

30 January 2019

Dear Parents

KW - Kindergarten Introductory Letter

Welcome to KW! My name is Mrs Richelle Watkins and I will be teaching your child this year. Kindergarten is such an exciting year. I am looking forward to meeting you and getting to know you and your family throughout the term.

Our Junior School Parent Information Evening will be held on **Tuesday 5 February**. On this night, each teacher will share insights and information about the year to come. Until such time, here is some helpful information for you:

- **Sports uniform** is to be worn every **Thursday and Friday**. PE is with Mrs de Wit on Thursdays and Sport will be with the Infants teachers on Fridays. PE and Sport will begin in Week 1.
- **Computers** will be on **Wednesday at 10.50am**. The new Junior School Computer Lab is located in B Block Room B1 (next to After School Care which is now located in B2). This year we will also have a small set of iPads in the classroom for use in Literacy and Numeracy. Please send in a pair of labelled **headphones/earphones/earbuds** for use with computers and iPads.
- **Art** is on **Tuesday at 10.45am** with Mrs Morton. We have class sets of art shirts so there is no need to provide one. Art will begin in Week 2. The new Junior School Art Room is in C Block Room C03.
- **Library** is on **Monday** with Mrs Watson. The children will need to bring a labelled library bag on this day. Library borrowing will begin in Week 2. The Junior School Library is in K Block, above Café Covie.
- **Music** is on **Thursday** with Mrs Kohlhoff. Nothing is required at this stage for this class. Music will begin in Week 1. The Junior School Music Room is in C Block Room C05.
- **Canteen** is open daily for Junior School children to order lunches. Parents order online via Munch Monitor. Please see the School website for instructions on how to use Munch Monitor.
- Please make sure that in your child's bag is a **hat, change of underwear and socks** in case of accidents, and a **raincoat**.
- Please label all clothes and items clearly with your child's first and last name.
- Please send in a **box of tissues** for the classroom – we tend to use a lot in Kindergarten, especially in winter! Thank you.

Kindergarten will attend school on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday of the first week. Then for the next three weeks, they will have a Kindy Rest Day on Wednesday 6, 13 and 20 February. Kindergarten will attend five full days of school from Week 5 (Monday 25 February).

Your child will have a News Day each week where they will be encouraged to share something of interest with the class. For Term 1, children may like to bring something in to show and talk about, e.g. a book, a toy, a photo, something found on a holiday, etc. We will begin News in Week 2. If your child has News on Wednesday, they may share their news on any other day for the three weeks of Kindy Rest Day.

Your child's News Day is _____.

Parent assistance is highly valued and appreciated in Kindergarten. Following is a list of areas and times which you may like to consider when offering help with Kindergarten. If you would like to volunteer, please complete the form attached.

Sharpening Pencils

This needs to be done twice a week and can be done at any time during the week (but preferably not on consecutive days).

Cleaning Desks

Cleaning the children's desks may be done before or after school. This is a great job for a parent with a small child as it is often difficult to help in the classroom during school time.

Reading

Later in the year, there will be opportunities for parents to be involved in assisting with children's one to one reading as part of our Literacy program.

At Home Help

If you are unable to help in the classroom but would still like to assist in some way, there are jobs such as cutting, laminating and craft preparation that may be done at home in your own time.

Any assistance given in the classroom may be included in the Parent Involvement Program (PIP) for a fee reduction. Please see the school website for details. Other opportunities to assist will arise during the year in events such as Infants Sports Fun Day, Swimming Lessons and the Library Book Fair etc. Please note a Volunteers Working with Children Check number and a Volunteers Code of Conduct form must be obtained and supplied to the School Office for parents to assist in our school.

Thank you for your help and support. I am always happy to speak to you about your child's progress or other areas of school life, although I would encourage you to make an appointment. I am available most mornings from 8.25am and every afternoon except Mondays.

Please pray for us as a class, that God will bless us with a fruitful year and that we will keep our focus on Jesus Christ.

Yours in the service of Christian education

Mrs R Watkins
KW Teacher

Mrs J Dykstra
Infants Coordinator

Mr W Morton
Deputy Principal, Junior School

Please complete the form below and return it as soon as possible to Mrs Watkins.

I would be able to help in the following areas (please tick):

Sharpening pencils

- Monday
- Tuesday
- Wednesday
- Thursday
- Friday

Cleaning tables

- Monday
- Tuesday
- Wednesday
- Thursday
- Friday

At home help

I have completed a **Working with Children Check** and a Volunteers Code of Conduct form and returned the forms to the School Office.

Parent's Name: _____

Child's Name: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Signed: _____ Date: _____