

10/02/2020

Dear Families,



Welcome to the 2020 school year. I hope that you and your family had an enjoyable and relaxing break over the Christmas and New Year period. It has been great meeting many parents this week and I look forward to meeting other parents and caregivers over the course of the next few weeks. I am really looking forward to working with your child this year, developing routines and having a productive year. Here is some information that may help you.

**Before school** please encourage your child to play on the pavement as this is the only area where there is a teacher on duty from 8.30am. Children are able to come into the corridor to put their bags away after 8.30am. They can then go out to play until the bell rings at **8.55am**. This is when the school day begins. Children are welcome in the room to organise themselves for the day before this time only **when a teacher is present**. Children need to bring their reader bag, fruit and water bottle and put them on their tables. Please encourage them to do this for themselves.

**Learning zone:** The Northern block is a learning zone from 8.55am until 3.05pm when the bell rings. We ask that you stay outside until this time so the children can concentrate fully on the teacher when messages are being given and packing up at the end of the day. You are more than welcome to come and speak with me after I dismiss the children.

**Drink bottles:** The children are welcome to keep their water bottles on their desk, if possible could you wrap the bottles in a flannel or small towel if frozen, so they do not leave wet patches on the desk. **Water only, in lesson times please.** Any juices or cordials to be kept in bags outside for recess and lunch time only. **Please ensure all bottles and lunch boxes are named.**



**Spending money:** I would prefer that students give their canteen spending money to me in the morning to look after. I will keep it in a bag labelled with their name and hand back the money at play time. This is a safer option than keeping it in their bag or pocket.

**Healthy Snacks:** The children will have a chance to have a fruit break at 10am each day so I encourage them to bring a healthy snack of fruit or vegies. This gives children the extra energy needed to help them focus and concentrate on their learning.



**Uniform:** it has been great seeing all children smartly dressed in school uniform, well done! **No hat – no play!** Please ensure your child has a sun safe hat (named) to wear at school every day, these will be required if the UV levels are 3 or above. Students without hats are required to stay under the blue sails at playtime. If the temperature before recess or lunchtime is measured at 36.1c or above, all children will play in their classroom under teacher supervision.

**Library books:** will be borrowed each week. To avoid our reader bags falling apart it would be great if each child could have a library bag, this can be as simple as a plastic shopping bag, to carry their library books in. Our library borrowing day is Wednesday.

**Reader Bags:** These carry readers (when the children get them), reading logs and notices. Please encourage your child to keep it in their school bag when not using it. These need to come to school each day and will go home each night.

**Illness:** If your child is not well please keep him/her at home as illnesses can spread quickly. If your child needs medication, let us know (myself or the school) so we can advise you of the process. Do not leave any medication in lunch boxes or bags. Following an absence, it is a DfE requirement that you contact either me or the school via the children's reading log, send a private message through Class Dojo or phone/text the school so we can complete our roll books. (Roll books are a legal document.)



**Tissues:** The donation of a box of tissues from each family is greatly appreciated. It certainly helps to stop the spread of germs from runny noses! Thank you!

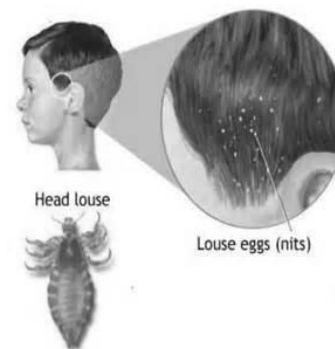


**Helping in the classroom:** I understand parents like to help out in the classroom in various ways. To do this parents need to have a Criminal Check and have completed volunteer training. Please advise Matt or me, if you wish to do our volunteer training so that it can be scheduled when we receive sufficient numbers. The school will inform you when the training will take place.

**Early collection:** If you need to collect your child early or during the day for appointments please remember to go to the office first for a sign out slip. When you give this to me I can then record it in the roll book.

**Late arrivals:** We encourage you to be at school before the bell at 8.55am, so your child does not miss the start of the day. If you do arrive after 9.00 you will need to get a late slip from the office which is then given to the teacher.

**Head Lice:** These annoying little critters are a fact of life anywhere there is close contact between children. I understand it can be frustrating and can be difficult to get rid of them too. Please check your child's hair weekly and keep long hair tied back. If you do find lice (live) or nits (eggs) please treat your child's hair before sending them back to school. A note to let me know is appreciated so a note can be sent home to all families. Confidentiality will be assured.



**Read Write Inc:** We teach the children phonics using the Read Write Inc resource. These sessions will start on Monday Week 3 at 9am. It is important that your child is at school before the bell so the valuable learning in these sessions is not lost. I will explain more about Read Write Inc at our acquaintance afternoon.

If at any time you have a concern or question about your child and their learning, please don't hesitate to contact me so we can discuss your concerns. My email address is [Belinda.fulton398@schools.sa.edu.au](mailto:Belinda.fulton398@schools.sa.edu.au) or alternatively you can send a private message via Class Dojo to arrange a meeting. After school, is generally the best time to meet, except on a Tuesday when we have our staff meeting.

It is important that the relationship between school and home is strong, to support your child and their lifelong learning.

I am looking forward to an exciting, productive and successful year with your child.

Yours sincerely,  
Belinda Fulton



Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> February – Footsteps dance lesson & Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden

**Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> February – Room 3 Acquaintance afternoon – 2.30pm**

Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> February - Footsteps dance lesson & AGM 6pm – Footsteps disco

**Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> February – Pupil Free Day**

Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> February - Footsteps dance lesson

**Friday 28<sup>th</sup> February – School Closure Day**

**Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> – School birthday celebration**

Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> March – Schools 50<sup>th</sup> birthday – dress up

Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> March – Footsteps dance lesson

**Monday 9<sup>th</sup> March – Adelaide Cup public holiday**

Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> March – Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden

Friday 20<sup>th</sup> March – National Day against bullying & violence – whole school assembly

Friday 27<sup>th</sup> March – Sports Day

Monday 30<sup>th</sup> March – 3<sup>rd</sup> April – Parent/Teacher Interviews

**Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> April – Assembly 2.30pm – Room 3**

Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> April – Farm market table

Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> April - Last day of term – early dismissal 2.05pm