



# St Anthony's Primary School

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## Welcome to Year 1 – 2020

**Mrs Amanda Smith (1G) & Ms Rachel Grima (1W)**

Dear Parents / Carers,

We would like to welcome the students and families to Year 1 for 2020.

We are currently planning an exciting year and look forward to working with you and your child next year. Mrs Smith will be the EMU Specialist teacher in 2020 and will take a small group of students each day for 45 minutes. During this time, Ms Tania Geracitano will teach Year 1 with Ms Grima. In Year 1 we work in a collaborative environment and aim to foster critical thinking skills within the students. Although the students are in either 1G or 1W, they will work closely with all the teachers and support staff within the space.

All students will have access to class stationery and workbooks as covered by the school Resource Fee. In addition, it is necessary for children to manage their own set of essential personal stationery items for their daily use (see list below).

In preparation for Year 1, we would like all children to have the following items. Please keep in mind that these things do not need to be new, items from this year would be great to use again for next year. Please ensure that any personal items are clearly LABELLED with your child's name. This encourages personal responsibility and ensures that lost items can be recovered and returned easily.

- Glue stick (As part of a class supply)
- Note Bag (Polly Wally from last year. New ones are available from the Uniform Shop for \$12)
- Library bag (Available from Uniform Shop \$10)
- Carabiner hook to attach Polly Wally to your child's school bag (see image)
- 2 pack of baby wipes (As part of a class supply)



In the first few weeks of 2020, we will be sending home exercise books for covering. Could you please cover these in clear contact or plastic and label them with your child's name, class and the book name. You may like to purchase clear book covers from Officeworks that slip over the cover of each book and they can be reused when your child needs new books throughout the year.

As you are aware, the Seesaw app is the way that teachers, students and parents communicate with each other about grade based information and student learning. This year, we have subscribed to Seesaw for Schools so the end of year processes for your child's Seesaw account will look different. You will no longer need to archive your child's account at the end of this year. Instead, you will be invited to your child's new SeeSaw account once this has been successfully set up. There will be more information about this as necessary. This is a really exciting upgrade that will allow you to keep a digital journey of your child's learning from Kindergarten to Year 6.

**Important dates for next year:**

**Wednesday 29 January – MAI testing day.** Please see accompanying letter to book a time for a Mathematics Assessment Interview for your child with their teacher. This one day has been set aside especially for this assessment. It is very important that an interview time is made for each child.

**Thursday 30 January – Years 1-6 return to school for normal classes**

We all know the importance of reading and how a great book can spark the imagination and creativity in us all. These school holidays, we are encouraging all students to participate in the Executive Director's Summer Reading Challenge and read, read, read! If your child is interested in entering this competition and be in the chance to win a Google Chromebook, see details on how to enter the challenge.

<https://www.parra.catholic.edu.au/News-and-Events/Whats-On/EDSRC>

We hope that your upcoming break will be a very special time for you and your family. Christmas time is about the coming of Jesus into our world. It is a time of love and joy and we hope that this becomes the central part of your celebrations.

Have a wonderful Christmas and a happy new year.

Regards

**Mrs Amanda Smith & Ms Rachel Grima**  
Year 1 Team