

## Stage 2 Term 1 2020 Class Newsletter

30<sup>th</sup> January 2020

Dear Parents/Guardians

We would like to welcome you back to Cudgen Public School for another great school year! Our names are Emma Harding and Amber McEwan, we are looking forward to working with your children.

Your child is in store for many meaningful and challenging experiences. We feel strongly that in order for the school year to be successful, it is necessary for the child, teacher and parents/guardians to work closely together throughout the school year. We would like you to know that we have high expectations for each student. We want to nurture each student's love of learning. We will strive to provide a positive and safe environment that is conducive to learning.

### **Classdojo**

This year we will be again using Classdojo as a means of communication and connection to the classroom. For parents that connected last year you will already be connected to our new classroom. For those of you new to Classdojo a code will be sent home which will allow you to connect to our classroom. Classdojo provides a snap shot into our daily activities with photos and messages to keep you up to date with what is happening in stage 2. In addition to this it provides a message service so you can contact us if needed. Classdojo was a great success last year and we are looking forward to utilising it again this year.

### **Homework & Home Reading**

Homework will be given out at the beginning of the week and needs to be handed back in each Friday. The homework will give children practice with their spelling words and timestables. Homework is an important part of your child's schooling life and we strongly encourage parents to ensure their child completes it.

Students are strongly encouraged to take a home reader as part of their homework. They may also read a book of their own choice. Please record this on their Home Reading log which will be sent home next week.

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## **Resources**

A list of resources was sent home at the end of 2018. Just a reminder the following supplies will be required for your child:

- Glue Stick
- Packet of Textas
- Lead Pencils
- Coloured Pencils
- Eraser
- Sharpener
- Red and Blue Pens (Yr 4 once they have received a pen license)
- Headphones
- Hand Soap
- 3 plastic document envelopes – 1 for Homework, 1 for Home reading and 1 for class.
- Box of Tissues

It would be great if these items could be brought in as soon as possible and be clearly labelled.

## **Fruit Break**

Students are encouraged to bring a water bottle to school. They are allowed to have this on their desk if it has water in it. No frozen water on desks please unless wrapped in a suitable cover. Students are encouraged to bring a piece of fruit to have for Fruit Break. This is in the mid-morning and is eaten at their desk so an appropriate non-messy piece of fruit would be appreciated.

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### **Book Covering**

It will not be necessary to cover student's books these will be completed at school.

### **Birthdays**

We love to celebrate each child's birthday and we are more than happy to have cake, muffins or ice blocks brought in to the class, please just ensure there is enough for all class members. For your reference, there are 26 students.

### **Library and Music**

Ms. Punch will again take the students for Library on Tuesday morning. Mrs. Laurie will also take the students on Tuesday for an hour of Music.

### **Swimming Carnival**

The school swimming carnival will be held at Casuarina Rec Club next Friday – 7<sup>th</sup> February. All 3-6 students are expected to attend as all staff will be at the pool and there will be no 3-6 classes at school.

### **Excursions**

We are looking to book 2 stage 2 excursions for this year. We are in the process of booking Camp Goodenough at Bilambil for Term 4. We are also looking to book a day excursion for late term 1 to St Helena Island as part of our History unit. Both excursions are subject to change however, and more information will follow.

Just a reminder about our 'No Hat No Play' policy, please make sure that your child has a wide brimmed hat and that all their clothing is clearly labelled. Please also ensure your child is on time to the start the day.

We appreciate that this is a very busy time of year and appreciate your support in preparing your child for the year. Please remember that your thoughts, concerns and questions are always important. Do not hesitate to contact us at school or via Classdojo once you have connected and we will make a time to chat.

Regards,

Emma Harding and Amber McEwan.

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