Dear Parents and Caregivers,

We are so proud of the way the children have settled into our new class and routines. They did a wonderful job! Below are some more items for you as we embark on our learning journey together.

**YEAR ONE PARISH MASS**
12th February at 9.30am. A Celebration and Farewell for Father Carroll.
Year Ones are hosting our Parish Mass on this date. We will be singing a song for Father Carroll and hope as many families can join us. We require each family to bring a plate of morning tea. This can be placed in the church hall prior to Mass. We will be asking for volunteers for special jobs at the Mass and a roster will be placed in the Year One breakout area by Monday.

**HOME CONNECTION BOOKS**
We will send the children’s Homework book home next week. This book will stay in their Blue Reading Wallet. Reading is the only homework for now and we will begin spelling at home in WEEK 4.

**READING TEXTS**
Reading texts will come home next week. We will select the texts one level below where the children finished in 2016. We will undertake testing in the coming weeks to ascertain the children’s current level bearing in mind that after such a sustained holiday break the levels may be reviewed. It is not uncommon for children to go back levels as their reading text for home should be easy. A memo book will accompany your child’s reading text. This is for recording your child’s reading at home.

**ENGLISH**
Our focus this year is to continue with GOOD FIT book selections and writing workshops. Our aim is to be brave readers and writers who are willing to take risks and be confident. Please ensure your child remembers to bring in their GOOD FIT books.

**MORNING READING**
Morning Reading is a strategy we would love to employ as soon as we can. We really need your help for this to begin. If you could spend some time in the morning listening to reading that would be fabulous. A roster is placed outside the classroom. We would like the morning reading to conclude by 9.15am. to ensure we are ready for the next lesson to begin.

**CLASS CLEANING**
Class cleaning is another area we would love your help with. If you could spare a few minutes to help us keep our classroom healthy and clean, again we are so grateful. Our most preferred time would be Friday morning.
PHOTO GALLERY
We look forward to our Photo Gallery growing and we ask if you could provide us with a family photo. Thank you to those of you who have already sent them in!

CLASS REPRESENTATIVES
If you would like to consider being our Class Representative, we would love to hear from you.

EVENTS
* Whole School Mass Friday - 10th February at 11.15am
* Year One Mass and Farewell – Sunday 12th February at 9.30am

REMININDERS
* photos
* GOOD FIT BOOKS
* PLATE of food for Sunday Mass
* BEANS (dried) for Math activities and exploration in class. ANY DONATIONS WILL BE MUCH APPRECIATED. (mung, cannelloni, red, white etc)
* any small boxes for construction work

HOME CONNECTIONS
  Story to Share – Jack and the Beanstalk
  Math Concept – Counting and Patterning in everyday life
  Science – Gardening – Have you planted your sunflower seeds?

Kind Regards
Caterina, Karen, Nicci, Bree and Ali