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Term 1- Week 2 2014

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Welcome back to 2014! A huge welcome to our new kindergarten students and their families! All students have settled back into the routine of school very quickly and we are all looking forward to another busy year of fun and learning!

Just a few reminders....

Arriving at school

Unless travelling by bus ALL students are to arrive at school between 8.30 and 8.45am. No supervision will be provided for students arriving earlier unless otherwise arranged. School finishes at 3.00pm unless it is an AASC day when school finishes at 3.30pm.

Healthy Eating

It has been noticed by all staff that there has been an overabundance of pre-packaged food in children's lunch boxes. It is recommended that children bring to school no more than 2 pre-packaged items as they contain high amounts of sugar and salt. It has also been observed that some of the smaller children have far too much food in their lunchboxes. This is causing anxiety in these 'little people' as they struggle to get through the large amount and they are unsure of what to eat first etc. It is recommended that **ALL** children should have at least one sandwich, or salad box, or wrap or equivalent. 1 or 2 pieces of fruit, or maybe a yoghurt or custard with a maximum of 2 pre-packaged items per day.

Information Afternoon.

On Thursday the 13th of February we will be holding an information session for both the infant and primary classes. This will be an opportunity for parents to hear all about the activities and classroom routines planned for the coming year. Session times will be 2.00pm for the infants and 2.30pm for the primary students. Following this there will be a P&C meeting. It would be wonderful to see as many of you as possible.

AASC

Active After School Communities will be on Tuesday and Thursday this term starting in week 4. We will be doing Squash and Ball Skills. Sessions will run from 2.30 until 3.30pm. Afternoon tea of fresh fruit will be provided for all students. For Squash we will be travelling into the squash courts for the last two sessions, all children will need to wear white soled shoes for these sessions as they are a requirement of the squash courts. If in the next couple of weeks whilst out shopping you could purchase a pair it would be much appreciated. They do not have to be of high cost, the \$3 to \$4 canvas shoes are perfect. This is a rule of the Squash Court so we must abide by their rules. These shoes are available at Big W, K Mart and sometimes even at Woolworths. If you already have some that is perfect. The colour of the top of the shoes is not important, they just have to have white soles.

Thank you.



Krystal, Erwin and Malia, our Kinders for 2014

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Housekeeping

You will find attached to this weeks newsletter a few sheets of orange absence notes for each families use. If your child is absent from school for a day, part of a day or a prolonged period of time you need to send in an orange absence note the day that your child returns to school. This is a departmental policy.

Your note needs to include the reason for the absence signed and dated, this way the absence can be recorded correctly. After seven days if no reason has been given to the school your children automatically get marked with and 'A' which is unjustified.

Alternately you can ring the school direct and a staff member will record an absence for you. Please remember that if your child is likely to be absent for more that 2/3 days due to illness or any other reason please inform the school by phone or in person.

Also attached is the Term 1 calendar for you to stick on the fridge. This gives as much information that is on hand about the day to day activities for the whole term. As new things arise please feel free to add them to your own calendar. I will try to include any changes or additions as soon as I can in the fortnightly newsletter.

Please remember to inform the school of any changes to you family details as soon as they arise, e.g. phone numbers, carers, health details and emergency contacts. This way we have the most up to date information on hand.

Head Lice

Please be vigilant and keep treating your child/ children's hair regularly for these little critters. They are very hard to get rid of after the hair becomes infested. Sometimes only the stronger chemical

treatments are the only way to eliminate the problem, KP 24 being one of the most efficient. Your local chemist will be able to advise you. I have attached some further information for your use.

Leave Forms & Sick Bay/First Aid Advise Notes

Just to inform those of you who have not already seen these two books in the Admin Office. Firstly we have a leave book that is for signing in and out of school for students. This is for when you may arrive late or leave early. You must come to the office and fill one of these slips out, this is compulsory.

Also we have a first aid/sick bay note which myself or another staff member will fill in if your child has been treated for an incident or accident that occurs while at school, or if they need to lay down in sick bay for a period of time. Of course all students who are unwell and showing no signs of feeling better will have their parents/emergency carers called for them to be picked up. For any major accident that may occur while at school we will always ring you to inform you of what is going on, whether they need further treatment or to just be aware of what has happened.

I hope this information helps our new families and reminds our old families of the correct processes in the running of our day to day administration here at school.

Please note that the office is unattended every second Friday (even weeks in Term 1).

Thank You
Mrs Waters

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