Welcome back. We’re hoping you all had a fantastic Easter, along with a relaxing 2 week break. As we are heading into the half way point of the year and the student have settled in to the class, I kindly ask that you say your good byes outside then let the children enter the classroom by themselves. This allows me to settle the class and prepare the children for the days work. We would like to share with you the classroom focus for the following curriculum areas for Term 2 and possible areas you could help with.

**LITERACY**
Students will once again listen and respond to a variety of stories through our One Start program. They will continue to develop their writing skills as they focus on writing sentences describing the characters, setting, and events within different types of literature. Guided reading will continue to occur daily with students developing their reading and comprehension strategies. Students will also start to explore poetry within this term.

**NUMERACY**
Throughout the year students will apply a variety of mathematical concepts in real-life, life-like and purely mathematical situations. During Term 2 students will develop their understandings and proficiency in the following areas:
- Number, place value, adding and subtracting
- Fractions – partitioning, knowing, half, whole and equal parts
- Chance – identifying the outcome of familiar events, along with representing data
- Time – Tell time to the hour and half hour and explore the amount of time in an hour
Along with the above students will also be learning about Australian money, measurement and directional language.

**OTHER KLAs**
- **Science** - Students will be exploring and investigating living things. They will take part in a school yard safari to find a living thing. They will also learn how to write a scientific report on a living thing.
- **Geography** - Within the geography unit students will be leaning how to describe the features of a familiar place. Along with this students will be looking at the features of different places and how these features have changed over time.
- **Health** – Students will complete a health unit this term which will focus on the importance of healthy eating and physical activity. Within this unit students will be looking at the food guide pyramid and they will be designing a healthy meal.

**How Parents can help us!**

**Parent Volunteers!** - We would really appreciate it if the parents of Year 1 could assist us with the changing of homework folders on either a Monday morning or a Friday afternoon. Along with this it would be a massive help if any parents could help during our guided reading time (9:30 – 10:00). Please see me if you are able to help with either of these jobs or a free at other times throughout the term.

**Attendance** – At the end of last term our class won the attendance gnome as we had the highest attendance rate out of the whole school at 94%. Our goal is to reach at least 95% attendance every week for the WHOLE of term 2. You can help us reach this goal by ensuring your child arrives on time and prepared for EACH school day!

Mrs Casey-Marie Mitchell - Year 1
Classroom Teacher

Steve Kanowski
Principal

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**Key Days for 1CM**

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**Celebrations!**
We had an AWESOME attendance rate at the end of last term let’s keep it up!!!
Goal 95% every week.