Stage 1 Students & Parents,
Welcome to Term 1 at Woy Woy South Public School. Stage 1 consists of seven classes, two in Year 1, a K/1 composite, a 1/2 composite and three Year 2 classes.
K/1P - Mrs Parker: 1/2K—Mrs Kendell: 1M—Mrs Cullen & Mrs Saunders: 1A Mrs Watson & Mrs Fullagar
2F—Mr Burgess & Mrs Fuary: 2Y—Mr Young: 2R — Mrs Reid.
Stage 1 is supervised by Mrs Reid, Assistant Principal.
Here is an overview of what is planned for this term. There are busy times ahead, as your child settles back into the school routine.

### ENGLISH

**Talking and Listening:** These vital skills are part of all lessons. Students are learning to listen to others, when they speak. They are also learning about taking turns in a conversation and looking at the person they are speaking to.

**Reading:** Guided Reading will focus on the development of comprehension at a level appropriate for each student. Students in Year 2 are encouraged to have a book at school with them every day, to read in any independent reading session.

**Writing:** Writing an Explanation will be the main focus this term. We will concentrate on correct use of grammar, punctuation and good sentence structure.

**Handwriting:** We will focus on writing letters that are of a consistent size and slope. Correct pencil grip will be encouraged.

### MATHEMATICS

Students will work from the K-6 Mathematics Syllabus to develop concepts across each strand of Number, Space & Geometry, Patterns & Algebra, Measurement and Data.
Lessons will be practical and hands-on, incorporating problem solving. Students will be assessed on the concepts taught. This acts as a guide for revision and to help monitor student progress.
PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT, HEALTH AND PHYSICAL DEVELOPMENT

Physical Education – Fitness sessions throughout each week will focus on maintaining a healthy body and muscle development. Our Thursday Sport session will be rotating groups that concentrate on fundamental movement skills.

Personal Development— In Term 1 we will continue to look at the three Rs:
Respect, Responsibility and Relationships.

Our main focus this term is Respect. Lessons include manners, appropriate language, accepting authority and the rights of others.

Positive Behaviour for Learning
Each child is special. Every effort is made to recognise children’s efforts through merit awards and WOYSIE stickers. BEE awards are also given for demonstrating the 3 Rs: RESPECT, RESPONSIBILITY and for maintaining healthy RELATIONSHIPS with their peers. Time Out, in the class and in view of the class teacher, is used if unacceptable behavior continues. A simple warning is always given and discussed with your child before a 5 minute Time Out. Continued inappropriate behaviour will result in a further Time Out in the ‘buddy’ class.

SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY
This term we will be completing a unit called “Living Things”. Where possible, students will participate in practical experiences to assist them in their learning.

HUMAN SOCIETY AND ITS ENVIRONMENT (HSIE)
In HSIE we will be looking at the topic “Need For Shelter” which looks at why we need shelter and the different types of shelter for animals and people.

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CREATIVE AND PRACTICAL ARTS

**Visual Arts** activities will complement our units of work in HSIE and Science and Technology.

**Music and Dance:** Class lessons will focus on performing, organising sound and listening.

COMPUTER EDUCATION

Children will have designated sessions each week in the computer laboratory with their classroom teacher. Students will be advised of their computer day by their teacher.

LIBRARY

Children will have a formal library lesson with Mrs Santos each week, but are also welcome to use the library on other days, at lunchtime. Borrowing appropriately levelled books regularly from the Library is highly recommended.

Students will also be involved in the Premier’s Reading Challenge, starting this term. Books will be read by the teacher as part of the Literacy program. If any students are reading books from the challenge list at home, they can get a book diary list (pink) from their teacher to record the titles. These will be added under the student’s name by the class teacher.

HOMEWORK

Homework has already commenced in many of the classrooms. Activities may include spelling, maths, writing, and work related to our Science or HSIE unit. Homework also includes daily home reading (15 - 20 minutes) and this entails keeping records on the “Read It Booklet” pages. A letter about the Read It program will come home soon. This program will start in Week 3 or 4 of this term.
EQUIPMENT LIST

It would be appreciated if the following equipment could come to school as soon as possible. These will be kept in the classroom.

- pencil grips
- 4 or 5 HB lead pencils
- glue sticks
- 1GB memory stick
- a set of ear phones ($2 shop)
- for your child's computer lessons
- whiteboard markers
- and a box of tissues.

UNIFORM

The Woy Woy South Public School community supports our full school uniform policy. Please ensure that your child is well attired in full school uniform. This includes winter attire for the colder months. Wearing our school uniform assists in the development of self-discipline and also helps to ensure your child’s safety during and outside school hours.

OTHER ACTIVITIES

We encourage all parents to attend the Parent Information Evening Tuesday 17th February. You will hear about specific things related to your child’s class and have the opportunity to ask general questions that relate to students and their learning.

Swim School and the Easter Hat Parade will be held this term….see the section Important Dates on page 1.

Notes will go home about all of these activities. Extra information can also be found in the weekly school newsletters each Tuesday.

We hope that Stage 1 continue to enjoy school this term. If you have any concerns or questions, please contact the school office to make an appointment time with the class teacher.

Kind Regards,

Stage 1 Teachers