



St Monica's Primary School

North Parramatta

15 June, 2017

Dear Year 1 Parents,

On Thursday, 22 June you will receive your child's Semester One Student Report. The student report will differ from the report that you received when your child was in Kindergarten last year.

As a result of Commonwealth Legislation introduced in 2006 all schools are required to meet particular requirements for reporting student learning from Year 1 to Year 11.

The student report that you will receive next week will include a 5 point grading scale that explains student achievement in all Key Learning Areas over the first two terms of learning (Semester One). Teachers will report on what students have had the opportunity to learn (as directed by the NSW Education Standards Authority syllabuses) The teachers will report on how well students have achieved (what they have had the opportunity to learn) .

The grade that each student receives is a 'picture in time'. The grade is determined by:

- Teacher knowledge of the student
- Professional judgement (aligned with the specific outcomes for Year 1 in each syllabus)
- Assessment information (from class assessments, work samples, teacher anecdotal notes)
- Daily completed activities

The students will also receive an effort grade for each Key Learning Area determined by how well the student has engaged with their learning over the semester. Teachers make observations and judgements about how well the students have participated with their learning.

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Below is the 5 point grading scale that was introduced by the Commonwealth Government.

E	A student awarded an E grade has <u>elementary knowledge</u> and understanding in a few areas of the content and has achieved very limited competence in some of the processes and skills. The student requires assistance by a teacher to complete the task
D	A student awarded a 'D' grade has <u>basic knowledge</u> and understanding of the content and has achieved a limited level of achievement. The student <u>requires some additional assistance</u> to complete tasks and achieve outcomes.
C	A C grade indicates that the student has <u>sound achievement</u> and is achieving at the expected grade level and to their capabilities. This student has sound knowledge and understanding of the main areas of content and has achieved a satisfactory level of competence in the processes and skills. <u>The student is working at grade level, meeting expectations for the grade, producing quality work samples.</u>
B	A student awarded a 'B' grade has a <u>thorough knowledge</u> and understanding of the content and skills. The student is able to apply this knowledge and these skills to most situations. The student is working above grade level, is very capable, above average and is exceeding school benchmarks/expectations for their grade level.
A	A student awarded an 'A' grade has an <u>extensive knowledge</u> and understanding of the content and can readily apply this knowledge. The student is achieving well beyond grade level, uses complex language structures, higher order thinking skills, applies skills to new situations, applies knowledge- makes connections, possesses a wide variety of strategies and internalises concepts

The written report is only one part of the reporting process for Semester One. In addition to the information provided on the written report, parents are strongly encouraged to attend a Parent/Teacher interview. This time is set aside for teachers and parents to discuss the student's learning. The teacher will elaborate on the grades and provide you with specific examples of evidence of learning. The interview is also a great time for parents and teachers to discuss the next steps in learning.

If you require any further information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,

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