INFORMATION FOR YOUR CHILD’S FIRST MONTH IN FOUNDATION

Books and Supplies
Officemax should be delivering books and supplies direct to you over the holiday. It is not necessary to name any items as these are all shared supplies.

First Day Information
Thursday 2nd February, 9am to 1:30pm

Drop Off Time - To assist in a calm start to the day we have a ‘before the bell’ drop off time. On the first day the classroom will be open at 8.50 am. Children can be dropped off between 8.50 am and 9.00 am and each child will put on their name badge. Parents are invited to stay a short while if they wish. After a few minutes the teachers will suggest it is in the children’s best interests for parents to leave. Please say a quick goodbye and let your child know you will be picking him/her up later. The calmer you are when leaving, the happier you both will be. Parents are then welcome to drop into the staffroom for a friendly cup of tea and a chance to talk with other parents.

The Before School Care children will be brought into the classroom by the Camp Australia staff.

Foundation Interviews on Wednesdays – This will be an informal and friendly baseline assessment. Please choose a date and time that suits you and your child, from the timetable on the board outside the Foundation area. You will need to leave your child at the classroom to complete the interview with the teacher for the first half hour. When you return to pick them up, there will be a short time available for you and the teacher to talk before you take your child home.

First Day Packing Checklist
Please provide your child with a named school bag (a keychain or toy attached can help your child to find their own bag).

Please pack the bag with:
- Fresh fruit/vegetable snack for fruit time
- Recess snack
- Lunch (‘Nude food’ if possible – the fewer wrappers the better!)
- Named drink bottle – filled with water please
- Clearly named broad-brimmed or legionnaires school hat. Hats are compulsory for all outside activities in Term 1 and Term 4 (and whenever the UV index is above 3)
- Named Reader bag from your box of school supplies.
- Change of clothes, including underwear and socks (if you think it might be necessary)
- Medications - Please hand in to the school office. It is a legal requirement that a parental permission slip and dosage description be provided for all medications administered at school.

If it is possible for you to bring your school order/supplies on the first day, we appreciate it in the packing box or a separate bag for storage. If your child is carrying the supplies by themselves or with a sibling please consider sending a few at a time. Essential items for the first few days are: pencils, scissors, clag, two scrap books and the mini space scrap book.

Other books (scrap, handwriting) and items such as markers, tissues, tape or copy paper, should be sent during the rest of the week. We will store these and distribute them to your child as they are needed.

Please ensure all personal belongings are labelled. It’s amazing what they lose! 😊
Pick up/ Going Home -

Pick up time is 1.30pm on the first day only (Thursday) and then 3.30pm except for the last day of Term.

At pick up time the teachers will dismiss children from the end corridor door (for rooms 11 and 12). The corridor becomes very busy at this time so we appreciate your patience by waiting outside. Your child’s safety is our first priority.

If you know that you are going to be late, please phone ahead of time so we can tell your child and avoid unnecessary distress. A few minutes seems like a long time to a child! Also if you are unable to collect your child, please ensure the teacher knows who is picking them up and that your child knows who to look for. Teachers will wait with your child, or on staff meeting days children wait at the office, until someone known comes to pick them up.

Children booked into After School Care will be taken from the classroom by teaching staff after all the other children are collected.

Your child will bring home a timetable informing you of the Specialist Class Day (Art, Performing Arts, Physical Education.) Notices are placed outside the Foundation area to remind parents and children of changes.

**Beginning Friday 3rd February children will attend from 9.00 am until 3.30pm each day, except for WEDNESDAYS IN FEBRUARY where there will be no attendance except for the scheduled interview time.**

Between 8.50am and 9.00am children may be brought into the classroom for them to independently commence their Start of Day process. A copy of the process will be distributed early in the term so that you can discuss it with your child at home.

**Extra Items**

Teachers will organise take home readers as soon as possible, as we realise the children are excited to be reading books from school. Reader bags will be sent home daily as they will contain word lists, take home books and other information. To support our CAFE reading programme, we ask that you ensure this red reader bag be **sent to school daily**. Newsletters and information are also available online at our school website – please use the Subscribe to Newsletter button if you don’t already receive newsletters.


**Parents and Friends Association**

Dates to be aware of: **Tea and Tissues** (Staffroom) 2nd February 9am & **Family Fun Night** (Gym) 10th February

Have a great summer and we will see you in February!

Thank You

Mr Luke Aldred, Miss Hargreaves and Miss Peacock