



Room 4 Newsletter

Term 2

Dear Parents / Caregivers,

Welcome back to term 2. We began the term by offering a blended learning approach to teaching balancing on site learning with learning at home. It is pleasing to see that we are now slowly returning back to normal with the majority of students in Room 4

returning to our class. The students who have returned to school appear to be happy with returning to something close to 'normal' for them. They are engaging with their learning and enjoying socialising with their friends at school.

Northern Block Closure

Although we are almost back to normal we have been directed to encourage parents not to enter the buildings or gather in large groups outside. I will endeavour to come to the front door of the building most mornings or afternoons except on Tuesday after school when we have staff meeting. So if you have a very brief message you can see me then however bear in mind I am required to be with the students. If parents need to see me for any reason you can make an appointment via class Dojo or come to the outside classroom windows. If you are dropping your child off late to school you need to go through the usual procedures at the office and if you are concerned about your child arriving at class you can check at the classroom window. If you are collecting your child from school early the usual procedures apply—go to the front office and Deb will phone over to the class.

During the Block Closure I have witnessed students being very focused when they arrive in the classroom—independently unpacking their bags and getting themselves prepared for the school day in a very short amount of time, which has been great.

Read, Write, Inc.

We began our 'Read, Write, Inc. lessons on Wednesday last week with many students changing groups to cater for their ability level.

Sight Words

I would like to remind you about Sight words. Each child in the class has a sight word book in their reader folder. These contain sight words they need to be able to recognise 'on sight'. As stated in the note that accompanied these books last term, when your child recognises a word place a tick next to it. When there are 5 ticks with each sight word we will stick the next sheet of words into your child's book. We check these regularly however if your child is ready for the next list get them to inform us first thing in the morning.

Breakfast Club

A reminder that Breakfast Club is closed until further notice due to the Covid-19 restrictions.

Tissues

With the consistently cooler weather approaching, the need for tissue in the class is going to increase. If you haven't donated a box of tissues to the class this year we would really appreciate you doing so.

Naming belongings

The arrival of cooler weather means that students will generally be wearing their jumpers to school at least for the first part of the day. Invariably students take off their jumpers during the day, especially on the days when we have P.E. This is a reminder to name your child's belongings, especially hats. Apart from saving on the family budget from having to purchase new ones, it can help prevent your child from getting upset when they can't find their belongings.

Class Dojo

It is great to see that most of the parents have signed up for class Dojo. It makes it easier to communicate with each other. Also it is a

convenient way to send a message if your child is absent from school, keeping in mind it is a legal requirement that we have to provide a reason for a child's absence from school.

Regards,

Robyn

Important term dates

Week 5

Tuesday 26/5—Sorry Day

Wednesday 27/5 —Reconciliation Week begins

Week 7

Monday 8th June—Queen's Birthday public holiday

Week 9—Friday 26th June—Pupil free day

Week 10—Friday 3rd July—last day of term—early dismissal.