



Mitcham
Primary School
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2019 Term One

Welcome to term 1, 2019!

It has been lovely to see everyone's smiling faces in the mornings. The new children have been busy familiarizing themselves with the room and each other, with many diving straight into their work for the year!

We look forward to getting to know the new students better as the term goes on.

Dates to remember:

Tuesday 12th Feb

Parent Information Evening
6.00 p.m. Cycle 2
6.30 p.m. PAC Cycle 2/3
6.50 p.m. Cycle 3 Room 18

Monday 18th-Fri 22nd Feb

Canberra Camp Yr. 5/6

Tuesday 19th Feb. 2:30pm

Thursday 21st Feb. 8:50 am

Parent Helper Training

Tuesday 26th Feb. 3:00 pm

Parent refresher session

Wednesday 27th Feb.

Cyber safety parent information evening

Wednesday 6th March

3-6 Athletics

Monday 11th March

Labour Day

Tuesday 12th March

Curriculum Day

Thursday 21st March

Harmony Day

Tuesday 26th March

P-6 cross country

Tuesday 2nd April

3-way conferences

PUNCTUALITY

Please arrange for you child to arrive at school on time. Late comers miss valuable information and can also disrupt work in progress.

Students are to arrive on time, organised and prepared at the start of each day by 8.45 a.m. Please remember that no student should be unsupervised at school prior to 8:30am or after 3:30pm.

HOMEWORK—TERM 1

Book report: Children are asked to read a book of their choice, complete and present a book report.

Handwriting: Children will be completing pages in their formal handwriting book weekly.

At times, children may be asked to complete some classroom tasks.

\$\$ SCHOOL BANKING \$\$

School banking is conducted on a Wednesday morning. If you would like to organise a 'Dollarmites' account for your child, please contact the office.

SHARING OF FOOD:

There are some students in the classroom and in the school community who have intolerances and allergies to certain foods. For safety reasons, the school policy states that the students are not to share their food with other students.

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Maths: Students have commenced a range of mental maths concepts and there is a focus on fractions, decimals and numeracy skills in the four operations. The children will use a variety of learning styles, including the Montessori equipment, computer-based programs and 'Math Lab'. Individual and small group presentations will be given as the basis for learning.

Literacy: The children have completed the Single Word Spelling Test, and they have commenced weekly spelling practice. They have been introduced to weekly spelling workshops using Montessori concepts and the Smart Spelling approach. These groups are organised according to ability, and provide a great opportunity to have fun with words and improve spelling ability.

Culture: A priority for the Year 5/6 students for the first three weeks has been to complete a unit on Australian Government, including the structure of Local, State and Federal. This goal has been set in preparation for the upcoming Canberra camp. Year 4's are focusing on a unit of work on Australian Geography.

CLASS RULES

We have, as a community discussed the kind of learning environment we would like to create in Cycle 3. As such, we have agreed on a set of class rules based on the values of grace, courtesy and respect that are displayed in our classrooms.

UNIFORMS

School uniform is compulsory for all students. This includes black school shoes or black runners are both acceptable. If wearing leather shoes, please remember to bring runners to change into on PE days.

PARENT-HELPER TRAINING

If you are interested in helping in the classroom, school and on excursions this year, you need to have completed the parent-helper training with Kathy Lawson. Kathy will run the refresher courses, as well as courses for new parents helpers. You must also have a current Working with Children Check.

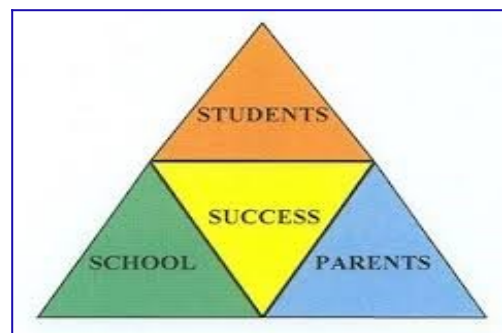
Please see the times and dates for the parent training in the section 'Dates to Remember'.

COMMUNICATION

If you have any queries at all, feel free to contact me through a hand written note or a note in the diary. Throughout the year, I will communicate with parents through notes, phone calls, emails, children's diaries, report cards and parent-teacher conferences. I encourage you to contact me, if you have any questions or concerns at any time and I will be happy to arrange a time for us to discuss any issues.

PARENT INFORMATION NIGHT

I have already had the great opportunity to meet some parents this year. I look forward to seeing you all at the Information Evening **on February 12th**. This is a great opportunity to meet the teachers and other parents of Cycle 3. The parent – teacher – child relationship is necessary to assist in your child's overall development and maximise school success.



THREE WAY CONFERENCE

Three way conferences are attended by the teacher, student and parent/s. and will be held **Tuesday, 2nd April**. Interview times will be booked using an online booking system. The system has a 'first in best dressed' approach, so book early. During this meeting you will have the opportunity to let me know any important information about your child. On this day, students attend school for the interview time only.



DRINK BOTTLES

A pop top bottle (no screw tops please) is a necessity in the warmer weather.

Students are encouraged to leave the drink bottle on their tables during work time.

**We look forward to catching up with you and working with your child in 2019!
Laura and Marianne**

