Dear Parents,
Welcome to the 2016 school year. I hope you have had a fabulous time with your children over the holidays. I am really looking forward to getting to know all the children.
In these initial weeks at school, we will be establishing routines and expectations for work and behaviour. I am also assessing children's literacy, numeracy and social skills. If you have anything you wish to share with me about your child, you can contact me at school. This is best achieved by making an appointment so that you have my undivided attention.

Communication
The children each have a diary in which to record notes between parents and teachers. Please use the diary to inform me of any absences or appointments during school time. I will collect the diaries each morning. The diary only needs to be signed on the bottom of each right hand page so that I know it has been seen at least once through the week.

Absenteeism/Late Arrivals/ Early departures.
If your child is absent from school for any reason please write a note in their diary to that effect.

Please remember the school requires children/parents to come via the school office to record a child's late arrival. Similarly, early departures need to be via the front office.

P.E.
PE lessons will be held on Mondays and taught by Mrs. Hondow.
This term we are trialing sports uniform days being on Monday and Tuesday to cater for those classes that have specialist sports lessons on those days.

Homework
Each Monday your child will have a slip of paper stuck in their homework book outlining the tasks for the week. Homework will consist of Spelling, Reading and times tables revision. I will collect the homework book each Friday for marking. For this reason your child's spelling words will be in their diary so that they can continue to learn their words even though I have their homework book over the weekend.
Home work that is incomplete will be finished during lunch time on Monday the following week.

Any unfinished class work may also be sent home for completion, particularly if due to wasting time during lessons.

Meet the Teacher Night.
This will be held on Tuesday 9th of February at 7 p.m. in room 10. I anticipate that it will last for about 30 minutes so that parents with students in year 6/7 can get to their meeting on time. Sonya will be running this session, outlining routines and expectations for the class.

For those who can't make it on the night, I have a parent booklet that covers most of the information. Please contact me if you need one.

Parents of children I taught last year are welcome to attend information night, although nothing much has changed.
Stationery
Thank you for the fabulous job you did covering your child's books and labeling them appropriately. If your child has their calculator at home, please return it to school.

Camp Somewhere
We will be having a combined camp with Mr. Klose's Year 4s. Our camp location has not yet been decided. Mr. Klose's Year 3s will be joining Mrs. Williams' Year 3s for Camp. As more details become available, I will send them home.

See Saw
Last year our class began using this App with great success. Some of you may be familiar with its benefits which included the ability to snap shot the fabulous work your child produces at school. I find this particularly useful for art and construction work at this age level, as sadly many of their creations never make it past the bin on the way out the door. It is also great for recording any class presentations that your child gives. Your child's work can only be seen by you and your child.

The App also provides a forum for last minute reminders or notes from me to you. I can send a generic note to all parents who are logged on or I can send a specific note that is only able to be viewed by the intended person.

Days to Remember

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Volunteer Requirements
This year there have been changes to the National Police Certificate requirements for volunteers in schools, as well as the way Valuing Safe Communities training will be delivered. These changes will be explained in this week's school 'Happenings' newsletter.

Have a great week and I look forward to seeing you throughout the term.

Yours in Christ,
Loryn Taylor