4D/5E Class Information – Kirwan State School

Location: Mod 7

Teacher's Name: Mr Ron Vetter

Classroom organisation:

Students who arrive at school before 8.30 a.m. wait in the covered areas near the Administration block. 4D/5E students, when released from this area move straight to the classroom, enter and prepare for the commencement of lessons at 8.50am. This gives the students twenty minutes where they have the opportunity to seek help with homework, complete unfinished work or read silently.

There are seventeen Year 4s and nine Year 5s in the composite class. The two groups are seated separately and the content of both the Year 4 and Year 5 curriculum is being covered. I have been teaching composite classes at this and other schools for many years and enjoy the challenge. I would be happy to discuss any concerns parents may have.

Communication with the teacher

Parent interviews will be held in the first two weeks after the Easter break and at the conclusion of Term 3. Written reports are at the conclusion of Terms 2 and 4.

If you wish to speak to the teacher on an individual basis outside these times, it would be appreciated if an appointment is organised. For urgent situations, you can contact us through the school and we will also contact parents via phone.

State schools are committed to providing quality learning opportunities that enable all students to achieve within a safe, supportive and disciplined environment. All members of the school community are to abide by the Code of School Behaviour in accordance with set standards.

Classroom Expectations
Very high expectations are set for 4D/5E in terms of behaviour. The class as a whole have discussed the need for rules and jointly we have drawn up a contract agreeing "to do our best to always be safe, respectful and responsible". The following rules are displayed in the room and constant reminders are given.

Classroom Rules
1. Respect others and their property.
2. Be responsible for your own belongings.
3. Listen carefully and follow directions.
4. Work quietly without disturbing others.
5. Work hard and play safely.

At Kirwan State Primary School we 'Strive to Excel' by being Safe, Respectful and Responsible learners.
Homework

A weekly homework sheet is given to the students on Fridays. They are expected to hand this in, completed, by the following Thursday. Homework includes writing out and learning the spelling and number fact list as well as reading for at least 15 minutes a night. Other tasks include written activities to revise recent work done in the key learning areas. A special exercise book is to be used for homework activities.

All students are encouraged to identify a goal they should work towards each term. They have this typed up on their desk. Parents are encouraged to ask their children about their goal and check to see how they are progressing.

Specialist Lessons – times:

Specialist lessons are as follows:

- Library – Wednesday 2.00pm – 2.30pm
- RE (Mrs Dodd) – Tuesday 12.00 – 12.30pm
- PE (Mrs Talbot) – Tuesday 10.20am – 1.50am
- Music (Mrs Ransom) – Friday 10.20am
- Assembly – Monday 2pm

Excursions

During the year there may be opportunities for excursions and guest speakers that relate to our in-class activities. Your child will be encouraged to participate, provided they display appropriate classroom and playground behaviour. A visit to Billabong Sanctuary is scheduled in term one to carry out activities related to their Science Unit on Animal Adaptations. More specific information about dates and costs will be sent home as soon as this is finalised.

We look forward to fostering positive relationships between teachers / students, teachers / parents and parents / students. A positive relationship can only help to assist your child reach his/her full potential.