also, books can be borrowed from the library on Fridays.

  Take every opportunity to join in school activities.

  Make sure that your child arrives at school on time and in uniform.

EXCURSIONS
We are planning a number of excursions for the students in Stage One this year. Further details, including expected costs will be forwarded as soon as possible.

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. Please don’t hesitate to contact me if you have any concerns. I look forward to a busy and rewarding year.

Cassy Gavenlock - Classroom Teacher
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