2nd February 2012

Welcome to 2/3C

Dear Parent / Caregiver

I am Mrs Kylie Challen and I have the pleasure of teaching your child this year. This will be my 8th year of teaching. I have taught every grade level during this time and have a passion for teaching. I am really looking forward to the great year ahead. The first few weeks will see the start of many new things; our weekly spelling, homework contract, “The Human Body” unit and also our novel for the term Roald Dahl’s “The Twits”, as well as many other new and exciting things. I have a love for all things creative, so please send in a paint shirt for your child... they will need it 😊

Items of Importance:
😊 I am available to meet with you EVERY morning to discuss any issues or concerns you may have, or by phone after 4:30pm. I have three children, two are school aged. As we don’t live locally, neither is their school. I MUST leave each afternoon by 3:15pm to be home to pick them up at the bus stop, just like you have to be there for your child too. I hope you can understand and support this by making meetings with me in the AM as needed.
😊 Workbooks will be sent home within the first few weeks. Please cover them with contact and label them clearly. They must be returned whether they are covered or not so your child can work in them daily.
😊 We have computers on Monday, if you would like any further website that are great for your child, let me know.
😊 Our library day is Tuesday, please send your child’s library bag with them on Tuesday each week so they can borrow another book to read at home or at school. Regular borrowing helps your child build a love of reading and respect for the library.
😊 Your child will have structured ‘News’ each week. The children will become familiar with the term ‘Talking and Listening’ for this time. A list of topics for each week will be sent home (keeping it on the fridge is a great reminder). Your child is to prepare a short 1-2 minute speech on the designated topic each week. All weekly marks will contribute to their final assessment mark in the area of Talking and Listening, so these small speeches are important.
😊 Homework is not merely a task to take up time, but it is a consolidation of what is being taught in class. Your child will bring their homework contract home next Monday. There are some tasks that need to be completed each night, and others that your child can put more detail in. Each week your child will also be practicing their timetables. Homereading is a valuable tool for developing oral reading fluency and confidence. Books will be sent home each week, alternatively your child may enjoy reading a chapter book from home.
😊 Each Friday we will have spelling tests as well as short math tests, or speed tests.
😊 Mathematics. This is the only subject where the class will be directly split. The Year 2 students will use the “Go Math” program with the other year two classes. This ensures they are offered the same opportunities as the rest of their year. In Year 3 the students will be split into three academic groups as we have done in the past. This works well as students are working at their level and pace and being extended in their learning.
😊 Sport. We will be doing a fitness group on a Tuesday and Thursday morning. The students do not need to wear their sports uniform, however they may bring their joggers if they wish to change into them. Regular sport is on Friday where full sports uniform is to be worn.
😊 Fruit Break. The students will be provided with a break in the morning session to have a piece of fresh fruit and a drink of water.
😊 Equipment. Please ensure that your child has all the provisions they will need each day. A full list will be sent home separately to this note; however things to remember are lead pencils, coloured pencils, textas, glue sticks, scissors, ruler and an eraser.
😊 We will be starting **reading groups** in Week 3. If you or another family member are available to help please let me know which day suits you by filling in the slip below and returning it to me. Reading groups will start at 9:30am and finish at 10:00am, Monday to Thursday.

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**Reading Group Volunteer**

Volunteer’s Name: ..................................................... Relationship to student: ..............................................................

Student’s Name: ......................................................

Please circle your available/preferred day 9:30am - 10:00am.

Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday

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I believe a successful home and school relationship is built through co-operation and communication. I am looking forward to the partnership we will develop. If you have any concerns please feel free to meet with me.

KYLIE CHALLEN
2/3C Class Teacher

SEAN ANDREWS
Principal