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Welcome to Early Stage 1 (Kindergarten)

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome to 2024! The following year will be wonderful with many exciting opportunities and experiences for all students. We look forward to working with you over the course of the year. Information around important events will be sent home by note, communicated via SeeSaw, Facebook or uploaded to the school website. Please ensure you are on all platforms so that you stay well informed.

Below is some general information to familiarise yourself with.

This year the Early Stage 1 teachers and classes are:

Miss Malukah Davids - KD
Mrs Lauren Cook - KC
Mrs Laila Juffermans - KJ
Ms Marion Kindinger - KK
Miss Shyanila Peiris - KS

Early Stage 1 Supervisor:

Mr Hayden Parkes

Uniform:

Thank you for supporting the school and ensuring that your child attends school each day in full school uniform including school hat. Our school uniform can be purchased from our uniform shop in the school hall on Tuesdays between 8.30-10.00am. Alternatively, you can order uniforms online using the website: www.rejiuniforms.com.au, Password: fruit

We look forward to seeing your child at school every day in full school uniform to maximise their learning and to take part in all school events.

Attendance:

Regular attendance at school is essential for students to achieve quality life outcomes. Schools, in partnership with parents, are responsible for promoting the regular attendance of students. Parents must provide an explanation for absences to the school within 7 days from the first day of any period of absence. When your child is absent you will receive a notification via Sentral from the school. Once you receive the notification of absence you are required to log into the Sentral Parent Portal using your unique code, this allows you to provide an explanation of their absence. If your child arrives at school late, or needs to depart school early, they need to be signed in and out through the front office. Teachers will not release a child from class if a note is not provided by the office.

School Programs

Throughout the year, your child will participate in the programs listed below. It is mandatory for every child to participate in these programs to support their learning. Please ensure the following payments are made to the school office or online through the school website by Friday 29th March. All programs and excursions can be made via instalments or see the office if you would like a payment plan. Your assistance is greatly appreciated in ensuring your child is set up for success.

Reading Eggs \$25.50

Sport program \$22.00

TOTAL \$47.50

To ensure we minimise the financial burden for our families we do not ask for voluntary school contributions.

Homework:

In general, students are not expected to complete formal homework. Homework is not compulsory. As a school, we believe children require the opportunity to participate in extracurricular activities outside the school, engage in social, emotional opportunities at home with family and friends. Kindergarten will receive sight words to practise at home. In Term 2, students will begin a home reading program.

If you wish for your child to engage in learning at home, we have provided a few links for you to access:

<https://www.natgeokids.com/au/>

<https://www.funbrain.com/>

<https://kids.scholastic.com/kids/home/>

<https://www.highlightskids.com/>

<https://www.learninggamesforkids.com/>

<https://readingeggs.com.au/>

<https://www.mathletics.com/au/>

Library:

Your child will attend the library once a week with their buddy class where they will have the opportunity to borrow from the library. Please provide your child with a bag as library books will not be permitted to go home without one.

Communication:

If you would like to discuss anything regarding your child, please phone the office and leave a message for your child's teacher, send in a note or leave a message on Seesaw. Your child's teacher will get in touch upon receiving the message.

We look forward to working in partnership with you and your Early Stage 1 child during the year.

Mr Hayden Parkes
Assistant Principal

Mr Richard Batty
Principal