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Kindergarten CLASSROOM INFORMATION FOR 2020

Dear Kindergarten families,

Welcome to the 2020 school year. The Kindergarten teachers for 2020 are Miss Emily March(KM), Ms Megan O'Riley (KO) and Mrs Melissa Sturgess (M,T&W) and Mrs Freya Lawrence (Th&F) (KS). Our classrooms are in the Kindergarten Block (C Block).

Here are some details to help ensure that your child is ready for the daily routines of their class.

Monday	Newsletter fortnightly
Tuesday	Sport
Wednesday	School banking Scripture (odd weeks 9.00am-9.30 am) K-2 Assembly (even weeks 1.30pm-2pm) KS Library
Thursday	KM Library
Friday	KO Library

LEARNING PROGRAM

In Kindergarten learning experiences are centred on the NSW Curriculum - English, Maths, Science and Technology, History, Geography, Creative Arts and Personal Development, Health & Physical Education.

Each term has a focus topic:

- Term 1 – Science - Our Changing World
- Term 2 – History - Personal and Family Histories
- Term 3 – Science - Paddock to Plate
- Term 4 – Geography

ENGLISH AND MATHEMATICS

Kindergarten students will participate in a range of learning experiences during English lessons. These include speaking and listening, reading and viewing texts, writing texts, handwriting and using digital technologies, grammar, punctuation, vocabulary and spelling. Our literacy activities incorporate the L3 (Language, Learning and Literacy) program.

The Maths Program is activity-based with hands on tasks that relate to real life problem-solving situations. These activities aim to develop the students' understanding of the language of Maths as well as basic concepts in the areas of Numbers and Algebra, Measurement and Geometry and Statistics and Probability.

PHYSICAL EDUCATION

We have a K-2 Sport Program to teach games and sports for one hour every Tuesday afternoon. Students also participate in fitness activities for half an hour twice a week.

LIBRARY

Students may only take Library Books home if they have their Library bag at school. Loans are for one week. Students may change or renew their book the following week.

TECHNOLOGY

Kindergarten use computers, laptops and iPads within their everyday learning. Part of our Kindergarten and Year 5 buddy program focuses on using laptops to further support the development of computer skills.

HOMEWORK

Kindergarten homework currently consists of:

- 'Home Reader' book each day - beginning Monday Week 5 - 24 February 2020.
- Sight work booklet to be returned each Friday in your child's Home Reader bag for checking - beginning Monday Week 5 - 24 February 2020.

CLASSROOM NEEDS

Could we please ask all families to bring in:

- A full box of tissues for the class to use
- An old shirt to use for painting with your child's name on it. Kindergarten students use paint on a regular basis and at times these activities can become a little messy.

All other equipment including pencils and work books will be provided by the school.

PARENT TEACHER INTERVIEWS

Parent Teacher Interviews are scheduled during the year. Class teachers are available for interviews at other times to address concerns. Please contact your child's teacher if you would like to meet and let them know some times that suit. They will contact you back with a convenient time. Morning Assembly time and the playground are not appropriate for interviews.

In Term 1, your child's teacher will be organising a time to meet with you and discuss your child's Best Start Assessment and how your child has settled into Kindergarten. Look out for this note in the next few weeks.

CLOTHING

Please ensure all clothing especially hats and jumpers are clearly labelled and checked regularly throughout the year. In Kindergarten accidents may happen, we ask you to include a change of underwear in your child's bag in case of an accident.

Students are required to bring a school hat every day to wear during all outdoor activities.

BIRTHDAYS

If you wish, your child can celebrate his/her birthday with classmates. Please provide CUPCAKES ONLY not sweets or cakes that require cutting. Please let the class teacher know they are coming and ensure there is enough for all.

ABSENCES

It is a Departmental requirement that parents provide a letter or verbal message explaining a child's absence from school. Any leave (short or long term or partial ie; part of a day) must have the approval of the Principal. A letter beforehand will assist. Absences can also be explained using the Wyoming Public School App which can be downloaded for free.

PUNCTUALITY

School begins at 8.55am daily. Students who arrive after this time must report to office for a red pass. Arrival at school at around 8.45am will allow your child some time for social interaction with friends and for play.

MEDICATION

Asthma medication should be kept in the student's schoolbag and the office and class teachers need a copy of the Asthma management plan. All other medication MUST be kept at the office and parents will need to complete a medical indemnity form giving details of doses and times. If your child has any allergies or medical conditions that may require urgent treatment our school needs an action plan. Please contact us for more details about medical conditions.

If you have any questions and concerns regarding your child's progress or the learning program, please contact the class teacher to arrange an interview. The executive member of staff supervising Kindergarten is Miss Jacqueline Nagle.

We look forward to working in partnership with you and your child.

Michelle Francis