28th January 2013

Dear Parents/Caregivers,

Welcome to Year 3 MM, 2013. We hope you had a great Christmas and a fantastic holiday. Just to inform you that Anne teaches Monday and Tuesday and Maria teaches Wednesday to Friday. As a whole school, the first week will focus on Building Relationships.

All books and stationery have been delivered to school and books have been labeled ready for students. A snap lock bag with stationery items will be sent home with your child for labeling. We ask that each item is individually labeled and returned to school the next day, if possible.

Each child is allocated a day when they read to the teacher. Also, although we will not be having a set oral language sharing roster, we will be having Talking Time. There will be approximately 2 times during the term when a topic has to be prepared, these will be indicated on the Homework Grid and the day each child presents their topic will be the day they read to the teacher. Other times the oral language will be organised in class.

Your child's day is ________________________________

Sport uniform is to be worn on Thursday and Friday.

Specialist lessons will be on Thursday. Also our class will be borrowing on Monday during their Library lesson. Please remember children can also borrow books at other times.

The children organise themselves in the morning and instructions are near the book trays. Drink bottles can be placed on the ledge near the book trays.

If anyone is able to listen to the children read in the morning please fill in the roster which is on the pin board outside the classroom near the classroom door. Remember you must be a registered volunteer.

This year the children will have a diary. The diary will be used as a means of communication and to record the children’s reading instead of having a sheet in the Take Home Reading book cover. If your child is away, a written note either on a separate piece of paper or using the tear-out forms from the front of the diary is required to explain their absence.

We would also be grateful if each child donates a box of tissues as we tend to go through quite a few.

Please remember the children do not go up the stairs in the morning until the teacher is there. At the end of the day the children will be dismissed from the classroom, parents are to wait downstairs.

We look forward to having a fantastic year. If you have any queries please do not hesitate to contact us.

Thank you,

Maria Montatore and Anne Maloney