2014 Early Stage 1 Information

Teachers
Our Early Stage 1 Teachers for 2014 are:

Mrs Kylie O'Brien (KO), Mrs Lesa White (KW) and Mrs Susan Halligan and Mrs Amanda Donohue (K/1P)

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 from school require a note explaining the absence and need 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.

Fruit Break - Daily between 10:00 - 10:30am.
We encourage students to bring a piece of fruit 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.

Home Reading
This will commence on Monday (Week 4). 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. If you haven’t received a new menu please see your classroom teacher who will organise a copy for you. Pay in advance option is also available for lunch orders.

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

Sport – Sport sessions in Term 1 are in the morning session on Thursdays each week. ‘Sport in Schools’ Program commences in Term 2.

Library with Mr Orr

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RFF with Mr Green – Science

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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.

Literacy
Daily Guided Reading and Guided Writing L3 (Language, Learning and Literacy) groups, letter and sound work, comprehension, Talking and Listening and handwriting activities. Students will be exposed to the text type of Recount throughout the term.

Parent Helpers
We value volunteers during our Literacy sessions. Please fill in the form on the table if you are interested and able to help out on a regular basis.

Hats/Clothing
Please ensure your child has a school hat with him/her each day. Students without a hat must play under the COLA.
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 2014.

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.
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<td><strong>Term 1</strong> Thursday 20th March  Harmony Week – Zamponas with Papalote S5</td>
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<td><strong>Term 2</strong> Monday 2nd June  Opera Australia Performance</td>
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<td><strong>Term 2</strong> Tuesday 24th June  Fred Reid, ‘Let’s Bridge the Gap’ $4.50</td>
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**Mathematics**
Targeting Maths occurs for one hour each day and caters for students and their individual needs and levels.
The workbook pack from The Clever Classroom included the Targeting Maths Workbook.

**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 token for being confident, resilient, persistent, organised or for getting along with others.
For every 5 tokens 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. A Go for Gold box is located in the office foyer on the table. Once your child has 5 tokens they put the tokens in an envelope or zip lock bag clearly labelled.

**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. If you have not asked for a paper copy of the Wordabout you will only have access through the website.

We would like to extend a big welcome to all of our 2014 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 😊

Mr Green, Mrs O’Brien, Mrs White, Mrs Halligan and Mrs Donohue