Welcome to the Middle Learning Community!

‘Learning Community’?

We are a ‘Learning Community’ with the children and teachers from 3 home groups sharing the open learning space. Although each student has a home group teacher, you can speak to Mrs Bobel, Mrs Matty, Mr McMahon or Mrs Hartley 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.

Specialist timetable:

Middle A -
Monday ART
Thursday LOTE/PE

Middle B -
Monday PE
Thursday ART/LOTE

Middle C -
Monday LOTE
Thursday ART/PE

Please make sure students wear appropriate shoes for PE and have an art smock for Art.

Expectations

We have been and will continue to discuss the values and expectations for our learning community to make it a happy and safe place, where everybody feels included and valued.

Here are some of the expectations we have decided are important for our learning community:

- Always try our best.
- Respect everyone and everything.
- Put your hand up if you have something to say, ask or query.
- Move and play safely.
- Make responsible choices.
Parent Helpers Wanted!

Throughout the year there will be many opportunities for you to come into the classroom, go on camp or excursions, or to assist with school sport as a parent helper.

You will need a Working with Children Check to do this and the school must obtain a copy of it prior to any assistance being given.

1:1 Netbook Program

The children in Middles are very excited to be a part of the 1:1 Netbook Program. Students will be using their netbooks for different learning purposes and classroom activities.

However, it is important to understand that NOT all tasks and activities will be netbook based. We will be having ongoing conversations with the children about cyber safety and being responsible and safe digital citizens. We encourage you to talk about these issues with your children and if you have questions or concerns, please discuss these with us. Over the next few weeks we will be discussing expectations for behaviour in our ‘SCHOOL ZONE’ including online and offline. In your ‘HOME ZONE’ it is important that you set clear expectations with your child around netbook and internet use. We are not responsible for what your children use or access at home on their netbooks.

Netbook Routines

Please remind your child that they must put their netbook away on the shelf in their homerooms when the bell rings at 9.45.

Netbooks left outside may be damaged by other students which can be quite costly. Once their netbook is on the appropriate shelf, students are to place their bag in their locker and then wait outside until the music sounds to line up for the start of the day. At the end of the day, children leave the classroom with their netbook in their school bag. Help your child to establish positive netbook habits at home, including a place to store and charge their netbooks overnight. Children must come to school with their netbooks charged, and ready to go.

“Tell me and I forget. Teach me and I remember. Involve me and I learn.”
- Benjamin Franklin
School Leaders

Six Middle Learning Community students will be selected to represent our community on the Junior School Council. All students will be encouraged to think about applying for a position and will have to write a letter. Those students that are shortlisted will be supported to create and run a campaign to persuade their peers as to why they should be a Junior School Council representative and what they might do or hope to achieve.

Their campaign will be further supported by a literacy focus on the persuasive genre. The Electoral Commission is coming to run a real ballot, and all of our Middle students will vote.

Kitchen, Garden, Library

Students will be involved in library, cooking and gardening on a three week rotation this term.

Please see one of us if you are keen to help out. These sessions are on Wednesday morning at 9am. We will set up a parent roster for those interested in helping out.

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 lunchtime every day.

Tissues

Are you able to donate a box of tissues to our classroom? They certainly help when the sniffle season starts!

Let’s be on time

Just a reminder that school begins at 8:50am. It is very important that all children are at school before 8.50am to begin the day with their peers.
Term One Overview

This term, the Middle Learning Community will base Inquiry learning around our government system and its laws. Students will be selecting a politician to research and will then present this information to their learning community.

Students will be participating in a mock election where they will learn about the voting process. Our Inquiry unit will then grow to explore the work of the local community and services.

We will also focus on reading and writing where we will explore the persuasive and narrative genres.

Our numeracy topics will include place value and shape. Times tables will also be an important part of Middle learning and will form the basis of many games and problem solving tasks throughout the year.

Homework Matrix

Homework is due every Thursday, allowing families the weekend to complete two tasks each week. Students are aware that we expect the children to put effort into producing quality homework.

As well as the matrix we expect children to be reading for 30 minutes every day.