



Reception Wrap-Up

Hello and welcome to the Reception Class of 2017!

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 I will be covering 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.

PE, Science and German

This year the students will have German lessons on a Wednesday with Frau Rada and Science and PE lessons on a Thursday with Mr Knauer. We will visit the library on a Friday to borrow books.

Chapel

Chapel is held weekly on a Friday morning at 9:15am. You are always welcome to attend. Our class will be leading chapel in Week 8, Friday 24th March. This Friday there isn't any chapel due to our beginning of the term chapel that was held Monday morning.

Parent Information Evening

Next Monday evening I will be holding a parent information evening at 5:30—6pm. 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 lives 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 7pm.

Casual Day and Mardi Gras

We will be holding a casual day on Wednesday 22nd 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 9th February 5:30pm Parent Information Evening
- ☺ Week 4: Friday 24th February worship service and staff installation at school 9:15am
- ☺ Week 4: Wednesday 22nd February Casual Day for Mardi Gras Saturday 25th February Mardi Gras
- ☺ Week 6: Friday 10th March Student Free Day for Digital Technologies professional development
- ☺ Week 7: Monday 13th March Public Holiday Adelaide Cup
- ☺ Week 10: Monday 4th April Student Free Day Interview Day
- ☺ Week 10: Friday 7th April Sports Day
- ☺ Week 11: Thursday 13th April Last day of the term
- ☺ Week 11: Friday 14th April Public Holiday Good Friday

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.

A volunteer handout needs to be signed, a police check sighted by the front office staff and a short online Valuing Safe Communities VSC training completed before hand. Please see the front office for more information.

Premiers Reading Challenge PRC

For your information this year the students will be taking part in the PRC. They will have 12 books read to them over the coming months by myself and recorded on a special sheet in order to gain a certificate in the 2nd half of the year. This challenge will be completed entirely at school by the Receptions and does not need follow up at home.

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.

Seesaw

As well as the home book and my texts I would like to start communicating with you via an app that can allow you to also see what we have been doing in class. This app is called 'Seesaw' and I will send home more information on it at the information night next Monday.

Sports Day

Sports day will be held on Friday 7th April and is a great day for all to enjoy. A program will be sent out later in the term outlining times and details on events. I welcome any help on the day while moving around to the different events.

Family Photos

As a part of our History topic this term we are going to be learning about our family and our extended family members. Could each child please bring in a photo or 2 of their immediate family and any other extended family members that are important to them. Thank you.

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