

## KH Term 1 Class Newsletter

Welcome to KH. My name is Emma Harding and I am looking forward to working closely with you and your child this year. Your child is in store for many meaningful and challenging experiences. I strongly feel 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. I would like you to know that I have high expectations for each student. I hope to nurture each student's love of learning and will strive to provide a positive and safe environment to allow each student to flourish and grow throughout the year.

### Class Dojo



Class Dojo is used as a means of communication and connection to the classroom.

For parents not yet connected a connection code and instructions will be sent home which will allow you to connect to our classroom. Class Dojo provides a snapshot into our daily activities with photos and messages to keep you up to date with what is happening in Kindergarten. In addition to this it provides a message service so you can contact me if needed.

### Music and Library

Our class will participate in Music and Library on a Monday morning. Mrs Laurie will teach music first thing on a Monday morning. After music our class will have Library with Mrs Punch. Children will need to pack a library bag so that they can borrow a book. Books must be returned the following week to allow students to borrow again.

### Class Supplies

All student books and covering are supplied by the school along with the majority of classroom supplies however the following items are requested for each student:



- 3x plastic document envelopes (1x Everyday folder, 1 x Home Reader Folder and 1x Homework Folder)
- 2 glue sticks
- 1 pack whiteboard markers
- A box of tissues
- Hand soap. Foaming is great for little ones, looks like a lot more in their hand with just one pump however any type is appreciated
- Paint shirt. This can be an old t-shirt, the long sleeve elasticated smocks or anything that is not too tricky to get on and covers all of their nice new uniforms.

### **Fruit Break**

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.

### **Homework and Home Reading**



Homework will begin Wk 3 8/2/2021 and Home reading Wk4 15/2/2021. Homework will be given out at the beginning of the week and needs to be handed back in each Friday. The homework set will give children practice with their current and previous letter sounds in line with the content covered in class. This will gradually increase as the term progresses and the students settle into school routine. Homework is an important part of your child's schooling life and I strongly encourage parents to ensure their child completes it.

Home reading is a vital part of school life and has huge implications for your child's learning, please ensure folders are in and ready to go for Wk 4. You will also soon receive a username and password for an online reading program which can be used along side the books sent home in their home reader folders. A home reading log will be included in your child's home reading folder. Please keep a record of the books read by filling out the sheet and returning it to school. Books will be changed over each day.

### **Daily Routine**

When the children arrive at school, bags can be hung on the hooks outside our classroom. Water bottles, fruit break, Everyday Folders and Home Reading Folders can be brought inside and placed in the correct areas. Water belongs in the two yellow tote trays, fruit is placed on their desk, Everyday Folders are put into their labelled tote trays and Home Reading Folders in the Home Reader tray located near the classroom door. Please encourage your child to perform these tasks on their own (with guidance where necessary) as this will help to develop independence, structure and routine at school. After these jobs are completed students can then go outside and play until the bell goes.



The morning session in class is dedicated to developing your child's literacy skills and will involve a variety of hands on and instructional activities. During the middle and afternoon session students will engage with Math and other Key Learning Areas including History, Geography, Science, PD/H/PE and Creative Arts .

### **Bell times and absences**

Our day begins at 8:55am and from next week ends at 2:55pm. If your child is absent from school, a note must follow within a week to explain this absence – this includes arriving late or leaving early. The office staff and myself thank you in advance

### **Hats and other personal items**

It is important to label your child's bag, lunch box, drink bottle, hat and clothing. This will enable easy identification if items are lost or misplaced. Just a reminder our school has a 'no hat, no play' policy. Students without a hat will need to play under the COLA in the shade.

### **Scripture**

Every Thursday scripture classes are run for those families interested. This will commence in Wk 4.

### **Canteen**

Students can order from the Canteen on Mondays and Fridays. The QKR app is the preferred method of ordering however cash can be used if needed. If paying by cash please ensure you fill out separate bags for recess and lunch as items can not be purchased over the counter.



I 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. Please do not hesitate to contact me at school or via Class Dojo once you have connected and I will make a time to chat.

Warm regards  
Emma Harding