

Parent Newsletter

Term 2 2021

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Welcome back to Term 2. We have been busy already and are back into the swing of things. There is lots happening. I expect a fun term that includes lot of interesting learning opportunities.

Initially I am really pleased to be able to put out the call for Parent Helpers. If you are available to come and support our class and their learning it would be greatly appreciated - and your kids love having you in the classroom. The most helpful times are 9-10 or 9-11 Monday - Friday mornings. If you are able, and willing to come in and help out please flick me a dojo message and I will sort a parent helper timetable.

Three Way Interviews will happen in Week 3 and 4. A note with available times will come out in the next day or two. I would love to catch up with as many families as possible. Three way interviews -

- Give students accountability and responsibility
- Learners attend the session, giving both parent and teacher insight into their work eg. Areas of struggle or proudest moments
- Give a way to get students actively participating in their education
- Helps to create life-long learners
- Students learn how to advocate for themselves
- Setting Goals - Encourages individual accountability and increases student engagement

Story Dogs starts again this week. I've used some of our class budget to buy a lovely mat for outside so the kids can enjoy the sun and read to the story dog.

Library lessons are continuing on Wednesday - please remember to send in library bags and books for return so your child can borrow as this is a part of the week the kids really love. Music lessons are also on Wednesday.

Our class Dojo will continue this term. I love this as a communication tool and a way to keep everyone up to date with what is going on in our busy classroom. Please feel free to message me on Dojo for any non-urgent enquiries. Anything urgent needs to come via the office as I do not check Dojo every morning.

Home Reading and Home Work is continuing. Home Readers each day - either the books outside the classroom that are available to borrow or the PM E collection readers. Homework comes out on a Monday and is to be returned on Fridays. We will resume individualising spelling lists next week. Please be diligent getting your child to look, cover, write, check the words each day. This is about building an expanding bank of words that can be written easily and accurately when we are writing.

Clubs will be continuing on Tuesday afternoons - the kids really seem to enjoy this time each week working with different teachers and focusing on different content. This term our focus areas are music, cooking, Aboriginal Education and craft.

Cudgen PS has a "no hat, no play" (on playgrounds) 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 please).

Scripture is for 30 minutes on Thursday at 11.20 am. 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. SO ... the kids who attend don't miss new learning. Students not attending utilise this time to consolidate and reinforce previous learning.

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.

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 tray inside our classroom. Please check this regularly if your child is missing something.

Cross country is this Friday. Information about this event was posted on dojo yesterday. I hope to see lots of you here with us enjoying the day and joining in on the fun

This Term - we are performing at the Whole School assembly. So, save the date - 19th May at 2 pm.

Things will crop up throughout the term so continue to check the school newsletters and Facebook Pages. I will also be using the Class Dojo to keep in touch and keep you up to date on what we are doing in class. As mentioned previously - this is a great communication tool and I am more than happy for people to contact me via Dojo with queries, questions etc. But, as I do not check this consistently throughout the day any urgent messages need to go via the office.

I am looking forward to a fun and busy term.

Cheers,

Linda Jouliau