



Foundation Newsletter Term 1, 2018



Term One is off to a flying start as students have settled into the routine of school. Exciting learning is taking place this term through our inquiry topic **'What Makes Me, Me?'**. The students are learning about themselves, their peers and teachers and how we all work together within the school community. Students will be introduced to the school culture; its purpose, roles, rules, routines and expectations. We will also be starting our overarching **science** focus for the year investigating **living things and what they need to survive on Earth**.

Other learning areas and school events:

- Beginning last week and continuing for the next 3 weeks, we will be completing the online Literacy and Numeracy interviews individually with each student and will be using the data to inform our planning for Term 2.
- We will begin our 'V.I.P' (Very Important Prep) on Monday 19th February. Each student will have Speaking and Listening opportunities to share something special with their peers and gain confidence. More details including a roster and list of instructions will be sent out individually by your class teacher.
- Our Buddy program has commenced with our year 4 students helping out with the Preps during their breaks and playtimes. Buddies will be allocated for commencement of official buddy activities in Term 2. In the meantime they are getting to know one another in a relaxed and supportive environment.
- Our take home reading program will commence in week 6 when they will bring home their "This is Me at School" booklet to share with you as their first reader. They have been working hard on it!
- School photo day will be on the first full Wednesday (7th March). Please keep an eye out for photo order envelopes closer to the time.
- Throughout the year, we will keep you up to date through our school website with what the students have been doing in the classroom. This may include class awards, special days, V.I.P, buddies and more.

Other Useful Information:

- Hats must be worn everyday to school for outside play until May so please ensure your child has a **NAMED** hat.
- To ensure a smooth start to the day it is important for your child to be entering the classroom at the 8:50am music for a 9:00am start. To lessen the congestion in the corridors before school you are asked to say goodbye at the bottom of the ramp or outside the middle school doors and let your child walk in by themselves. If you are late to school (after 9am) or need to collect your child early during the day, please visit the office first to fill in a sign in/sign out form and to bring the pass with you to the classroom teacher.

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- Blue satchels are important for carrying communication notices from school to home and home to school. It needs to be returned to school every day with the reader cover inside.
- All Preps have Phys. Ed. and PMP please ensure your child is wearing shorts / skort, runners or comfortable shoes on these days. An individual class timetable will be sent home soon.
- Magic 100 Words will begin in week 6. This program allows the students to learn alphabet letters and sounds and high frequency words one short list at a time. The program will start with the upper and lowercase letters and continue with their first set of words once the students have mastered the letter sounds.
- Lost something? The Lost property cupboard is located just inside class F25 (Mrs Browne's room) at the top of the ramp.

Please read the following information regarding our anaphylaxis risk management plan for one of our foundation students in F25 who has severe anaphylaxis to all dairy.

Anaphylaxis is a rapidly progressive allergic reaction that is potentially life threatening and we are doing all we can to minimise the risk. The issue is sufficiently serious to warrant taking every precaution. We trust you will understand the necessity of these requests and thank you in anticipation of your co-operation.

Within F25: While we are not banning dairy from our class at this stage, we are asking that if you give your child a yogurt it is one that comes in a pouch rather than one with a lid that needs peeling off. We are eating on an eating mat and washing hands thoroughly after eating, before touching any equipment and before and after going out to play. We have a no sharing food rule. Students are asked to wipe their mouths if they have been eating dairy. We also remind the students to wash their hands when they first come into the classroom.

Within Foundation and the whole school: Students in all classes are being asked to wash their hands after eating, keep within the eating areas and dispose of rubbish in the bins. Due to not having taps in F27 they will be using wipes or hand sanitizer.

- Please come and speak to any of the Foundation teachers if you need to, we are always happy to answer any questions.

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