



# Reception Wrap-Up

Hello and welcome to the Reception Class of 2018!

The children have settled in extremely well this week, I am very proud of each and every one of them. Thank you so much for the responses I have received back from the '10 Things About Me' pages. They were wonderful to read and I look forward to the ones still to come in.

Below I have included a few reminders for you to be aware of at the beginning of this term and in the weeks ahead. Please don't hesitate to ask any questions you may have or drop me a text if that is easier. God Bless!

## Overview

A curriculum overview is being sent home with this newsletter to outline the topics that will be covered in class this term.

## Uniform Days

On Wednesday and Friday children are to wear formal school uniform and Monday, Tuesday and Thursday children are to wear sport uniform.

## Chapel

Chapel is held every fortnight on a Friday morning at 9:15am. You are always welcome to attend. This Friday there isn't any chapel due to our beginning of the term chapel that was held Monday morning.

## Assembly/Worship

Assemblies are held every 2nd Friday morning at 9:15am. Our class will be leading worship on Friday 16th March (week 7) and presenting at assembly on Friday 13th April (week 11). They are a great way for children's work to be shared, awards given out and presentations to be made. You are always most welcome to attend worship/ assemblies.

## Parent Information Evening

Next Monday evening I will be holding a parent information evening at 6pm—6:30pm. This will inform you of many ways we can work together to give your child the best start to their formal schooling. Please make an effort to be at this evening as it will allow you to ask questions, become more informed and most importantly meet some fellow Reception parents that your child will be progressing through their schooling life with.

After the information session you are invited to stay for an informal chat, coffee and/or sausage sizzle in the gazebo (just outside the classroom). I will be there until my son, Carter's, information session begins at 7:30pm.

## Casual Day and Mardi Gras

We will be holding a casual day on Tuesday 20th February (a few days before the Mardi Gras) to raise money for this wonderful cause. We also encourage all students to be involved in our Mardi Gras float. More information will come out in the coming weeks regarding this.

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## Dates to

## Remember

- Ⓢ **Week 2:** Monday 5th  
February 6pm Parent  
Information Evening
- Ⓢ **Week 3:** Sunday 18th  
February worship service  
and staff installation at  
school
- Ⓢ **Week 4:** Tuesday 20th  
February Casual Day for  
Mardi Gras
- Ⓢ Saturday 24th February  
Mardi Gras
- Ⓢ **Week 7:** Monday 12th  
March Public Holiday  
Adelaide Cup
- Ⓢ Friday 16th March  
Receptions are presenting  
worship 9:15am Life  
Centre
- Ⓢ **Week 8:** Friday 23rd  
March Australian Lutheran  
World Service Day
- Ⓢ **Week 9:** Friday 30th  
March Public Holiday  
Good Friday
- Ⓢ **Week 10:** Monday 2nd  
April Public Holiday Easter  
Monday
- Ⓢ **Week 11:** Monday 9th  
April Student Free Day  
Interview Day
- Ⓢ Thursday 12th April LLS  
Sports Day
- Ⓢ Friday 13th April Recep-  
tions are presenting at  
assembly 9:15am Life  
Centre
- Ⓢ Friday 13th April Last day  
of the term Dismissal  
2:15pm

### **Parent Help in Class**

We are always looking for parent help in our class and welcome you to come in at anytime. I have times listed on my curriculum overview that I would like extra help, so please see me for more info if you are interested.

### **2 Minute Fruit**

Fruit time and fitness is held at around 10am every morning as a quick brain break. Therefore it should not be a period that is too time consuming. Could you please send fruit along that is easy to eat within a 2 minute period. This can either be a small amount of cut up fruit or an easy piece of fruit like a banana, strawberries or grapes. Thank you in advance.

### **Handwriting**

It is very important the children learn at the beginning of their schooling how to hold a pencil correctly. I have included with this newsletter a picture explanation of how to do this. Please encourage and guide your child to work on this if you feel their grip needs adjusting. Once again, see me if you have any concerns.

Letter starting positions are also very important and children may come home explaining that the way they have been forming the letters in their name is incorrect. I will be focussing heavily on correctly teaching the starting positions of each letter and encourage you to talk to your child about this. A letter chart with the correct starting positions was sent home with the parent handbook in the stationery book pack for your future reference.

### **Seesaw**

Thank you to the parents that have already connected to our classroom seesaw app and I encourage the remaining parents to do so asap. I sent home in the children's stationery pack at the beginning of the year instructions to do this. Please see me if you need assistance with this.

### **Sports Day**

Our whole school sports day will be held this term in week 11. This is a fun day for all the children and we encourage as many parents and grandparents to come along and support the children. More information will come out as we get closer to the end of term.

I look forward to catching up with you all next Monday at our parent information night and thank you for a great start to the school year.

Blessings to you all and kind regards,

Tricia Wright