Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Welcome to term 3. Thankyou for sending your children back to school refreshed and ready for lots of new learning experiences. I am very excited about teaching the 1 / 2 class for the remainder of the year.

This note outlines important year 1/2 information for term 3.

**Communication**

I understand that your mornings and afternoons are busy and you will not always be able to pop into see me. It is important that we keep in contact with each other regarding your child and what is happening at home and at school. If you would like to give me a message about your child, feel free to see me in the morning or after school, however, if you would like to discuss anything in detail, please see me to arrange a time that suits. You can also contact me via email. My email address is wroyan@bne.catholic.edu.au.

**Religion**

The Religion Unit this term is entitled Morality: Stories and Messages. We will examine actions described in religious and other stories to identify messages about morality. Some of these stories will include: The Good Samaritan, The Tortoise and the Hare and the Lion and the Mouse. As a class we will look at our actions in different situations and discuss “hurtful actions” and “helpful actions”.

The 1/2 class will host the Mary of the Cross mass on the 8th of August. There will be a shared morning tea after Church. It would be wonderful to see as many Mums, Dads, Grandmas, Grandads and other family members attend. More information will go home closer to the date.

**Language**

The 1/2s will continue with weekly spelling from the Soundwaves Language program. These will be given to the children on Monday to be learnt during the week and tested on Fridays. Each day the children will be involved with Literacy Rotations concentrating on: Reading, Comprehension, Grammar and Sounds skills. Throughout the term the children will also explore different writing styles. This will be focused on life around a farm.

**Maths**

Throughout this term I will be teaching a number of maths concepts as well as revising and consolidating what the children have learnt so far this year. This term the children will be investigating Time, 2D & 3D Shapes, Money and Graphs.

**Science**

The theme we will be exploring this term is Paddock to Plate. The children will answer questions such as: What is a farm? How do farms meet our needs? What are the different types of farms? What do they produce? How does it get from the farm to the shop?
We will endeavour to grow some of our own fruit and vegetables in the schools vege patch and hatch our own chickens in an incubator.

**Technology**

Technology is embedded in most daily classroom activities. The children LOVE the new ipads. We continue to have new programs installed and the children use them during our Literacy and Maths rotations. Our interactive whiteboard also has an important role in our classroom. We will use it to find out information about the farming industry.

**Health and Physical Education**

Mrs Tricia Dodd will take the children for sport on Thursday.

**Music**

The children will continue to participate in a weekly music lesson with Mr Horner each Tuesday and vocal lessons with Twilla on Monday.

**Library**

Borrowing will still take place on Wednesday. Children will need their library bag and are encouraged to borrow a book each week.
The children will also make another visit to the Childers Branch of the Bundaberg Regional Library this term for storytelling and craft. A date has yet to be set.

Homework

Homework will go home on Monday and is due on Friday. This term the homework will take the form of a homework grid. I understand that each child has different capabilities and enthusiasm towards homework. This style of homework caters for the individual student as well as busy day/week. The homework has a number of activities, with some being compulsory, such as daily home reading, literacy and maths activities. These will reflect what is being taught in class. Other activities are not compulsory, but the children may choose to complete.

Parent Helpers

I know your days can be busy, but if you have any “spare” time we would love to see you in the classroom. We all have different interests and abilities and learn from one another. You may enjoy reading with the children, getting messy while doing art or share your farming knowledge with the children. Please see me if you are able to help.

Please don’t hesitate to contact me if you have any concerns.

Thank you for your support.

Wendy Royan