



Parent Newsletter

Term 1 2020

1 / 2 J

Welcome to the 2020 school year in 1 / 2 J. I hope that the students and parents of 1 / 2 J have enjoyed a relaxing Christmas break and are feeling rested and are ready to begin an enjoyable school year. As always, it's a term that is full with engaging activities. I'll outline some of the things to be mindful of and you will be kept updated as the term progresses.

Library lessons will take place on Monday afternoons with Mrs Punch. Please remember to send in library bags on this day so your child can borrow as this is a part of the week the students really love. Just note books need to be returned before students can borrow new ones. Mrs Lawrie will have the class for Music lessons Mondays as well. Clubs will continue this year and will begin later on in the term. This gives the students the opportunity to build stronger relationships with the K-2 teachers while focusing on different content.

Homework will be given out on Mondays and is to be handed in each Friday. This homework will reinforce the concepts that we are covering in class and also revise previous work. The format for homework has become more flexible and inclusive of the home routines of students. We individualise spelling lists based on how the students go in their spelling test each week so please ensure your child goes through the process of look, cover, write and check the words. Students are encouraged to complete at least two other activities of their choice. Homework will begin Week 2.

Students will need a display book or folder for homework to go home and be returned in. A home reader folder is also necessary – something that closes so books don't fall out and get damaged is a good idea. Home reading will start next week for those who bring in their folder – so please be quick in getting this in. This is an absolutely vital part of school life and has huge implications for your child's learning.

Scripture will begin in week four this term. There are two scripture groups offered to the students. Combined and Catholic. Lessons are for 30 minutes each Thursday. Students not attending are given tasks to do in a non-scripture group.

Cudgen PS has a "no hat, play in the shade" policy. Students are restricted to the COLA area if they don't bring a hat. Please ensure your child brings a labelled hat for outdoor play/ sport (no caps or beanies please).



Please supply your child daily with some fruit or vegetables for fruit break. Not only does this promote healthy eating but also provides good brain food. Also ensure that your child has enough food in their lunchbox for recess and lunch to assist their learning and growth.

It is important to label your child's bag, lunch box, drink bottle, hats and clothing. This will enable easy identification. There is a lost property basket in the room next to our classroom. Please check this regularly if your child is missing something.

ClassDojo will be utilised in the classroom as a communication tool. As we have other reward systems in place the focus of the ClassDojo will not be the points. ClassDojo will be utilised mainly as a communication method. I will be able to post class photos, information and work samples, as well as communicating with individual parents/carers. Information on Dojo will be coming out soon – I am just waiting for the classes to be realigned. More information to come.

Children can access school equipment obviously, but in terms of looking after their own equipment and learning to be responsible - a small pencil case with some coloured pencils, lead pencils, glue stick and pencil sharpener is also handy. Students can leave a packet of textas under their desks for special times as well.

Paint shirts are really important – we want to protect our beautiful uniforms. I can get their shirts from last year – but believe me they are pretty crusty and a fresh one might be nice.

Any small jars with lids are great for storing paints and glue etc so if you have any at home please send them in. Plus, any old magazines that we can chop up are handy – and the occasional egg carton would be appreciated. Any of the items sent in, or dropped in would be great.

It would also be greatly appreciated if a box of tissues, or some coloured pens/textas for shared use could be brought in to supplement our class resources for this term. Please give these to Michelle or myself so your child can get some win bins as an acknowledgement for contributing to our class resource set.

Things will pop up throughout the term so continue to check the school newsletters/ school stream to keep updated.

I hope you find this information helpful. I am looking forward to working with you all to support your child's learning. If you have any queries please don't hesitate to speak to me or arrange a meeting. Let's have a great year.

Cheers
Linda Jouliau