2015 Early Stage 1 Information

Teachers
Our Early Stage 1 teachers for 2015 are: Mrs Susan Halligan (KH), Ms Renee Howick (KR), Mrs Lesa White (KW)

Approaching the School
We encourage parents to seek an appointment via the office to discuss issues or concerns.

Student Behaviour
We have been pleased with the great positive start from all the students. Please take some time out from time to time to discuss your child’s behaviour at school. We want to create a successful working relationship and may need to contact you to discuss behavioural issues from time to time. We thank you in advance for your ongoing support in relation to your child's behaviour.

Absences
The school requires a note explaining the absence and needs to accompany the student on their return. Please advise the classroom teacher of any long term absences. If students are arriving at school late or departing school early, they must be accompanied by a parent/guardian and signed in or out at the front office. Absence notification can now be sent via our Tiqbiz App.

Fruit Break - Daily between 10:00 - 10:30am.
We encourage students to bring a piece of fresh fruit or vegetable as well as a bottle of water each day.

Homework
Homework will commence in Week 5 and will have a letter/sound focus from the previous week. They will also be required to do Home Reading.

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This will commence by Monday Week 5. Parent helpers support the school by running the program, changing the readers etc. Each Monday your child needs to return the home reading pocket to school so the readers can be changed. If a reader is lost, a cost of $7 is payable to the school office. We have had some helpful parents committed to this important component of our Literacy Learning. Please fill out the form on the counter if you are able to help with this.

Canteen
The canteen has a new menu on sale now. Canteen lunch order days are Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. Special Meal Deals will be on offer throughout the year. The canteen will be open every day at recess for light refreshments and nutritional snacks. Pay in advance option is also available for lunch orders.

Assembly - Mondays 2:20pm (3-6 and K-2 alternating)

Sport – Sport session on Wednesday each week.

Library with Mr Orr

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RFF with Mrs Nakhoul – Creative Arts

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Scripture
Wednesdays 10:45 -11:15am. This will begin in Week 4. A note needs to be given if a child is not permitted to attend.

English
Daily Guided Reading and Guided Writing L3 (Language, Learning and Literacy) groups, letter and sound work, comprehension, Speaking and Listening and handwriting activities.

Parent Helpers
We value volunteers during our Literacy sessions. Please let class teachers know if you are able to assist.

Hats/Clothing
Please ensure your child has a school hat with him/her each day. Students without a hat must play under a covered area. Please ensure all items, including drink bottles, containers, hats and jumpers are labelled with your child's name.

Class Equipment
Thank you for those parents who have donated paper towel, wet wipes and tissues for use during 2015.

Toys
Please refrain from allowing your child to bring toys to school. They can be costly to families and we do not take responsibility for lost or broken toys.
### Excursions

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***Further information will be announced at a later date for all excursions.

### School Performances

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### Mathematics

Mathematics and Maths Groups with explicit teaching occurs each day and caters for students and their individual needs and levels.

### Welfare

The focus this year continues to be **You Can Do It**. Our school reward system is based on an accumulative token incentive system. The levels are Bronze, Silver and Gold. Your child may receive a coloured award for being confident, resilient, persistent, organised or for getting along with others. 

For every 5 awards for bronze level your child will receive a sticker on their certificate. Once they have all the stickers for that level they receive a medallion. Once your child has 5 awards they put the awards in an envelope or zip lock bag clearly labelled to take to the office. A Go for Gold box is located in the office foyer on the table.

### Communication

Should you wish to discuss your child with us, please do not hesitate to contact the relevant teacher/supervisor at school by making an appointment at our front office. We believe that the best educational outcomes are achieved with the cooperation and collaboration of parents and school working in partnership.

### Routines and Pick Ups

Please fill in the travel routines information sheet sent home last week. If you need another copy contact the school office.

Playground supervision commences from 8:45am.

### School Banking

Students wishing to participate in school banking are required to bring their deposit books in on a Monday.

### Allergies/Medical

Please be mindful that many of our students have reactions to nut products. It is appreciated that foods containing nuts are not packed in your child’s lunchbox.

### Website

The school’s website is a fantastic source of information. You are able to download permission notes, absentee notes, check the calendar for important school events and access the weekly Wordabout. Your class page can also be a great place to keep up to date with what your child is learning from time to time throughout the year.

*We would like to extend a big welcome to all of our 2015 Kindergarten families. Your children are settling into school life and are well on the road to a successful and rewarding first year of school.*

*We’re looking forward to a wonderful year 😊*

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**Mr Nishka Green**  
(Stage Supervisor)