Prep A  2013

We hope your child is settling into Prep and the new routines. Please read the following information as it will clarify routines and procedures that operate in our class.

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“Children start learning from the moment they are born, and are capable learners when they enter educational settings.”

Early Years Curriculum Guidelines

Prep
Prep students participate in a range of focused learning and teaching activities to develop skills and knowledge that are important for success in school. These include:

- Listening, responding to and giving directions
- Understanding and using language to groups sort, describe objects and to communicate ideas, feeling and needs
- Developing literacy and numeracy through a range of learning contexts
- Becoming independent thinkers and problem solvers
- Learning how to cooperate with others
- Developing motor coordination skills

Organisation:

- Name all belongings, especially lunch boxes, drink bottles, hats, and jumpers.
- ‘No Sunsmart Hat No play’ – children will need to stay under the covered areas during play breaks.
- Notify us and the office of change of address and/or phone numbers.
- Morning supervision in the covered shed area at the tuckshop: 8.00 – 8.30am
- 1st break: 10.50 -11.30  2nd break: 1.30 – 2.00.
- Tuckshop: Name, class, which break, - order on a brown paper bag. Orders to be placed in the classroom basket first thing in the morning.
- First break is our big break.
- Kirness:  Tuesday.
- Year 1-3 Parade and presentation of Student of the Week: Wednesday 2.00pm – Shed or CPA3.
- Physical Education:  Wednesday
- Lunch with Year 7 buddies: Monday.
- Library: Friday 8.50am (Children must have a library bag if they want to borrow a book).
- Music: Wednesday 8.50am (please have your child at school on time)
- Absences: A note or a direct communication with parents is required for Ed. Qld records.
- Illnesses: If your child is too sick to participate in the school program the office will contact you. Any bumps to the head require you to be notified.
**Communication**
We are happy to discuss your child’s progress and any school issues. However, due to time constraints, we require notice and an interview time.

**Student Behaviour**
Care, Respect and Responsibility are qualities that Kirwan recognises and values. This encourages a positive learning environment and responsible learners. Children are rewarded for positive behaviour in various ways such as Our Caring Castle charts, student of the week on parade, caught being good people, stickers, stamps, jobs, gotchas slips and charts, visits to the office and even just a friendly smile. Unacceptable student behaviour may result in time out, exclusion from rewards and excursions and reflection at lunch time.

**Healthy Eating**
We encourage healthy eating and ask that parents supply a variety of healthy choices in your child’s lunchbox. Lunchboxes remain on the bag racks so please use ice bricks to keep your child’s lunch cold.

**Show and Tell**
This is an important part of communicating with their peers and the teacher. Your child has been given a day for Show and Tell.

**Excursions and Incursions**
During the year, there may be opportunities for excursions, incursions and guest speakers that relate to our focused learning and teaching. Some may incur a cost. Your child will be encouraged to participate provided they use appropriate classroom and playground behaviour.

**Donations (please ……..)**
As you can imagine we use a lot of various materials to assist us in our Prep programme. We are in need of:

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