

3/2/2017

Dear **Kindergarten Parents / Carers,**



Welcome to Term 1, 2017. We hope you all had a wonderful holiday. This year we are lucky enough to be teaching your child, and we are looking forward to this greatly!

This term is a busy and an important one. It is a term to establish new routines, responsibilities and expectations with your child. I'm sure the class will settle beautifully into kindergarten and it won't be long until we are working (and playing) hard!

Just a few points about the class that may answer some questions you may already have! In the classes there is a mixture of abilities and we will be catering for all individuals – remediation work if needed or extension challenges to those children who require it. Children will work at their own personal level.

We will be working closely together and teachers meet weekly to discuss the Kindergarten program and activities. There are four kindergarten classes. The teachers on this grade are Mrs Erin Gallagher (Kinder Green), Mrs Brooke Penfold (Kinder Purple), Mrs Rebecca Cole (Kinder Yellow) and Mrs Amie Stephenson/Miss Kelly Nelson (Kinder Blue).

Kindergarten will be following the Early Stage 1 Literacy and Mathematics program this year, with an emphasis on learning new skills. These two Key Learning Areas are given primacy in the K-6 classrooms. The other Key Learning Areas that the children will learn about are History, Geography, Science and Technology, Creative and Practical Arts and Personal Development Health and Physical Education through integrated units.

While the school provides books and basic writing equipment (coloured and lead pencils) for your child, children in kindergarten will need:

4 Gluesticks (preferably Bostik) (not labelled)	Box of tissues (not labelled)	Liquid Handwash soap (not labelled)
Library Bag – <u>clearly labelled</u>	\$10 handwriting text (money should be given to the class teacher in a school envelope)	2 x plastic clear envelopes for home readers (A4) and homework (A4) <u>clearly labelled</u>
School Hat – <u>clearly labelled</u>	1 x Black A4 display folder (not labelled)	1 box of large zip lock bags
Ream of paper	Headphones – <u>clearly labelled</u>	1 x roll of paper towel

At this stage all your child needs to pack in their school bag each day is a small container of cut fresh fruit for Crunch and Sip break, recess, a healthy lunch and drinks (preferably water). Please ensure all your child's belongings – hats, lunchboxes, drink bottles, jackets, jumpers, and bags are clearly labelled and checked frequently for their name.

Just a reminder on Monday 6th of February kindergarten children will start and finish at the same time as the rest of the school 8:45-2:45pm. We please ask that you don't come onto the classroom verandahs as school begins and concludes. Teachers will collect their class from the COLA area in the mornings. Thanking you in advance for your cooperation.

We also ask that your child continues to wear their name badge for the first few weeks of school life, so all the teachers can get to know your child's name.

More information will be given to you about your child's school fees in the newsletter. In addition to the fees, all kindergarten students will be asked to pay \$10 for a handwriting text. These payments can be made to the office or given to the class teacher.

We have also sent home a questionnaire about your child. Please take the time to fill it in and return to class ASAP. Also this week a copy of our weekly events (news, library, sport) and a name practising sheet will be sent home.

In the coming weeks, you will read more notes regarding homework and home readers. So keep checking those bags!

Just a reminder that our Parent Information Evening is on **Tuesday 14th of February at 5:30pm.**

Prior to this meeting we will be holding a session about supporting your child at school for any parent/grandparent interested in the Kinder Blue classroom at 5pm.

We look forward to meeting you all over the next few weeks. If you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to contact us through the school office on 66422286.

Thanks
Kindergarten teachers.

