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Dear Parents,

Welcome to Term 1 of Kindy! This is a brief newsletter outlining important information and dates. Further information can be found in the parent handout from our meeting last year. This term, we will mainly be focusing on creating routines, establishing friendships and creating a 'love' for school that will set children up for success throughout their school life.

Important dates for Term 1-

15th of February- Parent Information Night

19th of February- Pupil Free Day

26th of February, 27th of February and 1st of March- Kindy Speech Screens

5th of March- Labour Day Holiday

9th of March- Newsletter (Kindy)

19th of March- Pupil Free Day

22nd of March- Special Canteen Day and Kindy Liturgy

30th of March, 2nd of April and 3rd of April- Easter Long Weekend

11th of April- Parent/ Teacher Meetings

Morning Routine-

The doors will open at 8.35 and parents are most welcomed and encouraged to stay until around 8.50ish. When children come in, they are required to put their Crunch 'n' Sip in the container, water bottles in the trolley and clipboard in the clipboard basket. I encourage children to unpack their belongings (with your guidance) to help build independence. After they are all unpacked, there will be various activities that you can complete together.

Afternoon Routine-

On Monday, our day will end at 2.20pm, and on Tuesday and Thursday our day concludes at 3.00pm. **If you have arranged for your child to go home with someone else, please tell a teacher and write it in the communication book in the morning (on the table near the door). If your plans change throughout the day, please call the school so we can be notified and let your child know.**

Eating time-

Crunch and Sip needs to be in a separate container and we will eat this at roughly 9.15ish. Recess and lunch are to be in your child's bag. Recess is at 10.40am and lunch at 12.40pm.

Investigations

We love to receive recyclables for children to use. These include:

- Old magazines and newspapers
- Recyclable containers
- Boxes
- Egg cartons
- Milk bottle lids etc.

We will also be doing tinkering throughout the year which sees children pull apart and put back together things like cd players, computers etc... using real life tools. If you have anything that children can pull apart, we would love to take these off your hands! Some examples include- old phones, keyboards, laptops, remote controls, kettles, or anything else that they can disassemble! The cords MUST be removed before children can tinker with them.

Seesaw APP

By now, you would have all connected to the Seesaw App. This APP allows us to post photos/videos of your child throughout the day so you can see what they have been doing. It also allows for messages to be sent, so this is a great form of communication. The Seesaw APP is private and only you and whomever you invite (other family members) can see what is posted. For example, if I post a photo of your son Jack, only you and I can see it, not everyone else in the class. However, if the photo has two children in it, both families will be tagged in that photo and only those two families can see it etc.

It has been fantastic getting to know all your wonderful children over the last two weeks! I am very excited for what is going to be an amazing year! If you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to come and see me.

Kind regards,
Amy Rimmer, Silvana Vitale, Michelle Ward and Sam Baggetta