

Junior School Newsletter

Term 1 2020

Welcome to the Junior School

We would like to extend a warm welcome to our new Foundation families, and a number of new Grade One and Two students and their families, who have joined our Streeton Primary School community this year.

Our Junior School teaching team this year consists of; Linda Lieschke (FL), Mandy Ferris (F/1F), Madison Christo (1/2C) and Brittany Muir (1/2M). Mrs Muir will be taking family leave towards the end of Term 2.

We are very enthusiastic about the year ahead! A new school year is always an exciting time, filled with new experiences, learning and growth. We are all very excited to be working with the students to develop their learning skills and strategies, in a safe and welcoming environment.

We are in our fifth week of school and we are very proud of how well all of the students have settled into their new classes and the routine of school. During this time we have been getting to know the students in our class, setting up our class expectations and building our classroom culture. Students have also been getting to know each other and establishing new friendships.

We would like to thank you for your efforts in ensuring a great start to the school year and are looking forward to a great school year.

REMINDERS



Morning Routine

Please encourage your child to place their bag at our line up area when arriving at school, this is our morning drop off zone for parents and students. The outside line up area is the place for all parents to kiss and say goodbye to their child in the morning. Class teachers meet their classes at the line each morning and lead their grades to their classrooms.

Whilst we can appreciate that the mornings can be a little hectic, it is extremely important that students arrive on time, as the scene is often set during the first 15 minutes of the day and children can become quite anxious if they miss out on this information or need to enter a full classroom.

If you arrive after 9:00am, please remember to sign your child in at the office, as they require a late pass. Likewise, if you need to pick your child up earlier than 3:30 you will need to sign your child out at the office. If your child is absent from school for whatever reason, we require you to log this absence on Compass.

*Please note that the school grounds are supervised between 8:45am-9:00am and 3:30pm-3:45pm.

Communication

Home/school communication is hugely important. Compass is our main form of communication at Streeton. Weekly newsletters and most notices will be sent as an alert via Compass. If a notice is sent home it will arrive home in your child's plastic pocket. Please read our weekly school newsletter carefully as there are always important dates and reminders for each year level, as well as Awards that are handed out at Assembly. Our school Assembly is held every Monday morning in the hall.

Remember we are always available to discuss any concerns that you may have about your child. The key to a successful partnership is good communication. Sometimes we are hard to catch, especially in the morning when it is hectic. It is often best to email us via Compass to arrange a time that is mutually convenient to meet and discuss matters in depth. Please do not feel hesitant to contact us, as it is much better to discuss the issue rather than worrying about it or discussing it with others who may not be able to give you an accurate explanation.

Specialist Timetable

Students have begun their specialist programs.

Tuesday – Performing Arts (fortnightly)

Thursday - Mandarin and Art



Library

Our school Library is a very valuable resource in our school and we encourage all children to borrow weekly. The children will need to remember to bring along a library bag so that they can borrow. We will endeavour to attend the library weekly.

Classroom Helpers

We encourage parents to take an active and positive role in assisting in our classrooms. Throughout the year, we will require parent helpers to support many of our programs, including home reading, kitchen, excursions and helping in the classroom. Parents need to have a current 'Working with Children Check' and a copy of this must be provided to the office.

Home Reading

Foundation, Grade 1 and Grade 2 students have been excited to begin our home reading program. Reading should be an enjoyable experience for all family members. Make this a special time when you and your child are not distracted. We ask you to share and help your child to 'read' their book each day and complete the diary entries. Home reading allows students to practise and apply the strategies learnt in class. As well as using the diary as a reading record, there are also many pages within the diary that have useful ways for you to become actively involved in home reading. Please return readers every day, so it can be checked and the books changed when required.

Reading Eggs

All students in the Junior School will be able to access the Reading Eggs program by using a student code and the password provided. Students will use this program during literacy sessions to build their knowledge of sight words, reading strategies and phonics. Please encourage your child to use the program at home as well if they are able to.

Sound Waves

Sound Waves is the whole school spelling program implemented at Streeton.

The link to the song the kids sing daily is <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yM3dMF-Bxuk>

You are able to visit the Soundwaves website and enter your year level login to access this program at home www.soundwaveskids.com.au

Foundation – stay767

Grade One – sheep720

Grade Two – year409

Hats

All children are expected to wear hats at school during terms 1 and Term. They are required to wear their hat whenever they are outside. At Streeton we have a “no hat, no play policy”. Please remember to properly NAME YOUR HATS so that children can easily recognise their own hat. Many students leave their hats at school overnight, so they always have it.

Lost Property

Please ensure all clothing and belongings are labelled clearly and legibly with your child’s full name. Sometimes students have accidentally taken the wrong item home or leave them in the playground, but if it is named, it can be returned. The lost property box is located outside the Sick Bay.

Water Bottles

Children are encouraged to bring a water bottle to school. If your child is bringing a water bottle to school please ensure it contains only water. Please ensure that all water bottles are named.

Fruit Snack

Children are encouraged to bring a fruit/vegetable snack to munch and crunch at fruit snack time. Fruit and vegetables are an excellent source of fuel for the brain. **It is ideal to have their fruit snack in a separate container so it can be easily accessed**, as well as minimising the temptation to eat other goodies from their lunch box.

Lunch Orders

Our school canteen is open Wednesday and Friday at Recess and Lunch. Orders can be done online via the QKR app, or you can write the order on a lunch order bag, which is then placed in the lunch order tub in the classroom. If your child does have a lunch order, please provide snacks at recess.

Supplies

We ask that families provide one or two boxes of tissues to your child’s classroom if you have not already done so.

With thanks,

The Junior School Team, Linda, Brittany, Maddie and Mandy.

