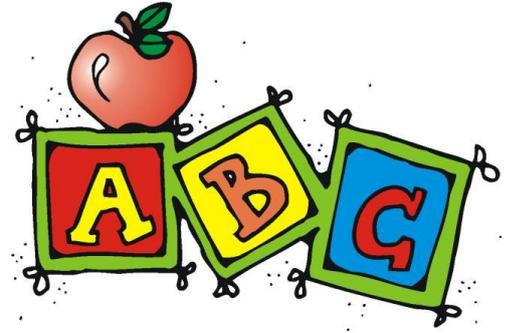


Room 1 Term 1 Newsletter



Hello families,

We hope you all had a relaxing and enjoyable summer break.

This newsletter provides you with information, which will help you and your child smoothly settle into the routines of Room 1 and Ingle Farm East Primary School.

We have also attached a copy of our Term overview, which provides a look at what your child will be learning in each of the curriculum areas during Term 1.

Lily and Donna ☺

What to bring to school

Please ensure that your child comes to school prepared with the following each day:

- A school hat clearly named on the inside
- A filled water bottle – water only
- A piece of fresh fruit for our fruit snack time
- Recess
- Lunch

What not to bring to school

- Toys – we take no responsibility for lost toys
- Stationary – we provide everything!

Morning routine

Our morning routine remains the same from Term 1 to Term 4.

1. Hang backpack in locker
2. Place water bottle and piece of fruit on table
3. Place reading folder in year level basket
4. Place home reading book in year level basket
5. Answer the question of the day

We encourage you to support your child each morning, until they are feeling confident to complete the routine independently.

Our classroom

Our classroom door opens at 8.30am. During Term 1, structured creative play sessions will be run each morning, finishing no later than 9.30am. Children must complete morning organisation routines before starting

activities. These sessions are focussed on developing fine motor skills and social skills.

You are most welcome to join your child in one of the activities, until the second bell sounds at 8.55am!

During these sessions, we will be settling students into the classroom, working 1-on-1 with students in activities and checking in with parents.

We kindly ask that all social communication between parents please take place outside of the classroom. This provides your child and our other students with an opportunity to engage within the classroom, without the distraction of adult conversations.

Our building

Our building door opens at 8.30am, however once the second bell sounds at 8.55am, our building becomes a learning zone and remains that way until the end of day bell sounds at 3.05pm.

We kindly ask that all parents and care-givers vacate the building once the second bell sounds and do not re-enter the building until the end of day bell sounds.

Building doors will close at 8.55am and will remain closed until 3.05pm.

Parents can wait under the trees or under the library verandah if it is wet.

Staff toilets

The staff toilets, which are located just outside of our classroom are strictly for staff use only! Please ensure that you go to the toilet before dropping off or picking up your child from school.

Late arrivals

If you drop your child late to school please help them transition into the classroom by encouraging them to independently unpack their bag, quietly join the class group and await teacher instruction. If you would like to discuss anything with us, please see us at the end of the school day or send us a private message via Class Dojo.

Please visit Deb in the front office before bringing your child to the classroom. Deb will sign your child in for the day and will provide you with a late slip, which will need to be given to the teacher.

Early collection

If you need to collect your child early from school, you must visit Deb in the front office before coming to the classroom. Deb will sign your child out for the day and will provide you with a collection slip, which needs to be given to the teacher.

Breakfast Club

Breakfast Club is available from 8.30am to 8.55am and is served from the Stephanie Alexander kitchen, which is just outside our classroom.

While we encourage all of our students to attend Breakfast Club, whether it be to eat their first or second breakfast, we do ask that they complete their morning organisational routines before doing so.

Even though the classroom is open, we ask that all our students eat their breakfast at the Breakfast Club table or bench, as butter, jam and desks don't mix well, and we also have one or more students with severe allergies to consider.

Please be mindful that the school day starts at the sound of the second bell at 8.55am, so if your child is wishing to attend Breakfast Club, please make sure that they arrive at school with enough time to do so.

Parent/teacher communication

Our main means of parent/teacher communication is Class Dojo. This is a free classroom communication app, which allows us to share with you what is happening in the classroom through photographs and stories. It also allows for you to directly message us, through a private messaging service.

We are hopeful that all our parents are connected to our Room 1 2019 classroom. If not, a Class Dojo invitation was sent home in your welcome note, which provides you with instructions on how to connect.

Alternatively, you can send us a dated note in your child's reading folder, which was sent home on the first day of school. We check these folders daily!

Please be aware that we are not always able to check or respond to Class Dojo messages during teaching time, and messages will only be responded to between the hours of 8.00am to 8.00pm.

Hats and clothing

Please ensure that your child has a hat to wear each day and that it is clearly named. We encourage our students to keep their hat in their tray, so that they are aware of where it is at each playtime.

We also ask that you please ensure your child's clothing is clearly named. Jumpers, t-shirts, dresses and pants all go walkabouts throughout the year!

Library borrowing

Our class will visit the library every Friday with Donna to borrow a book to take home.

Parents of our Reception students

We will supply your child with a book bag, which will be sent home after their first visit to the library.

Parents of our Year 1 students

Year 1 parents, can you please return the supplied bag from last year as soon as possible, for your child to re-use this year. If the bag has gone missing, please supply an alternative library bag, which is clearly named.

Please ensure that your child's library book bag is sent to school with them each Friday!

We ask that you please do not put library books in your child's reading folder, as they are heavy and can break the folder.

Books borrowed from the library are intended to be shared and enjoyed together.

Allergies

This year, one or more of our students is allergic to peanuts and/or tree nuts, and gluten/wheat. Due to the seriousness of these allergies, we are asking you please do not send peanut or tree nut products to school.

Our classroom is a peanut and tree nut free area.

Please talk to your child about the importance and seriousness of food allergies. Please explain to them that sharing foods can be dangerous for students with allergies. Please also review the importance of handwashing. We will also be having these conversations in the classroom.

If you wish to send in treats for birthday celebrations, please consult with a teacher in advance.

Illness

If your child is not well, please keep him/her at home as illness can spread quickly.

If your child requires medication during the school day, please let us know so we can advise you of the process.

Following any absence, it is a Department for Education requirement that a parent and/or care-giver provides a reason. We ask that you please send us a private message via Class Dojo, phone Deb in the front office, or speak to one of us.

Headlice

These annoying little critters are a fact of life anywhere there are children in close contact with one another.

Please check your child's hair on a regular basis and keep long hair tied back. If you do find live lice or eggs, please treat your child's hair before sending them back to school.

It is important that you also let one of us know, so a note can be sent home to all families.

Tissues

A donation of one tissue box from each family is greatly appreciated, as it helps to stop the spreading of germs from runny noses!

Spending money

We ask that parents or students please give us spending money for safe keeping! We record the amount, keep it in our money box, and return it at play times.

This is a much safer option than keeping it in bags, purses/wallets, or in open pockets!

If your child is having a problem at school.

- Sit down and talk with your child. Ask your child to explain the problem from his or her perspective, so that you can support them as you work through the issue.
- Request a meeting. Make an appointment with your child's teacher to discuss the problem.
- Keep a positive attitude. Always remember that you and the teacher are working together to help your child.
- Ask questions. Do not be afraid to ask questions or request more information.

Please remember that If at any time throughout the term you have a question, concern or issue, please be sure to come and speak with one of us. Alternatively, you can send us a message via Class Dojo or contact us via our email addresses listed below.

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Important Term 1 dates:

Term 1 – Tuesday 29th January to Friday 12th April.

8 th February	Assembly
18 th February	Oral health workshop
19 th February	AGM Student disco
22 nd February	Assembly
4 th to 7 th March	Lily on leave
8 th March	Pupil free day
11 th March	Public holiday
15 th March	Day against Bullying and Violence
18 th March	Start smart workshop
21 st March	Harmony Day
22 nd March	Assembly
29 th March	Sports day
1 st to 5 th April	Parent interviews
5 th April	Assembly
12 th April	Last day of term