Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to Stage 1. We are getting to know the children and are all settling in for a great year of learning. We hope the following information will be useful to help you and your child get off to a wonderful start.

**Times**
You may find the following times useful:
- P.E. / Fitness – Monday and Tuesday mornings
- Library – 1/2B – Friday  1C – Wednesday  2W – Monday  
  1L – Wednesday  2S – Tuesday  2/3M – Wednesday
- Scripture – Thursday
- Sport – Thursday morning (wear joggers and sports uniform please)
- Teachers release times  
  1/2B – Tuesday  1C – Tuesday  
  1L – Tuesday  2W – Monday  
  2S – Wednesday  2/3M – Tuesday

**Equipment – PLEASE LABEL EVERYTHING CLEARLY**
The following is needed to make each child’s work and learning easier:
- a 96 page exercise book for homework – covered please (not A4 size)
- a medium sized Bostik glue stick *each term* (not liquid)
- a large, bright sheet of cardboard for artwork storage
- an old shirt for art (if your child does not already have one at school)
- a box of tissues
- a library bag

**Year 2 Only**
- barrel sharpener (type that collects shavings)
- soft, white eraser
- 3 lead pencils

Children in Year 1 and **new** children in Year 2 will receive a commercially produced dictionary at a cost of $7.00, which will need to be paid as soon as possible to the Magpie Box, so we can begin using them. Please see the form on the next page.

**Clothing**
Hats, preferably black, must be worn whenever the children are outside (including before school). Remember we have a ‘no hat, no play in the sun’ policy at our school. Could you please make sure they are clearly labelled along with all jumpers, track pants and lunchboxes, etc.
**Homework**
Your child will receive a homework sheet each week. This will have your child’s spelling words on it to revise nightly and some revision or extension work. Homework books need to be returned by Thursday or Friday so that marking can be completed before the next sheet is issued. Talk topics will also be given at various times for the children to prepare and home reading should be done each night.

**Parent Helpers**
We would really appreciate some help with the changing of home readers, which will begin in Week 4. Could you please consider if you will be able to help us with this and return the form attached to your child’s class teacher by next Wednesday. More information on the administration of the scheme will be given when we commence in Week 4. New home reading folders will be available for purchase for those who need a new one. These will be available at the front office for $1.

**Excursions**
Separate notes will come home prior to excursion dates. We have a Stage 1 Excursion to Featherdale Wildlife Park on Monday 19th March.

**Fruit Break**
This is a short 5 minute break so could you please ensure that a small amount of cut fruit or vegetable is brought to school in a small labelled container.

We hope we have answered a few questions for you. Please don’t hesitate to see us any time before school or after school (except Monday afternoons and Wednesday mornings as we have staff meetings) if you have a question. We are looking forward to a great year together.

Yours sincerely,

*Mrs Craddock (1C), Mrs Lutman (1L), Mrs Shiels (2S), Mrs Wells (2W) and Mrs Monds (2/3M)*

*Mrs Boyd (1/2B, Stage 1 Team Leader, Assistant Principal)*

**Reading**
I will be able to help with reading. My preferred day and time would be: 
____________________________________________________________________________

Name: _____________________________ Child’s name and class: ________________________

**Stage 1 Dictionary**
Child’s Name: ______________________________________ Class: _______________________

I enclose $7.00 for payment  □

Please note: If your child was in Year 1 at Picton Public School in 2011 he or she will already have this dictionary. No need to purchase again.