



Dear Parents and Carers,

I would like to take this opportunity to welcome all families to Sutherland Dianella Primary School. I am Naomi Fotheringham and I will be your child's teacher this year.

### **Arrival & Pick up**

Classroom doors open at 8:25am. 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 and diary in boxes, as required.
- ☺ Place Crunch n Sip and hat on their desk.
- ☺ Place water bottle in allocated place and place a chair at their desk.
- ☺ 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. It would be appreciated if you could ensure your child has been to the toilet prior to coming into the class and also that they have a change of clothes in their bag case of an accident.

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.

### **School Hours**

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 10.55am followed by a short play break. Lunchtime begins at 12.15pm and the children return to their classes at 1.00pm. The school day finishes at 3.00pm on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday and early close on a 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).

## **Teachers**

This semester, students in Year 1 will be participating in Music, Science, Sport, Mathematics (Statistics and Probability) and Art. Below is a copy of the times:

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| ✓ Music with Mr Steven Rea       | Monday 11.15-12.15  |
| ✓ Science with Mr Tim Goulter    | Tuesday 1.00-2.00   |
| ✓ Sport with Mr Ben Matheson     | Tuesday 2.00-3.00   |
| ✓ Mathematics with Mr Steven Rea | Thursday 9.55-10.55 |
| ✓ Art with Mrs Candice Louise    | Thursday 2.00-3.00  |

## **Library**

This year the class library day is Friday. Students need a bag to be able to borrow.

## **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.

## **Stationery**

Please ensure students bring their stationery to school as soon as possible to enable them to complete book work. An art folio and library bag are both included on this list. It is essential for all items of stationery to be named.

## **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.

## **Water Bottles**

Students are encouraged to bring one into class but please ensure they are only filled with water.

## **Labelling**

Please ensure your child's clothing, hat, lunchbox, water box and bag has clear labels.

## **Crunch and Sip**

At 10.00am everyday the students are welcome to have a healthy snack e.g. piece of fruit or vegetable and a drink.

## **Homework**

Homework will begin Week 4.

It's important to note that homework should only be a maximum of 20 minutes a night.

*Reading homework* – Students will bring home a reading book each night from Monday to Friday. Students are expected to read for 5-10 minutes every night. Parents are asked to sign the log page at the end of each week. Research shows that repeated readings of the same book improve literacy outcomes. The student 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 student to read. These texts / reader will help them to practice fluency and expression.

*Spelling* - Students are expected to keep their words for one week. At the beginning of the week students will get their words. Students are expected to complete one LSCWC (Look, Say, Cover Write and Check) each night. Spelling tests will take place every Friday.

## **Assemblies**

We will be attending the assemblies on Wednesday's on even weeks. C1 will be performing at the whole school assembly on Wednesday 22 March 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 using one of the methods at the bottom of page 3, 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. All monies come to the office with attendance or students drop it off in a secure box.

## **Air conditioning**

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

## **Parent Questionnaire**

Please fill in the attached 'Student Profile' and return to school as soon as possible.

I look forward to a great year with the C1.

Kind regards

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