

Dear Parents and Carers,

I would like to take this opportunity to welcome all families to Sutherland Dianella Primary School. My name is Maria McCarthy and I am the teacher in C2. Ms Ryn Chuah is our Educational Assistant in C2. I am looking forward to getting to know each of you throughout the school year. This note has details about some of the expectations for the students in C2.

Sutherland Dianella School Vision

Sutherland Dianella Primary School students are challenged and supported to become confident and independent learners, who achieve their personal best.

School Hours: Arrival & Pick Up

Please be aware that we open the classroom doors at 8.25am each day. The school day begins at 8.40am and it is important that all students are here by this time as it is essential that they are a part of our morning fitness. Students eat their recess at 11.15am followed by a short play break. Lunchtime begins at 1.00pm and students return to their classes at 1.45pm. The school day finishes at 3.00pm. Early finish will happen every Wednesday at 2:35pm. All students can only be released to a parent / guardian or people who are on your enrolment forms, or who you have given us permission to (this must come from the parent/guardian). A note has been previously sent out.

The students have a routine, which consists of the following:

- ☺ Students are encouraged to carry their own school bag and place it zipped up on the bench.
- ☺ Read the Message Board with an adult. Sometimes there is a little task to complete outside before coming in.
- ☺ Put homework folder in boxes, as required.
- ☺ Place Crunch n Sip in allocated box and hat on their desk.
- ☺ Place water bottle in allocated place.
- ☺ On occasions, there will be a task to complete on the table or students may have work to finish.
- ☺ When the bell goes, students place their hat on their head ready for morning fitness.

Parents are welcome to come into the classroom until 8:40am to see what we have been doing; however, please do not do any of your child's daily routine tasks for them.

Please be aware that it is a school expectation that students cannot be left outside the classroom and must be supervised by an adult until the door is open. Please contact the office to discuss if required.

All elements of the school day are important and the Department of Education requires students to attend for the full day. Please ensure you arrive on time and avoid scheduling

appointments during the school day. In the event that you must collect your child early you will need to obtain a slip from the office prior to coming to the classroom.

Teachers:

- ❖ **Tuesday** : *Sport* with Mr Ben Matheson
- ❖ **Tuesday DOTT cover** – Term 1 Mrs Sharon Voros

Homework

We request that Pre-Primary students complete homework every night. Homework will go home in Week Five of this term. Homework consists of reading and spelling. Reading will occur as the year progresses. Homework should take no longer than 20 minutes per night. Please sign the reading and spelling log each night.

Spelling: At school your child will be practising sounding out and spelling words appropriate to his or her ability level. Your child will be sent home a sound bag of coloured letters with a corresponding parent list. The letters in their sound bag are the letters they will be using to spell and read words at home. The parent list is a list of words that can be made from those letters. They can practise spelling these words by listening to the word you call out and then choosing the appropriate letters to make that word.

Reading: Students will bring home a reading book each night from Monday to Friday, when your child is ready. Students are expected to read for 5-10 minutes every night. Research shows that repeated readings of the same book improve literacy outcomes. Your child should be encouraged to practice their reading before reading aloud to a parent. It's important to note that students are completing home reading at an instructional level and should be easy for the child to read. These texts / reader will help them to practice fluency and expression.

Library

Students will select one library book to take home each week during our class's designated library time. These books must travel to and from school in a library bag to avoid unnecessary damage. Our library day will be Friday.



Food and Drink:

We are a Crunch and Sip school. This means we have a break during the day for the students to have a serving of fresh fruit or vegetables and to sip on their water. It would be appreciated if each day your child has an item of fresh food that is appropriate for Crunch and Sip in their lunch box. We encourage all children to have a water bottle with them at school and please ensure they are only filled with water.

Canteen

The school canteen is open Tuesday for recess and lunch. Orders are placed in the red canteen box in the classroom at the start of the school day. The menu can be found on the school website.

Labelling

Please ensure your child's clothing, hat, lunchbox, water box and bag has clear labels. Please pack spare clothing in your child's bag in case a change a clothes maybe necessary.

Hats

Hats are required all year round and must be wide brimmed. If students forget their hat or only have a cap they need to spend the break under the verandas.

News

News will begin in Week 4 and will be every Monday.

Assemblies

We will be attending the assemblies on Wednesday's of even weeks. C2 will be performing at the whole school assembly on Wednesday 3 May 2017.

Parent Help

Parent help is greatly appreciated and I will put a roster up once we have established classroom routines.

Absentees

If your child is ill or going to be away please contact me at school, send a note in with your child or via the school app.

Birthdays

Birthdays are an important event in the lives of children and to help celebrate your child's birthday, your child will be given a Birthday Certificate. This will be given in class either on the day, or as close to the day as possible. **No cakes, lolly bags, chocolates or soft drinks in line with our Healthy Eating Guidelines.**

Money

Please place money in a sealed envelope or plastic bag with your child's name clearly written on the front and all monies go to the office with attendance or students drop it off to the office in a secure box.

Air conditioning

If your child feels the cold please send a jumper to school.

I look forward to a great year in C2.

Kind regards,

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