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Dear Families,

Welcome to the 2017 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.

Stationery: Children will receive their stationery during the first two weeks. We will be providing covers for most of the books but I would ask you to cover their communication diaries. Children will be sharing pencils, textas, glue sticks and scissors. Students do not need to bring their own pencils and/or pencil cases from home.

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 record the amount 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.

Reader Bags: These carry readers, communication diaries and notices. Please encourage your child to keep it in their school bag when not using it. These come to school each day and go home each night.

Readers: will be read each day at school. All Junior Primary students borrow 5 readers which they keep for the week. Your child will bring their readers home each night. Please spend 5 - 10 minutes listening to your child read each night and then fill the title of the book your child read in the parent section of the communication diary each day. As the year progresses I will send home further tips and ideas to help you when listening to your child read. **Reading progress is especially evident when practice at home and school is a daily routine.** I will let you know the day your child will change their reader next week. Students will also have sight words and sounds to practice. Please tick each word/sound when they get it correct, without help.



Communication Diaries: will be one of the ways in which we communicate with each other. They need to come to school each day as this is where I will record when I hear your child read and write any note to you when necessary. Please remind your child to show me any written notes from home. I will sign it to let you know that your note has been read and will reply if needed. I am also able to be contacted via e-mail. My address is belinda.fulton398@schools.sa.edu.au

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 DECD requirement that you write an explanation note in your child's Communication Diary or phone/text the school so we can complete our roll books. (Roll books are a legal document.)



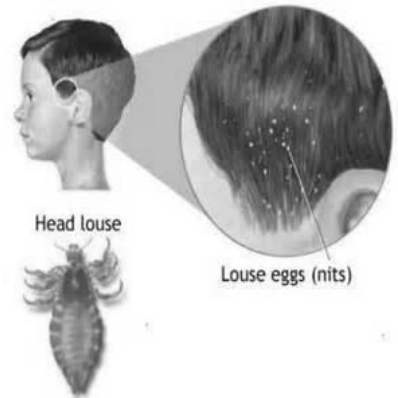
Tissues: The donation of a box of tissues from each family is greatly appreciated. It certainly helps to stop the spread of germs from runny noses!
Thank you!

Helping in the classroom: I would love your support in the classroom in any way. Listening to reading, sight words, sounds, excursions or cooking. All adults working with students need to have a Criminal Check and have completed volunteer training. Please advise me or the office, 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.



Acquaintance Night: Our acquaintance night is on Tuesday February 14th (week 3). Each class teacher will be speaking to parents as a group, in their individual classes. This helps teachers give more information to parents than this letter is able to. The northern block class meetings will be held between 5.00pm - 5.30pm. With sessions in the southern block starting from 5.30pm. More details will be given to you closer to the evening. It would be great to see as many parents as possible here on that night.

Allergies: Thank you for ensuring our classroom is a NUT FREE zone. I certainly appreciate your efforts in keeping the children in our room safe. Limiting oranges and cinnamon is also greatly appreciated.

If at any time you have a concern about your child and their learning, please don't hesitate to contact me so we can discuss your concerns. After school, is generally the best time, except on a Tuesday when we have staff meetings. 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 14th February - Acquaintance night - 5pm

Tuesday 14th February - Pet Education sessions - 12.10pm

Tuesday 21st February - Hockey Clinics - 12.05pm

Wednesday 8th March - Start Smart visit - 2.15pm

Friday 10th March - Pupil Free Day

Monday 13th March - Adelaide Cup Day - Public holiday

Tuesday 21st March - Harmony Day

Friday 24th March National Day against bullying and violence

Monday 3rd - 7th April - Parent/Teacher Interviews

Friday 7th April - Sports Day

Thursday 13th April - Last day of term - early dismissal 2.05pm

Friday 14th April - Good Friday