Every Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday morning our junior students can be found working very hard in their Literacy Groups. The five classes in Cluster 1 are cross-set to allow students to work with others who are at the same level of learning in their spelling, reading and writing. This provides the very best opportunity for teachers to target the skills and content at exactly the right level of difficulty, allowing for the right amount of challenge to readily progress learning.

Groups are kept small due to the injection of additional education assistants who implement the programs designed by the teachers. The lessons are fun and generally very “hands-on”, which engages our children and allows them to enjoy many successes.

Parents and caregivers can support programs by ensuring that students read their levelled readers and practise their camera words/word list each night at home. This can be a fun activity and will ensure some positive communication skills are built.
The activity shown below is an example of how students can work independently to improve their reading. These “Fluency Strips” are graded from simple to more complex. The students practise reading the sentences as fluently as possible, with repetition being the key to instant word recognition to promote smoothness and flow.