JUNIOR SCHOOL TEAM

1A Mrs Kim Adam
1C Miss Jade Cooper
1T Ms Sarah Tirtillas
1W Ms Anna Webb

2A Ms Amber Shepherd
2B Mr Matthew Baker
2S Miss Karen Shields
2V Miss Kristina Verhagen

MORNING ROUTINE

Year 1 students line up outside on the paving area near OSH Club.

Year 2 students line up between buildings 2 & 3.

Children need to be at school ready for our 8.55am bell. During Term 1, students are expected to remain in their line up area and not within the building before the first bell sounds. The only exception to this rule is when dropping off iPads to classrooms. Students are not to enter the corridor prior to 8:45am.

Please sign your child in at the office if you arrive after 9:00am.

Readers, lunch orders, library books and notices should be placed by the students in the appropriate classroom tubs. Please allow the children to perform these tasks as it helps promote independence. If money is required for excursions/school visits etc. please ensure it is placed securely in a clearly labelled envelope.

TAKE HOME READERS

Take home readers are designed to be read independently by your child. Challenging texts are introduced in the classroom during literacy sessions. Readers will be changed twice each week (Monday x3 books & Thursday x4 books). Please remember to sign the yellow diary daily. Please note that students are expected to reread the readers to develop confidence and review text comprehension.

See below for an overview of our classroom reading focus:

**COMPREHENSION**
I understand and can retell what I read.

**ACCURACY**
I can read and understand the words.

**FLUENCY**
I can read accurately, with expression, and understand what I read.

**EXPANDING VOCABULARY**
I know, find, and use interesting words.

LIBRARY

The Library is open for borrowing Monday to Thursday during lunchtime and after school each afternoon until 3.45pm. Parents are most welcome. Please ensure students have their named Library bags at school for borrowing. Students may wish to keep their Library bags within their tub or school bag. Refer to your class timetable for your child’s specific Library day.

DIARY WRITING

Diary writing is completed on a Monday. You may wish to discuss with your child some writing ideas (eg. What happened on the weekend, names of places visited, tickets etc.) Your teacher may send home a Dear Diary helper sheet. If so, please write the location / name of activities you undertook on the weekend to help with this process.

Students using iPads are encouraged to add photos on their device which can then be used as writing prompts within the classroom.

DEAR DIARY helper...

Dear Diary helper... I hope you had a lovely weekend. What did you do? What did you eat? What did you do on the weekend to help with our Dear Diary writing session? See you Monday!

SPECIALIST SESSIONS

Junior School students undertake 50 minute specialist sessions weekly:

- Art
- Music
- Library (LIBRARY BAG REQUIRED)
- French
- PE
- PMP (Year 1 only)

(Wear runners/appropriate footwear for PE & PMP)
BLOGGING AND ICT

Along with our 1:1 iPad program, students undertake regular use of classroom netbooks. We also use a range of reading and numeracy programs such as Mathletics, KidBlog and other school programs to support classroom learning.

You may be familiar with KidBlog from your child’s previous school year. In the Junior School, this program is used regularly to share student work and communicate with parents.

We have commenced blogging this Term which will be undertaken in class using iPads and computers. We encourage participation from all family members on your child’s class blog. We suggest parents check their child’s blog weekly.

The GUEST username and password has already been sent home. Please use this code to access the blog to view student work. The blog will be updated weekly.

iPADS

Year 2 classrooms continue their 1:1 iPad program, with Year 1 students commencing day one of Term 2. All iPad communication will be printed on purple paper for easy identification.

MATHLETICS

To support our numeracy program, students participate in the Live Mathletics and other online activities during classroom sessions.

www.mathletics.com.au

We do not expect Junior School students to complete any additional tasks at home yet are happy if they choose to do so.