



27 April 2018

Dear Junior School Parents,

Welcome back! We hope you had a relaxing holiday and are ready for a very busy Term 2.

MORNING ROUTINES

Just a reminder... Students can only enter the building from 8:50am. If your child arrives at school after 9.00am or is being collected early from school, please go to the office to sign your child in/out and collect an arrival/departure card that is to be handed to the teacher supervising your child's class at the time of arrival/departure. If your child is absent from school, please log into Compass and record this for your classroom teacher.

FRUIT SNACK

We encourage students to eat a fresh fruit or vegetable snack after lunch. These snacks should be small or cut up so they are finger food size and can be eaten in 5 minutes. Water bottles should also come to school each day.

HATS

SunSmart hats are compulsory until the end of April, including before and after school, recess and lunchtimes, excursions and PE sessions.

ENGLISH

Spelling: This term we are beginning our spelling program, Words Their Way, which involves learning about spelling patterns and using words accurately. Practising spelling words and completing some spelling activities at home will be part of weekly homework.

TAKE HOME READING JOURNALS

This term we are asking students to write in their reading journals and bring them to school on Mondays and Fridays. Please encourage their independence in this.

MATHS

Mathletics activities will be set as part of weekly homework and topics will be linked to the weekly class concepts or as revision. Students should have received their username and passwords to take home.

LIBRARY

The Junior School will have library lessons with Mrs Kenos this term (Yr 2s and Class 123 on Thursday and Classes 128 and 129 on Monday.) Please make sure that satchels or library bags come to school on library days so the students can borrow and protect the books as they travel home.

ICT

This term we will be using Microsoft Word and Excel programs and are looking forward to learning about coding through the use of BeeBots.

HUMANITIES & SCIENCE

Our Humanities unit 'Where Do I Fit In?' continues in Term 2 and our physical science unit is 'Look, Listen' which explores light and sound in our community. The students will participate in an incursion "Look, Listen" involving the production of light and sound (Week 6) and an excursion to the Heritage

Village, looking at family life in the past (Week 8.) Please check Compass for information, payment and to give consent.

WELLNESS & WELLBEING

As the winter season is approaching we are asking that students who are unwell stay at home so that germs are not spread. We've also noticed that many students are coming to school without warm clothing. Please ensure students have jumpers each day. We are also asking for boxes of tissues to come to school if not already done and that foods containing nuts do not come school as we have students who are highly allergic to nuts. Thank you.

SWIMMING

The Junior School swimming program will be held at Box Hill Aqualink in Weeks 4 and 5 from Monday 7th May to Thursday 17th May). Swimming is such an important part of our PE program and an essential life skill. Each class requires one parent (with current WWCC) to travel on the bus each day. If you wish to assist at the pool, you will also need a WWCC. Please contact your class teacher if you are able to help and check Compass for information, payment and to give consent.

PARENT HELPERS

This term we will be holding 'Helping in the Classrooms' information sessions for F-2 parents. Look out for the Compass notice about this.

AND ALSO...

We have our Mothers' Day stall in Week 4 and a music incursion – Musica Viva – 'Mora' in Week 7.

As you can see, we have a very busy term ahead and we look forward to working with you and your child.

Yours sincerely,

Junior School Team