

Kinder News

Week 2, Term 1, 2020

Welcome to the first week of Kindergarten! What an exciting milestone in your child's life and a huge step for you as parents and carers. We are so excited to work in partnership with you to ensure your child has the best possible start to school.

Each week, we will email a Kinder Newsletter, which will have important information, reminders and dates. This will also be uploaded onto the school website if you miss it. This week we have sent home a hard copy until all email addresses are collated.

WELCOME

IMPORTANT - Please ensure you have made an appointment online for your child's interview with your classroom teacher. Your child must attend, as we will be undertaking initial testing during the interview. This testing is essential in allowing us to cater for the individual needs of students.

Home folder - You will have noticed your child has come home with a plastic home folder. Whenever your child brings this folder home, please remove all the contents and put it straight back in their bag. Please remember to use this folder to send in absent notes and any other documentation. This folder will also be used to bring home readers, so keep an eye out for those soon.

Bag Tag - Please attached a small bag tag to your child's bag with their pick up routine. ie.

Mon - YMCA

Tue - Pick up

Wed - Pick up

Thurs - Bus 47

Fri - YMCA.

This will eliminate confusion of an afternoon.

Hats - are compulsory for outdoor play. Please ensure they are packed each day and labelled clearly.

MUNCH & CRUNCH

Each day, your child will need to bring some **fresh fruit or vegetables** to eat at Munch'n'Crunch time. We eat it around 10am in class, so please don't send jelly cups, fruit sachets or yoghurt. Some great options include a cut up apple, carrot sticks, berries, baby tomatoes or any raw, fresh fruit or veg

INFORMATION

Book Covering As a way of being environmentally conscious, we have decided not to cover the children's books this year. The students can go through as many as 10 books across the year, which, if uncovered will be able to be recycled accordingly and not end up in landfill. Thank you for supporting us to do our small part.

Helping Out The more we work together as "family and school", the more we can create wonderful experiences for your child. In Term 1, your child will need to settle in with their classmates and teacher only. You can still help out at home though. Keep an eye on the weekly newsletter to discover some opportunities where you can help out.

Soundwaves link - Your child will be learning these sounds over the coming terms. Here is a link to the song they will learn in addition.
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yM3dMF-Bxuk>

Labelling Please label everything as you purchase it throughout the year. All items of clothing need to be clearly labelled and re-checked on a regular basis, just in case the name has worn off or fallen off. This includes winter garments. Don't forget to clearly label your child's hat, lunchbox, drink bottle and library bag. The children will be taught that it is their responsibility to look after their own property. Generally, if items are well labelled, they will almost always make it back to your child. We do have a bucket in the front foyer that accumulates lost property, so feel free to check that when you are missing something.

Readers Your child will bring home formal readers by Week 5. In the meantime, please continue to read to your child each day. Over the next few weeks, they may bring home simple stories related to the words of the week, as well as stories about school and classroom routines. These stories are for you or older siblings to read to your child. These books are not designed for your child to be reading by themselves, however, you may notice as they grow more confident with their sight words, they may be able to read some pages to you (More about that in coming weeks).

Pick up and drop off Children are both dropped off and picked up on the asphalt playground, known as the 'big side'. It is supervised by a teacher from 8:30am, so your child is welcome to come from then and have a play until the morning bell at 9am. After morning assembly, it is best that you say goodbye as your child's class leaves; **please do not walk with your child to their classroom**. If you arrive late or need to pick up your child early, please see Emma at the front office first to sign your child in or out. This is a legal requirement. It is important that you meet your child at the big tree on the asphalt each afternoon, do not pick up from the classroom. This is to ensure your child's safety and to avoid any unnecessary confusion for the children. Thank you for your support.