

Newsletter

Welcome 2017

Dear Parents,

Welcome to the new school year. Here is some information, which you might find useful. Thank you to all the parents who covered and named their children's books and returned them to school. Extra stationery and spare books for your child will be stored at school and distributed when needed. If you have not brought your child's spare books in, it would be appreciated if you could, as soon as possible.

Communication

This year the children have a Diary and a 'Printed Notes' Book. All printed notices will be glued into the A3 Printed Notes' Book. Please initial all notes to ensure you have sighted them. Please use the Diary for any written notes. If you have written a note in the Diary your child will place it on my desk for me to check when they get to school. Alternatively, you can email me on helpski@live.trinity.sa.edu.au. Please be aware that I don't always have access to email during the day as I am teaching, if it is urgent please contact the Front Office directly. Similarly, if you know your child is going to be absent in advance please write a note in their Diary and also contact the Front Office. The Diary will contain the weekly spelling list and will go home each night in your child's Reader Bag. Please sign the Diary each Monday to show you have sighted their weekly spelling list. Each morning your child places their Diary in their tray under their desk.

Newsletter

Each Monday your child will receive a joint Year 1 Newsletter in their 'Printed Notes' book which will provide you with information regarding what's happening in the classes and events to take note of. Please read and sign this each week. You will find the newsletter often answers any questions that you may have.

If your child arrives after the bell they are required to sign in with their Diary at the Front Office and will need to put their bag at their desk before joining the class. They will be given an opportunity to unpack later, if your child has a lunch order, it will need to be ordered immediately.

Reading

We use a variety of reading schemes. All books are levelled and the children are placed on a level, through Running Records and levelled reading comprehensions. The children change their own readers each morning. The children then place their reader bag in tub next to the Reader box shelf, marked 'Reader Bags'. Children will be reading on a daily basis in various ways during lesson times and formally to me one on one. During this time I will question your child on their comprehension of the book and note the reading strategies they use. The children are expected to read aloud 10 minutes every night. Please ask your child questions about their reader to test their comprehension of the text (it is vital for the child to be a fluent reader as well being able to understand and interpret text). Help them sound out unknown words by looking at the blends of letters, mini words, chunking and predicting.

Spelling

Each Monday we introduce the sound of the week. We have a teaching session on the sound before the children are given a pre-test of about 10-12 words. These words vary in difficulty. The words your child spells incorrectly on their pre-test will be the words sent home for them to learn to spell and understand. This is the reason children have different words to learn. This ensures your child is learning words that are meaningful to them. We will also spend two other lessons learning these words in class time. Every week your child will have 8 spelling words which will also include 2 'Tricky Words'. On Friday we will have a dictation test that assesses your child's understanding of the sound of the week. This is to ensure they can apply the spelling rule taught during the week. This may mean your child is not tested on every

Fridays

On Fridays Mrs Sheree Cockerill will teach the class. The subjects she will be teaching are Geography, History, Health and Lexia. Mrs Cockerill will also be doing the weekly dictation test and a Handwriting lesson. Her email is cockersh@live.trinity.sa.edu.au

Physical Education

Mrs Serah Fitzgerald will take the class for P.E on Thursdays. Children will need to come in full P.E uniform on this day.

French

Mrs Kathy Hatzimanolis will take the children for French each Tuesday.

Music

Mr Harrison Lambert will take the children for Music each Wednesday.

Recess/ Lunch

Children have eating time both at recess and lunch before they go out to play. The canteen is not open at recess for the Junior School. Instead the children are able to place a recess order in the lunch box each morning. Simply label this appropriately e.g. recess/lunch. We recommend that children only bring a maximum of \$1.50 to spend at the canteen at lunch time and they are **NOT** allowed to share money or food with friends. Please send along a small container of brain food, which is cut up fruit and/or vegetables. Drink bottles for inside must only contain water and they are placed on their name tag at their desk. When the temperature is 30 degrees and over, lunch boxes can be brought into the classroom and placed on the side bench.

Fruity Friday

Each Friday we have 'Fruity Friday' where we encourage each student to please send along 1 piece of fruit. On Friday's the classroom doors will be opened at approximately 8.35am



Behaviour Management

As a class we will also be working towards a common goal of earning 5 bananas for the class monkey (not real). This allows the children to work together to achieve success and reward positive behaviours. Children engaging in inappropriate behaviour are given verbal reminders and any continuing poor behaviour choices will result in classroom consequences. Please see attached note that explains this further.

Sharing

Each week the children share something with the class. This will begin Week 2 and a list of sharing topics has been pasted in your child's Printed Notes book.

Parent Helpers

I will be looking for parent helpers throughout the year. Your help in the classroom and on school excursions is invaluable and greatly appreciated. All parents who volunteer to help must have signed a NEW Statutory Declaration form at the South Office and wear their badge when at school.

Hopefully this handout helps you to become familiar with the daily routines. Please see me if you have any further questions, concerns or would like to inform me of any issues concerning your child. During the



Information Evening, which will

Parent Signature _____

Take Note

Week 1

Tuesday 31st January

First day of Term 1

Week 2

Tuesday 7th February

Parent Information Evening commencing at 6:30pm in the Chapel.