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Welcome to the Grade 2 Learning Community!

We are a “Learning Community” with children and teachers from 4 home groups sharing the open plan learning spaces. Although each student has a home group teacher, you can speak to any of us if you have a question or message about your child. More personal matters can be dealt with directly by your child’s ‘home group’ teacher.

Notes And Money

Please make sure that all notes and money that come to school are clearly labelled with your child’s name and what it is for e.g. book club,
Parent Helpers Wanted!
Throughout the year there will be opportunities for you to come into the classroom as a classroom helper or to come along on excursions. You must have a current Working with Children Card to do this.

APPLICATION FORMS ARE AVAILABLE ONLINE.
If you would like to help on a regular basis in the classroom please see Important Reminders

Just a reminder that the children must bring their reading folder to school every day.

- Children need to bring in a library bag so they can borrow a book from our school library. They visit the library fortnightly!
- Children will also need to bring an art smock.

Fresh Fruit Friday
Every Friday the school provides the children with a variety of fresh fruit for their snack. We encourage children to bring only fruit, yoghurt or cheese for their snack day. This is to promote healthy eating habits.

The rule for terms 1 & 4 is ‘No hat? No Play!’
We ask that children leave their hat in their locker at school so that it is on hand for recess and lunchtimes.
Homework!

The Homework Matrix will handed out to students this week with 1 Homework task due every Friday. If for some reason your child cannot hand in their homework for a particular week please speak to their home group teacher. Your support with this is much appreciated.

Birthdays

We love to celebrate birthdays with the children! If your child is celebrating a birthday and you would like to bring in some treats you can either: bring something for all children or just bring something for your child’s home group. It is much easier to manage individual items like cupcakes or lollies rather than a large cake that needs to be cut and served.

Please do not feel like you have to bring anything along!

Food Allergies

We do have some children in our learning community who are allergic to nuts and eggs. For this reason please be mindful

Let’s be on time

Just a reminder that school begins at 8:50 am.

It is very important that all children are at school before 8.50 am to begin the
What are we learning about in Term 1?

This term, the Grade 2 Learning Community is exploring the variety of communities to which we all belong (family, school, local including social, sporting and interest clubs). Students will discover the importance of rules, values

In **Reading** we are learning about:

- Visualising
- Predicting
- Making connections

In our Library sessions, we will be reading books, novels and poems written by

In **Writing** we are focusing on:

- Recounts
- Descriptions
- Explanations

In **Numeracy** we are focusing on:

- Data collection and graphing
- Place value
- Addition
- 2D Shapes