Dear Parents,

Welcome back to another year at Werrington Public School and a very special welcome to 1/2D. It was lovely to see the children return to school happy to see their friends and excited about the year ahead. I am looking forward to a wonderful year with 1/2D.

Your child will need the following items for school this year.

- a library bag (we will visit the library on Friday afternoons)
- a box of tissues for the classroom
- an A4 sized exercise book for homework

Homework will be sent home on Monday and will be due back on Friday.

Home readers will be sent home on Monday. They can be returned and exchanged for a new book any day of the week.

If you have any queries or concerns, then please come and see me for a chat.

Kind Regards,

Mrs Dempsey
Dear Parents,

Your child will be bringing home a home reader this week. The book can be read to one or more people and returned to school daily or as often as possible. Home-reading is regarded as an important part of your child's homework in 1/2D. Your child will be rewarded with a Werrington Owl Learner award after every five days of reading.

Some helpful hints when reading.

- Choose a quiet place to sit together.
- Listen to your child read and praise all attempts.
- If the book chosen is too difficult, then help your child a little more than usual by pointing out some ways to work out words using sounds or smaller parts (syllables).
- Encourage your child to use the pictures for added clues.
- Don’t forget that older siblings could also help listen to home reading.
- To develop good fluency model the correct way to read a sentence or paragraph and ask your child to copy you.
- Point out punctuation and its use.
- Please return the reader to the reader bag when it is not being read.
- Complete the home reading card once per day with the title of the book.

Thank You,

Mrs Dempsey