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Public School

Term 1 Week 2: 6 February 2019



WELCOME BBQ

Thank you to all of the families that came along last night to our welcome BBQ! It was a lovely opportunity to meet families and for families to meet other families. Thank you to the P&C and Leonie for your support with this event. Thank you to the staff for their time and effort.

Dates For Your Diary

FRI	8 Feb	Swimming Carnival (students turning 8 and Yrs 3, 4, 5 and 6)
MON	11 Feb	Captain and Prefect Induction Assembly 2.15pm

Kindergarten Best Start - in class time next week. Miss Megan Haywood will be on KW next Tuesday and Wednesday while Mr Whitfield conducts the assessments. Miss Haywood will be on KM next Thursday and Friday while Miss Morrison conducts her class assessments. A full calendar for the term will be in next fortnight's newsletter.

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

What a wonderful start to the year! Welcome to all of our new families particularly those in Kindergarten. I am most impressed with all of the student's behaviour, attitudes to learning and uniforms. All students have settled nicely into their new classes and have already made new friendships and connections. I know that the year ahead is going to be fantastic for everyone.

For those families that missed last week's welcome newsletter, it gives me great pleasure to step into the role of Principal at such a wonderful school held in such high esteem throughout the Newcastle region. I am looking forward to working closely with staff, students and parents in building on the strong traditions of the school while strengthening its capacity to deliver exciting and relevant curriculum to support our students in becoming successful 21st Century citizens.

The teachers place a great deal of care and consideration into preparing the new class structure of the school while utilising the Department of Education guidelines. The number of teachers we are entitled to employ is determined by a formula based on our enrolments in each grade. The class structure for 2019 is on page 2.

SCHOOL ATTENDANCE

Thank you to parents that continually strive to get their children to school on time. Getting to school before the bell is important for students as it enables them to socialise and develop positive friendships. The first 30 minutes in class is vital for each student to enable them to understand their daily tasks, share experiences and feel a sense of belonging to their class. Students who arrive late may find developing friendships difficult and can become anxious when they miss the main instruction and organisation part of the day. Our mornings are dedicated to uninterrupted Literacy and Numeracy lessons, in each class. Students who arrive at school after the bell need to go to the front office to get a late note for their teacher. Please make sure that if your child misses school for any length of time, their return must be accompanied by written explanation unless you have notified the school of the reason prior via phone, email or Skoolbag.

CLASSROOM INFORMATION

Term letters are on their way out from the classroom teachers outlining the learning for Term 1 and also any equipment that the students will need. Thank you to the families that have purchased a book pack. If not they are still available from the front office or the list of necessary equipment will be on your class letter. Attached to this newsletter is further information regarding school life here at Stockton Public School.

SCHOOL STAFF 2019

Preschool	Mrs Jenny Miller
KM (Kindergarten)	Ms Val Morrison
KW (Kindergarten)	Mr Dene Whitfield
1/2S (Year 1 and Year 2)	Mrs Alexis Scott (Assistant Principal)
1/2A (Year 1 and Year 2)	Miss Amy Hadwell
1/2HD (Year 1 and Year 2)	Mrs Christine Hayes (Monday and Tuesday) and Mrs Kristyn Drewe (Wednesday, Thursday and Friday)
3/4T (Year 3 and Year 4)	Mrs Jude Thomas (Assistant Principal)
3/4P (Year 3 and Year 4)	Mrs Catherine Pearce
4/5R (Year 4 and Year 5)	Mrs Stacey Redman
5/6S (Year 5 and Year 6)	Mrs Pauline Smith (Assistant Principal) – Miss Terri McLennan Weeks 1-4 while Mrs Smith is on leave
5/6K (Year 5 and Year 6)	Mr Sean Kelleher
Library	Mrs Nell Jones (Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday)
RFF	Miss Sam Shultz
Learning and Support	Mrs Michelle Ovenstone
School Administration Manager	Mrs Suzanne Golsby
School Assistant Officers	Mrs Leanne Sewell and Mrs Jill Bell
School Learning and Support Officers	Mrs Marilyn Billet (preschool) and Mrs Kerrie Luxford
General Assistants	Mr Andrew Heath
School Counsellor	Mary-Jane Britten (Mondays only)

VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTIONS

Voluntary contributions will be invoiced shortly and can be paid at the office 8.30am to 2.50pm or online through our website. Please have them paid by 31st March. If you are experiencing financial difficulties, please see our office staff to arrange a payment plan.

SCRIPTURE AND ETHICS

Scripture and Ethics will commence next Wednesday 13th February. All kindergarten students will have filled in a note choosing Scripture, Ethics or neither. All other students will continue with the same arrangements as last year unless a parent has requested otherwise in writing.

ASSEMBLY

Assembly will be on the same time as last year – fortnightly starting week 4(18th February) at 2:15pm Monday afternoon in the hall.

SKOOLBAG

Please remember to download Stockton Public School Skoolbag app so that you are receiving information, updates, newsletters, changes to events, absence notifications, invitations and alerts.

CANTEEN ROSTER

TERM 1 WEEK 3

Monday 11 February

H Dunn, K Junhuathone

Tuesday 12 February

E Roberts, M Mackay

Wednesday 13 February

T Battye, M McConnell

Thursday 14 February

R Really, S O'Sullivan

Friday 15 February

K Bollinger, R Chapman, E Gaham

TERM 1 WEEK 4

Monday 18 February

L Lambert, K Jones

Tuesday 19 February

S O'Callaghan

Wednesday 20 February

K Rice, L Wagner

Thursday 21 February

R Cummings, M Marriott

Friday 22 February

M Davis, R Paton, R Johnson

ESAFETY FOR STOCKTON PUBLIC SCHOOL STUDENTS

Yesterday, students in Years 4 to 6 participated in an interactive presentation by the Office of the eSafety Commissioner for Safer Internet Day. The session was designed to empower students to draw on key strengths to help combat serious online issues such as cyberbullying and misinformation. At the end of the session, students made a pledge to use their personal strengths to create a better internet not only today, but every day.