Dear Parents/Caregivers,

Welcome to 1B for 2017. Thank you to the parents who came along to the ‘Meet the Teacher’ night last week.

Brain Snack
We will have a brain snack each morning. It must be a piece of fruit, some vegies or plain popcorn. If you could send it along to school in a separate container this would be appreciated.

Sight Words
The year one classes are very fortunate to have a volunteer Teacher Aide, Miss Stella for three days per week. One of her duties will be working with the children on their sight words.

Sight Words Test Day is Monday

Sight Words Benchmarks
Prep Year      -      Magic 100 words
Year 1         -      Magic 200 words
Year 2         -      Magic 300 words

Reading Benchmarks
Prep Year      -      Level 8
Year 1         -      Level 16

Homework
Term 1 – Reading and Sight Words. Please work with your child each night. It is important that the children understand what they read. Retelling the text and answering questions about the book is essential. The Q Chart in the Home Reading Log helps with asking questions. Please ensure you sign the Reading Log each time your child reads with you. If you would like homework folders sent home for the weekend please let me know.

Borrowing Day
The children borrow their readers and library book each Thursday. Please ensure your child has their folder at school on Thursday.

Spelling Results
These will be sent home each Monday. If you could go over the words with your child this would be very helpful.

Handwriting
Correct formation of letters is essential. Many of the children are having difficulty forming their letters correctly. In class we are learning how to form the letters by using the Casey Caterpillar Handwriting Program. I have attached a copy of the lower case letters and the terminology
used. Handwriting App: Queensland Write is an excellent app for iPads. It costs about $5. The children can form the letters by tracing them with their finger.

Parade
Will be held on Monday afternoons, last session.

T.B. is our class bear this year. He will be sent home each weekend with a class member. He has a diary. If you could help your child write a few sentences and draw a picture about what happened on the weekend this would be wonderful.

If you would like to contact me the best way is via email. My address is – jofar5@eq.edu.au

Enjoy your week

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Class Teacher

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