February 22, 2022

‘The earth is music to those who listen’
Shakespeare

IP Assembly
Due to the closure of St Hilda’s School on Friday 20 February, 1P’s Assembly will be rescheduled for sometime later in the year. We will inform you of a date once it has been confirmed.

Grevillea Chapel Service
Sunday 8 March is the Grevillea Chapel Service. It will be held in the School Chapel at 9.00am. Grevillea students and their families are invited to attend. Students attending are to wear their formal school uniform. More information is available on Parent Lounge.

Acacia Chapel Service
Sunday 22 March is the Acacia Chapel Service. It will be held in the School Chapel at 9.00am. Acacia students and their families are invited to attend. Students attending are to wear their formal school uniform. More information is available on Parent Lounge.

Homework - Mathletics
On Friday 27 February, two Mathletics tasks were set for homework. Your daughter’s Mathletics log-on details are found in the front of her diary.
Humanities - Past and Present Family Life
In Humanities we have been comparing and discussing the size and structure of different families. The girls are making family trees to show the structure and size of their own family.

In coming weeks we will be making “then and now” comparisons about family life. We will be examining how the roles of family members have changed over time. The girls will pose questions to older family members (such as grandparents) to gather more information about what childhood was like in the past.

We would love to have some grandparents visit Year 1, as guest speakers to share stories, photographs and perhaps objects from their own childhoods. Please write a note in your daughter’s diary or contact her teacher, if you have a family member who would like to be involved!

Rainbow Sight Words
The primary focus of the Year 1 Rainbow Sight Word program is to support recognition and practice of high frequency words, in a variety of contexts. These sight words need to be ‘over learnt’ by your daughter and recognised automatically in a variety of texts.

Please do not be concerned if your daughter only receives one or two new sight words to learn. This may be because she must develop a more comprehensive understanding of her previous sight words, before she is given any more.

It is essential that your daughter does not rush through her weekly sight words and instead takes a calm more thorough approach to learning them. It is also necessary that her sight word level remain at a similar level to her reading level. These two important reading components support one another and provide the scaffolding required for your daughter to become a confident lifelong reader.

It is important that your daughter spends time revising her sight words, from the beginning of her book to where she is presently up to. There is also a list of sight word games, located at the beginning of the sight word book, that will also help extend her sight word knowledge.

When your daughter displays sufficient sight word knowledge, her teacher will give her new words accordingly based on the progress that is evident at school.

If you have any concerns please contact your daughter’s classroom teacher, who will be more than happy to discuss the process.
Independence
This term we will be focusing on developing the girls' ability to be independent. In the mornings, we would like all of the girls to unpack their school bags on their own. We will also be encouraging the girls to line up outside their classrooms, ready for their teachers at 8.20am.

Cross Country Training
Year 1 students are invited to attend Cross Country training on Tuesday afternoons at 3.30pm to 4:15pm, commencing from the 10 March. Parents are also welcome to join the running group as well. Cross Country students will be met by Ms Holmes, outside the Year 1 classrooms on Tuesday afternoons. Students attending the trainings are to wear their School uniform.

End of the Day
If you are picking your daughter up at her classroom at the end of the day, please wait until her classroom teacher has dismissed her at 3.25pm.

Easter Vacation Care
Easter Vacation Care will run from 2 April through to 20 April. It will be closed on the 3 and 6 April for Public Holidays. If you would like to make a booking, please go to www.flexischools.com.au.

Casual Bookings are offered at an added cost of $15 per day (plus regular daily fee), dependent on staff ratios and availability. If you need to cancel or swap a day, this needs to be done before Wednesday 1 April by emailing afellowes@sthildas.qld.edu.au

Weekly Awards

| 1H | Paeton | Holtsbaum | GR | Endeavour Award |
| 1H | Delilah | Nutley | AC | Endeavour Award |
| 1K | Nina | Strangman | GR | Endeavour Award |
| 1K | Georgia | Thomasson | AC | Spirit Award |
| 1P | Ruby | Bowden | GR | Endeavour Award |
| 1P | Stefani | Lamattina | AC | Endeavour Award |

Have a wonderful week
Warm regards, the Year 1 Teaching Team