I am delighted to be your child’s teacher this year. We have been working on establishing routines, expected classroom behaviour, and a standard of quality of work. Everyone in the classroom has responded positively and we are all looking forward to an exciting learning journey.

This term, we have an excursion to Belgenny Farm where the children will participate in a number of exciting and enjoyable activities. This has been very successful in the past in promoting interaction amongst children of different ages and also team work. Some children in Year 2 will be attending the swimming carnival for the very first time and will experience the atmosphere of a fun, competitive carnival.

I have commenced homework and home readers for the children this term. The children will be given a homework sheet and home readers each Monday. It is expected that the children bring their home readers to school each day and their homework by Friday of each week.

In English, we have been establishing Guided Reading Groups and Spelling Groups. The children will be reading texts that are ‘just right’ for them. Explicit teaching of reading strategies and skills will be taught through meaningful tasks within each reading group.

In History, we are looking at the early settlers of Campbelltown and their impact on our community today. We will be looking at Governor Lachlan Macquarie who had founded and named Campbelltown on the afternoon of December 1, 1820, and others like John Macarthur who was instrumental in the development of our agriculture, in particular the wool industry. John Macarthur’s image
and a merino ram appeared on the first Australian $2 note in 1966.

Finally, could you please help your child purchase the following materials for class:
- Pencils
- Eraser
- Coloured pencils
- Glue stick
- Homework book and Plastic sleeve
- Tissue Box
- Paint shirt

I am looking forward to a very productive and exciting year in 1/2B.

Mr B.