Welcome to the Junior Learning Community!

We are a “Learning Community” with the children and teachers from 6 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.
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 Tracey and let her know the days and times you are available.

We kindly ask that parents avoid coming into the classroom and corridor area unnecessarily. This is due to the fact that we are all working together in the open space and it can be distracting to other people working in the room. The children can say goodbye to their parents when they line up in the morning. We encourage the children to be independent by carrying their own bag and walking in with the teachers.

If your child is late or needs to leave early they can be signed in/out at the office.

If there is something you need to speak to your child’s teacher about please feel free to pop in to make a suitable time.

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 eg book club, and safely sealed in an envelope or plastic bag.
“You have brains in your head, you have feet in your shoes, you can steer yourself in any direction you choose” — Dr. Seuss.

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 Fridays

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 on this day. This is to promote healthy eating habits.
**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!

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**Food Allergies**

We do have some children in our learning community who are allergic to nuts and eggs.

For this reason please be mindful when you are preparing your child’s lunch.

Children will not be allowed to share any food from their lunchbox.

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**NO Hat NO Play!**

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 every day.
Tissues
Are you able
to donate a
box of
tissues to
our
Classroom?
They
certainly help
when the
sniffle
season
starts!!

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.

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 day with their peers.
This term, the Junior Learning Community is exploring the variety of communities to which we all belong (family, school, local, national and global). Students will discover the many cultures that make up our country and develop an understanding of diversity, an important school value.

In **Reading** we are learning about:
- Visualising
- Predicting
- Making connections

In our Library sessions, we will be reading books written by Dr. Seuss, such as ‘The Cat in the Hat.’

In **Writing** we are focusing on:
- Recounts
- Descriptions
- Explanations

In **Numeracy** we are focusing on:
- Data collection and graphing
- Place value
- Addition
- 2D Shapes