Dear Parents/Caregivers,

The students have settled into their new class/classroom very quickly and have begun to produce some wonderful work. Here is a glimpse into our classroom and some of the activities that we will be doing this term.

**Literacy** - In literacy the students are working hard to learn routines which help them to become better speakers, listeners, readers, writers and spellers.
- Kindergarten are learning sounds, sight words, tricky words, creating flip books, practicing their pre writing skills, looking and discussing Big books and helping to create stories through their writing.
- Year 1/2 & 3 the students are learning more about word families, blends, digraphs, spelling rules and spelling lists. Guided reading and writing sessions while looking at different types of texts. Using correct grammar to incorporate into their story writing.

**Numeracy** - In maths we will be working on learning numbers and their place value in the number system. Students will be building up their number combinations to help them become faster in solving equations. They will learn a number of strategies to use across the strands of Number, Space & Measurement.

**Science** - Schoolyard Safari which is looking at the minibeasts in our school yard and understanding them more.

**HSIE** - This Is Me / Past and Present where we look at the individual student, their family and their history.

**PD / Health** - We are looking at Social Skills which involve being caring for others, being a good listener, sharing

**PE** - The build-up of student gross motor skills, how to participate in small games and practice for the Cross Country.

**CAPA** – On Wednesday we have creative arts with the wonderful Mrs Rantissi who will teach the students about Art, Music and Drama. **Library** – Is also on Wednesday with Mrs Rantissi. She will be teaching Library skills and allowing students to borrow books to take home. The students will need to have a bag to help protect the books when they go in their school bags. We also borrow books from the Mobile Library which visits every 2nd Wednesday. These books stay at school in the classroom.

**Homework** - Students homework is sent home on Mondays and to be returned on Fridays. **Home readers** are also sent home every night through the week. Please listen to them read their book, ask some questions about it, fill out the reading sheet and send it back to school to be changed. **A special note about the home readers** - Please remember that home reading is meant to be easy for your child. Not difficult and stressful. If the reader is too hard please let me know.

A kind reminder that students need:
- Fruit break - this is a small plastic container which has some cut up fruit for 10.00am. Please cut up whole fruit.
- Recess - a time for some biscuits / yoghurt / fruit / and a drink out of their water bottle. (ice bricks keep them cool)
- Lunch - sandwiches with something that your child enjoys eating / snacks / juice or popper
- Canteen - Is Wednesdays. Lunch bags need the child’s name / class / their order on the front and money placed inside. This is then placed in the white box outside the office when they arrive in the morning.
- Hats - need to be worn in the playground every day.

**Help Needed** - I would like to ask for some parents who have a bit of spare time, to come in and help change the home readers and listen to students read. This was very successful last year and I would like to continue it again. Please contact us at school so we can arrange a time for your generous help.

**Scripture** is on Thursday afternoons where Mrs Barnwell always has some great stories and activities to teach the students.

I hope you like this quick insight into our class.
Mr Spencer K/1/2/3 Teacher