Welcome back to school for 2017! We are already off and racing and I am pleased to report that the first few days have been a great success. Keep an eye out on Tiqbiz and the Darnum Primary School website throughout the year for Grade 2 News to find out what has been happening in the classroom. If you have any questions or concerns at any stage please don’t hesitate to contact me. I look forward to working together with you and your children in 2017.

Regards,

Anita Farley

Please wear appropriate shoes for sport activities on Monday and Friday!

**Term 1 Timetable**

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**Parent Helpers**

Once we are settled into our weekly routines we will be looking for parent helpers to assist with our literacy program. This will involve working with small groups of students on an assigned activity as part of our literacy rotations. Literacy rotations will take place Monday, Tuesday and Thursday mornings for approximately 40 minutes. If anyone is interested in helping regularly in the classroom please come and speak to me in the next week or two and let me know when you are available.

We will have a Fruit Break each day so please send an extra piece of fruit.
2/3 Numeracy Program

This year we are lucky enough to again have Bronwyn Mynard supporting the 2/3 Numeracy Program. Over the course of the year students from both grades will work in mixed groups on different topics. Groups are based on pre-test results and aimed to teach students at their point of need. These sessions will take place three times a week and students may have Mrs Farley, Miss Laidlaw or Mrs Mynard at different stages.

The home reading program has now started! Don’t forget to read at home each night and fill in the reading journal. Remember take home books should be easy for your children to help ensure reading at home is an enjoyable experience. Students may have begun the year with books slightly easier than the end of the 2016 to ensure that this is the case. Home reading is an opportunity to practise reading with fluency and expression and build confidence.

Grade 2 so far...

Grade 2 has been fun! Mackenzie

In Grade 2 we are learning how to be a visible learner. Visible learners are someone who can talk about their learning, know their next steps, bounce and be ambitious. Cohen

We have been talking about FROGS: friendship, respect, organisation, growth, safety. Brock

We are learning about the ‘r’ sound. The graphemes that can make ‘r’ are r, rr, wr, rh. Matthew

We are learning about digraphs, vowels and consonants. Leah

We have been doing number of the day. Ruby