

Catherine McAuley Catholic Primary School



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Dear Parents,

Welcome to Year 1. We are looking forward to working with you and your children this year. Our goal for this year is for your children to feel safe and happy when coming to school and to grow as successful and independent learners in our McAuley family. This year our Year 1 teaching team is as follows:

1 Yellow	Monday - Thursday: Mrs Debbie Prestwidge
1 Yellow	Friday - Mrs Anna White
1 Blue	Monday - Friday: Mrs Rowena Livingstone
1 Maroon	Monday, Tuesday - Mrs Brooke Church Wednesday, Thursday, Friday - Mrs Marianne Niven

This note is to inform you of a few housekeeping matters:

COVID Safety Procedures

Catherine Mc Auley has begun the school year with a layered approach to COVID-smart measures that have been developed in partnership with NSW Health to help to minimise transmissions at school. Rapid antigen test (RAT) kits will continue to be provided to all students to help monitor your child's health and minimise transmission of COVID-19 across our school.

Wearing of surgical masks indoors is required for all staff and **strongly encouraged** for students to wear. No vented or cloth masks should be worn.

School staff **will not** be administering the rapid antigen tests to students.

RAT kits should be collected from school by a parent or carer and the tests completed at home in the morning before attending school.

Rapid antigen tests (RATs) to be used twice a week on **Mondays and Wednesdays**.

If a student receives a positive RAT test, the parent needs to:

- record the positive RAT result through the Service NSW website or Service NSW app
- notify the school of the positive RAT or PCR test result as soon as possible
- follow NSW Health advice for their child to isolate for 7 days

Negative results do not need to be reported to Service NSW or to the school.

Bell times

Punctuality is very important. Being late heavily impacts learning and we ask you to bring students on time.

Start of school: 9am

First break 11:00-11:30am

Second break 1:30-2:10pm

Finish time 3:10pm

In the event of arriving late, students **MUST** sign in at the front office before coming to class.

Communication

Clear communication between home and school is vital. The sooner we are aware of issues, the sooner we can work towards solving them. Please make an appointment via the school office and inform the school secretary of the reason for the appointment, so that adequate time can be allowed to address concerns satisfactorily.

Absent Notes

If your child is absent from school please log these details directly into compass, there is no need to also send a note. In the event that you are unable to log into compass, you must send in a written note. There are procedures around consistent (explained and unexplained) absenteeism that the school is legally required to implement.

Fruito

Each day all children in Year 1 have a fruit break. 'Fruito' generally lasts about 10 minutes. Children can bring any kind of fresh fruit, carrot sticks, celery sticks, cherry tomatoes etc. The children are encouraged to have a drink bottle containing water in their bags so that they may have regular sips of water throughout the day. Please remember to label drink bottles and **ALL** containers.

Homework/Readers

Homework will consist of spelling and reading. The children will receive two home readers each week. Please read one book Monday and Tuesday, and the second book Wednesday and Thursday. These readers contain decodable words and are in line with our Year 1 phonics and reading program. You can record your child's reading each day in their Reading Record book. You will also find prayers, scripture and stickers in this book that you can use for your child as you like. Homework is assigned each Monday and to be returned each Friday. *The Homework folder does not need to be returned each day.*

Reminder: Week 5 is Sabbatical Week, which means no Homework.

Reading Eggs and Mathletics

You may access Reading Eggs and Mathletics at home at any time. These are wonderful resources for revision of what your child is learning in class. Login details are the same as last year and will be distributed to you in the homework folder.

Belongings

Please label all your child's belongings, including drink bottles, lunch boxes and jumpers. It is easier to return items when there is a name on it.

Weekly Routines

Library Day: 1Blue - Friday 1 Maroon - Tuesday 1 Yellow - Monday

Music Day: 1Blue - Tuesday 1 Maroon - Wednesday 1Yellow - Wednesday

Canteen Open Tuesday - Friday (REMINDER - no canteen on Monday)

Sports Day Friday, please wear sports uniform.

Newsletter

Please keep up to date with newsletters and announcements. Newsletters are available via Compass on Wednesday each week. Other important announcements are also distributed via Compass. Please contact the school office if you require your Compass log-in details.

We are looking forward to a wonderful year of learning with the Year 1 students.

Kind Regards,

Year 1 Teaching Team

Deborah Prestwidge, Anne White, Rowena Livingstone, Marianne Niven and Brooke Church