

KH Term 2 Class Newsletter

Dear Parents/Guardians

Welcome back to Term 2. I hope the April holidays were enjoyable. We are straight back into routine and have a very busy term ahead. We are looking forward to lots of exciting events and firsts for Kindergarten.

Parent Helpers

I am very excited to say we are now able to invite parent helpers into the classroom. If you are available to come and support our class and their learning it would be greatly appreciated. If you are available from 9-10am Tuesday – Friday mornings please send me a quick Dojo Message and I will put together a parent helper timetable. It will be lovely to have parents as a part of our classroom.

Class Dojo

Class Dojo is still our main means of communication and connection to the classroom. Our Team often uploads reminders and photos from school. As we begin our daily NEWS roster this is a great place to send photos of things your child may wish to talk about without the fear of special items being lost or damaged at school. Thank you all for your engagement with this platform it is a fantastic communication tool. Please feel free to message on Dojo for any non-urgent enquires. Anything urgent please communicate via the office as I am not always able to check Dojo throughout the day.

Music and Library

Music and Library will continue every Monday morning. Please remember to send in a library bag and books to be returned so your child can borrow.

Class Supplies

If you haven't already, please send in a 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.

Homework and Home Reading

Homework will begin Wk 2 26/4/2021 and Home reading has commenced this week. Homework will again be given out at the beginning of the week and needs to be handed back in each Friday. The homework set this term will continue to give children practice with their current and previous letter sounds in line with the content covered

in class. In addition to this as students can continue to work on their 12 'Golden Words'. As the term progresses students will be given additional words to learn to read and spell. Homework is an important part of your child's schooling life and I strongly encourage parents to ensure their child completes it. I appreciate that afternoons can get very busy so I will endeavour to keep the homework short, sharp and meaningful.

Home reading is a vital part of school life and has huge implications for your child's learning, please ensure folders are in each week and ready for new books. Don't forget you are also able to access your child's PM Ecollections Library. If you need a new Home reader log, please send me a message on Dojo and we will send one home.

Absences

If your child is absent from school, a note, Dojo message or text message must follow within a week to explain this absence – this includes arriving late or leaving early. The office staff and I 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. We have had a few hats go missing at the end of last term. If everyone could check the names on the hats they have at home that would be much appreciated.

Scripture

Scripture runs for 30mins on Thursday at 11:20am. Children who do not attend scripture stay in class and continue to work and learn. As per DoE policy, during this time we ensure no academic instruction or formal school activities occur during time set aside for scripture. The kids who attend don't miss new learning. Students not attending utilise this time to consolidate and reinforce previous learning.

Canteen

Just a reminder students can order recess and/or lunch 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.

Clubs

Clubs will continue on Tuesday afternoons. Students spend time working with different students and teaching and explore music, cooking, Aboriginal Education and craft.

Three Way Interviews

Three Way Interviews will happen in Weeks 3 and 4. A note with available times will come out in the next day or two. I would love to make a time with as many families as possible. Three way interview -

- Give students accountability and responsibility
- Learners attend the session, giving both parent and teacher insight into their work including areas for development and proudest moments
- Provide an opportunity for students to actively participate in their education
- Help to create life-long learners
- Students learn how to advocate for themselves
- Setting goals – Encourages individual accountability and increases student engagement.

Cross Country

On Friday (23/04/2021) Kindergarten will participate in their first Cross Country. Students will run 1 lap around the oval. More information has been posted to Dojo and a note has been sent home

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