

“First Week” Parent Bulletin- Jan 30th, 2020

This bulletin provides an overview of important school information for all families. These points will be elaborated on over the coming weeks in our weekly Wednesday school newsletter.

Principal's Welcome

It is my great pleasure to congratulate all staff, students and parents on an excellent start to the school year. Our Book Pack day was a great success on Tuesday and we thank parents for embracing this process. It certainly makes the start of the school year much smoother when students have all supplies and are ready to learn.

While we are very pleased to welcome back all Year 1- 6 students and their families we are especially pleased to welcome our new Foundation students and their families to our school. I also extend a warm welcome to new families and students who have transferred in across a range of year levels.

I know you will join me in welcoming **new** staff to our school community. Sally Coburn joins our Gumnut neighbourhood and will be teaching our Grade 1/2 students in Room 5. Matthew Giles has joined the Grevillea neighbourhood and will be teaching our Grade 3/4 students in Room 13. In our specialist team, Sha Tong has joined us to teach Chinese across the school. As always we are very appreciative of the work that our Education Support staff undertake within our school. We welcome Euan Suarez who will be supporting students in the Gumnut Neighbourhood.

We are indeed fortunate to have a very talented and highly skilled staff team who have high expectations for all students in our school. **All staff will be formally introduced to our community at our first whole school community assembly on FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 7.**

Both Curriculum and Wellbeing initiatives will continue to have a strong focus for our school in 2020. Our Strategic Plan 2019-2022 will be in its second year of implementation. The following goals will be prioritised for 2020:

- To achieve high learning growth for all student in Literacy and Numeracy.
- To develop highly engaged and motivated students as partners in their learning.

A continued focus on Literacy and Mathematics will see a number of exciting partnerships being developed over the duration of 2020. We will continue to be part of the pilot program in teaching Minecraft with two more teachers being trained to deliver the program. We shall also be partnering with Winter's Flat Primary School and the Maths Association of Victoria to strengthen our teaching of Mathematics.

Developing a positive school community will continue to be prominent in our thinking and daily work - our Wellbeing team has many ideas to foster a greater connection for our parent community to our school, so please watch this space when it comes to Wellbeing @ KFPS.

Attendance will be a strong focus this year with our 'Every Minute Matters' campaign. Students who have a **high record of attendance are in an excellent position to benefit from the broad range of curriculum activities** on offer at Kangaroo Flat Primary School, including the development of essential social skills and related understandings.

Thank you for choosing Kangaroo Flat Primary School to educate your child/ren. Please call in and see us if you wish to discuss any aspect of your child's education. We look forward to a very successful home school partnership in 2020!

Kind Regards,

Kim Saddler – Principal

Faye Martin – Assistant Principal

Our Top Tips!

- 1. Book Packs.** If you have not completed this process please do so as soon as possible. Headphones \$10 and Reader Bags \$10 are now available at the office for purchase.
- 2. Our school canteen will open for lunch orders next Wednesday 5th February.**
- 3. For the first 5 weeks FOUNDATION students DO NOT attend school on a WEDNESDAY.**
- Grevillea students will commence Ukulele lessons in **Classroom Music** next week. Classroom Recorder lessons will commence in Semester Two. You can purchase your child's recorder (\$9) and recorder book (\$14) from the office.
- 5. Early Student Collections-** any early collection **MUST** be made through the front office where students will need to be signed out.
- 6. Morning YARD Supervision starts at 8.30am.**
- 7. Afternoon YARD Supervision concludes at 3.15 pm** with any student collection after this being done through the office.
- 8. Medications.** If your student requires medication it must be handed to the front office in original packaging with written instructions for dispensing.
- 9. Sunsmart Protocol.** As an accredited sunsmart school we have a **NO HAT, NO PLAY** policy. We are a **BASE BALL HAT FREE ZONE!**
- 10. Contact Details-** we are updating all student and family details. **ACCURATE and CURRENT CONTACT DETAILS ARE ESSENTIAL FOR EVERY STUDENT.**
- 11. Food Allergies.** WE have a **NO FOOD SHARING POLICY** in our school to protect those who have food allergies. Please reinforce this with your student. Food they do not wish to eat should be taken home.
- 12. Breakfast Program.** Our weekly breakfast program will commence next Tuesday (Feb 4) morning.
- 13. After School Care.** Do you need this service? The YMCA is providing this service to our school. **Phone 5444 6666 for Bookings.**
- 14. Dismissal Time** is at 3.00pm. The amphitheatre is the designated meeting place at the end of the day. Encourage independence in your students and have them walk down to meet YOU!
- 15. Key CONTACTS.** Your child's class teacher is your key contact at the school.
- 16. Early To Learn.** This is our first work habit that we will be working as part of our School Value of Responsibility. Being **early to learn** means that all students will be in their classrooms by the time the music finishes! Please remember that we commence class time at 8:50am.
- 17. Valuable Possessions.** Private property brought to school is **NOT** insured by the Department of Education. We strongly advise that items that are valuable or precious **NOT** come to school. No responsibility will be accepted for loss or damage.
- 18. The new Mobile Phone policy** set down from the Department of Education & Training outlines that students can bring a mobile phone to school **BUT it must be turned off and stored securely for the entire school day.** Any students who choose to bring a mobile phone to school must hand it to the teacher at the start of the day for secure lock up and will be returned to the student at 3pm.
- 19. Student Accidents.** Parents are responsible for paying the cost of medical treatment for any injured students, including any transport costs.
- 20. Weekly Whole School Assemblies** are a great way to be involved in school life! **Our first School Assembly will be held next Friday 7th February at 9am. All families welcome.**
- 21. Communication Counts...**For better or worse **ALWAYS** tell us **FIRST!**