READY FOR YEAR 1?

A PARENT CHECKLIST

For children finishing Prep and moving into Year 1.
Aligned to the Australian Curriculum Version 9. Use it to notice strengths and pick one or two things to practise.

ENGLISH

- ☐ Retells a favourite story in the right order
- ☐ Knows most letter sounds and matches them to letters
- ☐ Has a go at sounding out simple words
- ☐ Joins in with rhymes and word play
- ☐ Writes their own name and has a go at a simple sentence

MATHEMATICS

- ☐ Counts forwards and backwards from 20
- ☐ Recognises and names numerals to 10 or more
- ☐ Adds and subtracts small amounts using objects
- ☐ Names a circle, square, triangle and rectangle
- ☐ Compares things using words like longer, shorter, heavier, lighter

LEARNING HABITS AND WELLBEING

- ☐ Packs and unpacks their own bag
- ☐ Follows two or three step instructions
- ☐ Manages the toilet, hat and lunch box without help
- ☐ Feels happy to separate from you at drop-off
- ☐ Is happy to have a go, even when unsure

THREE THINGS TO TRY AT HOME

1. Read aloud together for 10 minutes each day.

2. Count everyday things such as stairs, grapes and steps to the letterbox.

3. Write a shopping list or birthday card together.

This checklist is a guide, not a test. Every child grows at their own pace and schools plan their own programs. Talk to your child's teacher about what your child needs next.