

## 1-3 J NEWSLETTER

### TERM 1 2018

Welcome to a new school year! I would particularly like to welcome Zaria, Freya, Maya, Zeina, Oscar, Mica, Kieren, Gabriel, Emily, Rachel and Kotori to Mitcham Primary School. Our new students have settled into their classroom environment and are enjoying making new friends and exploring new activities and jobs. The transition sessions last year were an excellent experience and helped the new students become familiar with their new school environment. The Grade Three leaders and the Grade Two students are very helpful and caring with the younger students. During the first week, all the Grade One students have been supported to familiarise themselves with the large play areas at our school. This support will continue in a variety of ways during the coming weeks. They have peer mediators and yard duty teachers who will keep a watchful eye out for their well-being.

If you would like to be a **Parent Helper** at the school you will need to have a Working With Children's Card and you will also need to attend one of the Parent Helper's Training Sessions with Kathy Lawson. Kathy will be running sessions after school drop-off and before school pick-up. Please look out for information about this through Konnective and the Mitcham newsletter.

All the Cycle Two students enjoyed watching the **First Great Story** together, in the PAC on the fourth day of term. The volcano erupting is always very popular. I will present more of the Great Stories in the classroom as the term progresses. The older students will be invited to begin projects linked to the stories on topics of their choice and the younger students will be able to extend their understanding with small group presentations.



### CLASS RULES - 1-3J

The students have discussed and decided upon our classroom rules which they can share with you.

- We are kind, respectful, caring, polite, helpful and good to each other.
- We are positive, quiet, and concentrate when we learn and work.
- We handle the materials very carefully and we walk slowly around the building.
- We care for the environment inside and outside the classroom.

### HATS

Remember the UV Index is high to extreme at this time of year, therefore, it is very important that your child wears his/her school hat when coming to school, during both recess and lunch play, during P.E. (when outside) and when going home.

### UNIFORM

Your child should be wearing the correct school uniform every day, unless the Junior School Council have organised a free dress day for fundraising purposes. This includes black, polishable school shoes. Runners can be brought to school for use during play times and for P.E.

## HOW TO HELP YOUR CHILD

- Ensure your child has **early nights** and that her/his belongings are ready for the next morning.
- Make preparations to enable your child to get ready for school promoting **independence**.
- Support your child's **punctuality** by making sure they arrive at school on time, between 8.30 am and 8.45 am. **If your child is late you must complete a late pass at the Office and then accompany your child to their classroom.**
- Ensure your child has a **healthy lunch** and a **water bottle**.
- Listen to your child **read every day** and read or tell bedtime stories each night.
- When talking to your child about their day, ask what he/she really enjoyed. Focus on the **positive experiences**. Reassure them that there is a solution to any problem. i.e. "Go and speak to Judith" ☺
- Please ensure that you have joined **Class Dojo** where I can send you messages and important information. If you need any assistance with this, please let me know as soon as possible. Both parents can sign up with the same invitation code, however you will have separate accounts.
- If you would like to **talk** to me about your child's **settling-in experience**, please contact the office and leave me a message. I will be able to call you for a telephone conference or if required, I can organise a time to meet with you. The office phone number is 9873 1551.

## IF YOUR CHILD IS GOING TO BE AWAY FROM SCHOOL

- It is now a **legal requirement** that you inform me **in writing** of any absence. You can use **ClassDojo** or an **Absence Note** located in your child's diary, for your convenience.
- You must inform me of a future absence, as well as, any early dismissals (Eg. Appointments, holidays).
- Your child needs to attend school **every day**, for the whole day; unless they are ill or they have a medical appointment. Please do not keep children home to celebrate birthdays.

## IMPORTANT DATES

- Parent Information Night - Monday 19<sup>th</sup> February
- Refresher Parent Helper's Session – Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> February, 8:50am & 3:00pm
- 3-6 House Athletics Carnival - Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> March
- Labour Day - Monday 12<sup>th</sup> March
- Pupil Free Day – Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> March
- Harmony Day Celebration –to be advised
- Student, Parent, Teacher 3 Way Conferences - To be advised [*Children will present their Individual Learning Plans*]
- Last Day Term 1 – Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> March, 2:30 dismissal.

## SPECIALIST TIMETABLE FOR 1 - 3 J

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
9:54 Music 2:25 Assembly	2:15 Indonesian		8:45 PE 9:45 Art	8:45 Library 9:45 3/4 Sport 2:15 Senior Lab

- *This timetable will change when the foundation students commence their full day programme and once again in planning week (second last week of term).*

I am looking forward to a wonderful and happy year!

Judith Ryall.