

3/4 Information Sheet

The 2017 school year is well underway and with every new year there is much information to pass onto parents about their child's new class. We have put this sheet together in the hope that it provides you with the necessary knowledge to be able to assist in your child's smooth transition into their new grade. We hope it also gives you insight into the expectations we hold and a rundown on what is happening during a school day.

We are all looking forward to a fulfilling and exciting year ahead and welcome parents to enjoy this with us through the partnership we endeavour to foster between home and school.

GENERAL INFORMATION:

Homework:

We expect the children develop a routine at home which includes, 15 minutes reading, 15 minutes working on Mathematics skills. All children will be required to have a book to read at home every night. We have a supply of appropriate books available for the children to choose from. Some children will need to read their reader aloud to another person each night. Other children will be able to select books they read at home from our supply of take home books, from local libraries or books they have at home reading. All children have been told which books they are required to have. The children are expected to record the books they read each night in their Diary. Every year we participate in the Premiers Reading Challenge. Children who read each night and record books they have read find it very easy to complete the Premiers Reading Challenge.

All students in the school have a Mathletics and Skoolbo account. The 15 minutes a night on Mathematics can be Mathletics or Skoolbo on the internet. If there is no access to internet at home the students will be expected to spend 15 minutes on counting, learning tables etc. The teachers in the Year 3-4 area will be setting tasks on Mathletics which reflect the mathematics we are working on in the classroom. The children will also be accessing Mathletics and Skoolbo in the regular Mathematics program in the classrooms.

All children now also have a Google account under the umbrella of Google Education. They will be storing all their work created by ICT in their Google Drive (cloud storage supplied by Google). These accounts are monitored by and exclusively linked to the School Google Education account, they will be unable to share anything outside this school account. They will be able to log into their google account from home on computers, ipads and other devices to check, edit and complete this work if they wish. All 3-4 Students should know their login and password details.

We consider that the above activities will provide the students with enough homework activities and therefore we will not be sending home homework worksheets on a regular basis. There will be times when children are given other tasks to complete at home which will be related directly to the topics being covered in the classroom.

CURRICULUM AREAS:

Throughout the year the two 3/4 classes will be combining to allow groupings which will assist in providing learning focused at each child's point of need in many of the curriculum areas.

English:

Includes: reading, writing, spelling, speaking & listening. The children will be participating in a variety of Literacy activities focussed at their point of need.

Maths:

The focuses in mathematics for Term 1 will be Place Value and Counting. We aim to develop deep understanding of the number system and sound automatic response of basic number facts and tables prior to working on operations of numbers.

Inquiry Learning:

Each term we work on a chosen theme/topic. These sessions provide exciting experiences to learn about the world around us. This year some of the topics we will be investigating include: Physical & Chemical Science – Material World. Biological & Earth Science – Dinosaurs. History – Australia. Health- Food Nutrition,

The Arts:

Visual Arts: This is a specialist subject taken by Mrs Giles weekly.

LOTE:

BU Wayan teaches Indonesian for 2 sessions per week.

Library:

Both classes will be spending time in the Library once a week. At this time they will be able to return and borrow Library books.

Phys Ed:

This is a specialist lesson taken by Mr Lucas for 2 sessions per week.

3/4 Sport:

Each Wednesday all 3/4 students are involved in sport. This will focus on learning skills for team sports, Year 4 students may be involved in interschool sport to make up numbers in teams where required..

LEAP (Linking Education And Play): These sessions run for approximately 4-5 weeks twice a year. These sessions provide opportunities to explore activities that are of interest to individuals, taken by staff and parents who have an interest and expertise in the offered activity.

Communication Bag:

The year three and four book lists included a black canvas satchel. This is used as a communication bag between home and school. The children are required to have this bag at school every day. They will keep their Diary (see below) and take home readers in here. When notices go home the children will put them in this communication bag. When returning notices to school please put them in this communication bag.

NB: if you did not order this black satchel on your child's booklist and cannot find one in the shops a large pencil case (that will hold an A4 size piece of paper) will be ok to use as a communication bag.

Diary:

This is a very important item that we insist on having at school every day. It is a way of recording what is expected to be completed at home as well as a tool for communicating with parents about events that have happened during the day. These diaries are expected to go home each night and it is imperative that they are returned to school each morning.

Please also feel free to use your child's diary as a means of getting a message to us.

Absenteeism:

If your child is absent a note to the school is required. Writing a message in their Diary with the reason for their absence is acceptable. It is also important that your child arrives at school by nine o'clock every morning otherwise they will miss out on essential learning.

Swimming Program: P-4 Swimming program will be run in Term 4 this year. Information relating to this program will be sent out prior to the program.

Camp: This year's camp will be held at Merricks Lodge

Extras:

The students can also become involved in:

Music- keyboard, guitar & singing

Chess club & tournaments

KidsIdeasDepartment- KID representatives

Active After School Communities Program

If there is any information you believe we need to know about your child please make the time to speak to us. We are generally available before or after school for a brief chat. Should you believe more time is needed please contact us to make a mutually convenient time.

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