

Year 3G Parent Information

February 2016

Please read this information carefully.

Teacher:

Mrs Monica Jessop

I would like to begin by welcoming you to Year 3G!

This information pack outlines the expectations and requirements for your child as they begin Year Three.

CLASSROOM ETHOS* A COMMUNITY OF LEARNERS

Children will be provided with an encouraging and supportive learning environment. Our classroom allows many options for seating and the children are encouraged to move freely to find a comfortable place. This approach may seem a bit random, but the children work better when they feel they have some control over their learning environment. All children will be encouraged to take risks and experiment with new concepts, receive appropriate feedback and positive reinforcement. The children will work as individuals, with a partner, in small groups and in whole class situations. There will be some occasions where we will cross grade for activities.



Technology

The children will be provided with opportunities to make use of the various technology devices in the classroom. We are being in-serviced to enhance our knowledge of all devices. This is an ongoing challenge as changes happen rapidly and keeping ahead of the children can be quite difficult.

Please read the "Responsible Use of Technology Policy" at the back of the diary and discuss it with your child.

It is imperative they understand this agreement covers all devices if they are used in any negative way in the school context. This must be signed by you and your child BY THIS FRIDAY.

Your child will not be permitted to use any devices in the school without this permission.



Timetable

A copy of the timetable for the term is attached.

Please remember to send a little snack for the second lunch time.

WATER bottles are also very important.

Sport: Mrs. Hancock

Indonesian: Mrs (IBU) Forrest

Information Technology: Mr Portolan

Science: Miss Ridgeway

There will be cross-grading for Maths every day.

****Please note, the school day starts at the first bell at 8.40. I expect your child to be in class, ready to start as soon as the bell goes.**

This also means that all parents need to have left the room.

Thank you.

Absentee Notes

If a student is absent from school, a letter stating the reason for this absence is required for school records. This letter needs to be on a separate piece of paper and not included in the diary. Letters must be dated and signed by the parent or guardian.

This is a LEGAL requirement .

We will be chasing up parents who do not provide one.

Please try to keep appointments after school hours.

I will be informing the office of all absences by 9:00am every day.





Medical Issues

Please return medical note to the office ASAP.

It is imperative I have all the up to date information regarding your child, especially allergies or serious health considerations.

I must have a signed permission form in order to administer any medication to your child.

Please ensure your emergency number is kept up to date.

Discipling

We have a '1, 2, 3 Magic' program which has immediate consequences for negative behavior. It is very effective, and is used by every teacher, and includes playground behavior. Diaries may be used to comment on both positive and negative behaviour. Please sign any comments.



HOMEWORK



Homework diaries are essential for effective communication and are the easiest way for us to support each other in the education of your child.

Reading at least twenty minutes EVERY night is essential homework. The best way is to mix up their reading by allowing them to read alone sometimes as well as reading aloud to you.

Please note the book title and pages read in the relevant page in the diary. Please sign the diary every night.

It will be checked daily.

If the diary is not signed, it is assumed that the parent has not seen it.

A homework grid will be sent home on Mondays and needs to be completed over **two weeks**. Please sign in each activity once it has been done.

Maths sheets, spelling tasks or work not completed during class time may also be sent home for completion. A homework book will be provided. It can be used to record everything your child does during the fortnight.

Interviews and Reports

Parent Interviews will take place during Week 8-10 Term1. This will be time for an interim picture of your child's progress to date. We will have a timetable of available times on the classroom door for you to choose a time to suit. Please feel free to make an appointment with us at an earlier time if you wish to discuss something personal before then.

Formal written reports will be sent in Term 2 and 4.



*****Please be aware that it is not appropriate for a 'quick chat' before the siren, as my attention needs to be on all the children and the settling in of the class. You are welcome to make an appointment to discuss your child's progress with me at a time convenient to us both.**

STAR OF THE WEEK/SCOOP

This is an oral language program where your child will be required to prepare a short presentation at intervals over the year. You will have written guidelines and a week's notice to prepare.



Difficulties/problems/concerns

Please see me, or write a note in the diary as soon as they arise. Minor issues can be dealt with after school, for longer discussions please make an appointment.

I am looking forward to a great year
Thank you for your cooperation on these issues
Mrs Monica Jessop

