

## 1-3 M NEWSLETTER

### TERM 1 2018



Welcome to a new school year! I would particularly like to welcome Aerin, Alice, Dexter, Elise, Ella, Ethan, Isabella, Isla, Neha, Rowan and Sihr to Mitcham Primary School. Our new students have settled well into their new 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 and the Grade Two students are very helpful and caring with the younger students. During the first week, all the new 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 check 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 P.A.C. 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 - 1-3M

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 and considerate of others when we learn and work.
- We handle the materials 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 shoes, which are to be black, polishable school shoes. Runners can be brought to school for use during play times and for P.E. Please make sure **every item is labelled** clearly with your child's name.

## HOW TO HELP YOUR CHILD

- Ensure your child has **early nights**.
- Support them so that they have their belongings (especially a **hat**) each day.
- 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
- Taking your child to the office for a Late Pass if you are late.
- 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 Marina," or "Let's go together and speak to Marina." ☺
- 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. Messages that you send to me are confidential and cannot be seen by other parents. I am able to send both private and group messages.
- 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

- If your child is going to be absent, please contact me on Class Dojo.
- It is a **legal requirement** that you inform me **in writing** of any absence. You can use an **Absence Note** located in your child's diary, explaining why your child is absent.
- You must use an **Absence Note** to inform me of a future absence, as well as, any early dismissals (e.g. 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
- Parent Helper's Session- Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> February 2:45pm, or Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> February 8:50am
- Grades 3-6 House Athletics Carnival - Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> March
- Pupil Free Day – Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> March
- Labour Day public holiday- Monday 12<sup>th</sup> March
- Harmony Day Celebration –Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> March
- Student, Parent, Teacher 3-Way Conferences - To be advised [*Children will present their Individual Learning Plans*]
- Last day of term one - **Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> March early dismissal at 2.30**

## SPECIALIST TIMETABLE FOR 1 - 3 M

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
12:15 Indonesian 2:25 Assembly	2:20 Library	2:20 Senior Lab	8:45 Art 9:45 PE	8:45 Music 9:45 3/4 Sport

*This timetable will change in the first week of March and once again in planning week (second last week of term).*

I am looking forward to a wonderful and happy year!

Marina Rich.