4B Class Information – Kirwan State School

Class location – C Block

Teacher’s Names –  Mrs Kimberley Petersen (Monday, Tuesday, every 2nd Wednesday)
Mrs Sarah Dugdell (Thursday, Friday, every 2nd Wednesday)

Communication with the teachers

Parent/teacher meetings will be conducted following Terms 1 and 3 and formal report cards will be issued following Terms 2 and 4.

Please do not hesitate to contact us should your child be experiencing any difficulty at school.

We are available in the classroom from 8:30 before school or can arrange an appointment time if a longer conversation is needed. We are contactable via the school office and you may also request contact via email.

SWPBS

Kirwan State School uses the School Wide Positive Behaviour Support system which focuses on encouraging positive behaviour. The 3 clear expectations within the school are to be Safe, Respectful and Responsible at all times. Students are encouraged outside of the classroom through the ‘Gotcha’ reward system and receive classroom stickers and rewards as well as Student of the Week awards within the classroom environment.

4B has a high expectation of student behaviour. Students are expected to follow the class and school rules at all times, including before and after school. Clear consequences are implemented for negative behaviour.

Absences

Should your child be absent from school, you will need to contact the school office or send a note to school with your child the next day. These processes allow for effective roll marking and record keeping of absences.

Curriculum Overview

In 2013 Kirwan State School is utilising the C2C curriculum units based on the Australian Curriculum. The subject areas covered are: English, Mathematics, Science and History. Other subjects covered in Year 4 include: Technology, The Arts, Social Sciences, Music and Physical Education.
Homework

Homework is a requirement of Education Queensland. Homework in 4B is handed out on Monday and is due back on Friday.

Homework activities consist of a range of literacy and numeracy activities. Spelling lists are provided to all students and words should be practised each night. Words are taken from the LEM Phonics program that is used throughout the school. Some students may be using a modified version of this list.

Students are also encouraged to spend at least 15 minutes a night reading. This may be a library book, book from home, the newspaper, a magazine or any kind of text the student enjoys reading. If possible, it would be great if a family member could listen to your child read and discuss what they have read.

Specialist Lessons and Parade

- Year 4-7 Senior Parade is held on Monday afternoons at 2pm
- PE (Mrs Emma Talbot) - Tuesday at 8:50am
- Music (Mrs Sharon Ransom) – Friday at 9:20am
- Religion – Tuesday at 12:00pm

Excursions

Class excursions may occur throughout the year. During Term 1, Year 4 will be going to the museum as a part of the History unit.

Parent helpers are welcomed for class excursions.

We look forward to having a fantastic year working with you and your children. Please encourage your children to discuss the great things that they are learning about throughout the year.

Kind regards,

Sarah Dugdell and Kimberley Petersen