Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Welcome to 2017. We are looking forward to a wonderful year together filled with great learning and fun times. We hope that you enjoyed a happy holiday and are ready for a busy and exciting year. We would like to inform you of some important information but will try not to overwhelm you.

1DJ
This year our class is called 1DJ. Nicci Dixon will work each Monday and Tuesday and Wednesday on odd Weeks. Breanna Jose will work each Thursday and Friday and Wednesday of even weeks.

EMAIL:
Each week we hope to send out an email with reminders and details for the week, but for the first few weeks our notes will be hard copies so please look out for them.

Thank you to those of you who have already sent us an email. If you haven’t, please do so by Friday Week 1 3rd February so that you can be added to our group list:
Nicci Dixon: ndixon@star.catholic.edu.au
Breanna Jose: bjose@star.catholic.edu.au

SPORTS UNIFORM
Our sports uniform days are Thursday and Friday. We also ask that children come to school wearing sun block daily.

HATS
Hats are compulsory this term so please make sure that your child’s hat is clearly labelled and left in their chair bag.

ART SMOCKS
Please send in your child’s art smock ready to be used this year.

WATER BOTTLES/ BRAINFOOD
Each day your child needs to place their water bottle in the tubs provided and then take home each day. Sometime throughout the day we will have brainfood so we ask that you pack your child an additional fruit snack for your child.

BOOKS
A very big thank you for organising your child’s stationery. We really appreciate it coming back to school, labelled and ready to go. If you still have any stationery and books at home please bring it to school ASAP.

LIBRARY
Our library day for this year is Monday afternoon. Please ensure your child’s library bag is in their chair bag ready for Monday Week 2.

BLUE WALLETS
Please ensure your child has their blue wallet in their chair bag each day.
READING TEXTS
The children will swap reading texts within our classroom this year. Children will have the opportunity each morning to do this. We stress the importance for children to make their own selection in their specific, nominated range. We are hoping that reading will begin in Week 2. Children will choose reading texts on a level below what they finished on in 2016. We are wanting students to begin Year One feeling confident and successful as readers, so for this reason their take home texts should be easy and fun. We will assess all students in the next few weeks and will adjust their reading levels accordingly. We look forward to helping your child progress as a balanced and happy reader this year.

GOOD FIT BOOKS
In our classroom we are inviting children to bring in books they love from home and these will be called their ‘good fit books’. They are books that are just right for your child to read independently. They may be favourites or books that your child is interested in. Each child needs to bring in 5 books by Friday Week 1. These books will be used for our Reading sessions. Please clearly label these books and make sure they are small enough to fit in their individual reading boxes.

SCHOOL VALUES
We will be focusing on our school values in the first few week of school and throughout the term. These values are Respect, Inclusivity, Honesty, Compassion and Collaboration. We will refer to these at school throughout the year and hope you talk about them at home too.

BOXES/CRAFT ITEMS/ DONATIONS OF BOOKS AND TOYS/ NEWSPAPERS/MAGAZINES/ CARDS
We are on the look out for creative items for craft so please send in any items. We love, magazines, old cards, books, ribbons, socks, beads, buttons, etc. We are also on the look out for any donations of toys to enhance our learning through play. Any donations of dolls, lego, animals, construction items or anything else would be really appreciated.

FAMILY PHOTO
We are asking that all children bring in an individual AND family photo as soon as possible. These will be displayed, as our classroom will be your child’s home at school.

CLASS PET
We have a class pet that will be going home with our ‘Star of the Day’ each day so we are sure you will hear lots about ‘Spot the Dog’ this year.

PARENT TEACHER CONVERSATIONS
This week you will receive a form to fill in for Parent / Teacher Conversations in the first few weeks of school. We look forward to chatting with you about your child.

CLASS PARENT REPS AND CLASSROOM CLEANING
If you are interested in being a class parent rep please let your classroom teacher know ASAP. Also if you are available for classroom cleaning on any day can you please let your classroom teacher know and we will arrange a time which is suitable for most parents.

We look forward to getting to know you and your child this year!
Kind regards, the Year One Teachers, Breanna Jose, Nicci Dixon, Caterina Mazzarolo, Karen Lintern and Ali Rebuli