



12th February 2014



Dear Parents / Carers,

Kindergarten has had a settled and positive start to the year. This is largely due to our successful Transition Program in 2013. We are learning routines and finding our way around our school. Thank you to all parents for making arrangements for their child to attend Best Start assessments. We appreciate your cooperation.

Children in Kindergarten are provided with all books and pencils. Last week all kindergarten children were provided with a school hat. However they will need to bring an old large shirt or t-shirt suitable to be used for painting activities. Please ensure that this and all other clothing are labelled with their name. We also ask for a box of tissues from each child for the classroom.

This year we will continue implementing the L3 literacy program in Kindergarten along with a number of other Armidale schools. "Language, Learning and Literacy" maintains all of our strong literacy strategies based on the English Curriculum but children work in small groups with the teacher in Guided Reading and Guided Writing. The remainder of the class develop independent work habits while moving between appropriate literacy activities.

In Term 1 we will be also looking at Literacy and HSIE units on coming to school and a Science unit based on the seasons.

A homework book and home reader will be sent home starting from week 6. A further note will be sent home explaining how this will work.

The children will participate in fruit stop every day. They will need to bring a piece of fruit that is peeled, cut up and ready to eat.

Our class will visit the Library each Wednesday at 2.30 pm. The P&C has provided a new Uralla Central Library bag for each Kindergarten child. Borrowing has commenced with one book per child at this stage of the year. Each month pamphlets from Scholastic Book Club are sent home. If you wish to order any books, simply enclose the money and order in an envelope and return it to me or to the Library.

If you would like your child to order from our school canteen, please write the order on a paper bag and include money. These orders are taken to the canteen before school and are collected at lunch time in a basket. The canteen is currently open on Thursdays and Fridays. (See canteen note for food and prices).

Our K-6 assemblies will commence this week. Assemblies are held every second Friday in the school hall from 11.40am. All parents and carers are most welcome. A note will be sent home if our class is performing or if your child is receiving a reward.

An information night will be held on Tuesday 18th February. If you need to discuss any issues regarding your child please see me before school or make an appointment. Please feel free to speak to me on any matter. I am looking forward to meeting all parents and carers.

Yours sincerely

Jenny Richards
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