

# YEAR 1 2026

# PARENT INFORMATION



## *Welcome to Year One*

*We look forward to a positive and engaging year with you and your children. We hope this handout will be a useful reference as we begin our learning journey together in 2026.*

### **Brain Food**

Students are encouraged to bring a small labelled container with fruits or vegetables to snack on during learning time.

### **Home Learning**

- Home learning will link directly to the learning taking place in school. Each week, it will include a list of words for students to practise reading and writing, as well as a maths task to develop their number fluency.
- Students are expected to complete 10 minutes of reading daily, either from the decodable text in their black book bag or using Sunshine Online.
- Home learning materials and black book bags will be distributed on **Tuesdays** and collected the following **Monday**.

### **Library**

Students are encouraged to borrow one book to share at home. Students will need to bring a library bag to borrow a book. Library days are listed on the timetable below.

### **Resources**

Please ensure that your child has the following items at school and that they are clearly labelled:

- Headphones
- Art smock
- Black reader bag
- Box of tissues
- Colouring book (optional)

### **Afternoon Gathering**

Families are welcome to join us at 2:55pm each Tuesday for our afternoon gathering.

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## Year Level Timetable

| Monday                             | Tuesday                                  | Wednesday    | Thursday | Friday       |
|------------------------------------|--|--------------|----------|--------------|
| Home learning & Black book bag Due | Home learning & black book bag sent home |              |          |              |
| Lunch Orders                       | Afternoon Gathering                      | Lunch Orders |          | Lunch orders |

## Homegroup Timetable

|            | Monday        | Tuesday       | Wednesday     | Thursday | Friday  |
|------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|----------|---------|
| Eucalyptus |               | Sport Uniform | Sport Uniform | Library  |         |
| Jacaranda  | Sport Uniform | Sport Uniform |               |          | Library |
| Peppercorn |               | Sport Uniform | Sport Uniform |          | Library |
| Rose       | Sport Uniform | Sport Uniform |               |          | Library |

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# SMCM PARENT REMINDERS 2026



## **Absences**

Regular attendance at school is important for the development of learning, consistency of routines and maintaining relationships. However, any student who is unwell is required to stay home.

When your child is absent from school you must now record this on the **Compass** App. Once **Compass** is fully integrated you will receive a notification when your child has been marked absent, which you will need to respond to.

## **Late Arrival or Early Leave**

All students must be signed in and out at reception when arriving late or leaving early. If your child is required to be picked up early during the school day, please be advised that it is best to collect them before or after break times.

## **Daily Timetable**

*School Begins: 8:45am (gates open at 8:30am)*

*First Break: 10:55am - 11:35am*

*Second Break: 1:45pm - 2:25pm*

*Dismissal for students: 3:25pm (gates close at 3:40pm)*

## **Communication**

Staff are available to meet with parents before or after school by appointment. To ensure we can meet your needs please email to arrange a suitable time.

- **Teacher emails** - During the school day teachers are with students. Please allow time for teachers to read and respond to emails. Urgent matters should be directed to Reception.
- **Newsletter** - available each Thursday fortnightly via the **Compass App** and Instagram
- **Instagram** - Follow us at @smcmessagingnth
- **Compass** - *Compass is our new online platform for communication. Download the Compass App to receive important updates and notifications.*
- **Seesaw Family** - check Seesaw Family for updates on your child's learning



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## Eating times

- Brainfood: Cut-up fruit or vegetables in a separate, labelled container
- Supervised eating times: Students have 10 minutes after first break to eat their lunch and time after second break to finish snacks.
- Wrapper free snacks can be taken outside at break times.
- All students need a water bottle in the learning space and can refill them as needed.

## Medication at School

If your child requires medication at school you must complete a Medication Form. This is available at Reception.

## Online Learning Logs (OLLs)

Seesaw is used to share and celebrate students' learning with their families. Login QR codes will be sent home for families to access their child's OLL. Please ensure that you have the Seesaw Family app installed on your smart device, ready to connect to your child's OLL.

## School Uniform

Wearing the correct uniform, including black leather shoes, promotes respect and pride in our school. As a reminder, all school uniform items are to be clearly labelled with your child's first and last name. This will assist in any lost items being returned promptly.

## Social Emotional Learning

We are a Positive Behaviour for Learning School that uses a restorative approach to help us build a successful learning community.

