Hello and welcome to the Reception Class of 2016!
The children have settled in extremely well this week, I am very proud of each and every one of them. Thank you so much for the responses I have received back from the ‘10 Things About Me’ pages. They were wonderful to read and I look forward to the ones still to come in.

Below I have included a few reminders for you to be aware of at the beginning of this term and in the weeks ahead. Please don’t hesitate to ask any questions you may have or drop me a text if that is easier. God Bless!

Overview
A curriculum overview is being sent home with this newsletter to outline the topics I will be covering in class this term.

Uniform Days
On Wednesday and Friday children are to wear formal school uniform and Monday, Tuesday and Thursday children are to wear sport uniform.

Chapel
Chapel is held weekly on a Friday morning at 9:15am. You are always welcome to attend. Our class will be leading chapel next term, the date to be advised. This Friday there isn’t any chapel due to our beginning of the term chapel that was held Monday morning.

Assembly
Assemblies are held every 2nd Friday afternoon at 2:30pm. They are a great way for children’s work to be shared, awards given out and presentations to be made. You are always most welcome to attend assemblies. The first assembly is this Friday.

Parent Information Evening
Next Tuesday evening I will be holding a parent information evening at 6pm—6:30pm. This will inform you of many ways we can work together to give your child the best start to their formal schooling. Please make an effort to be at this evening as it will allow you to ask questions, become more informed and most importantly meet some fellow Reception parents that your child will be progressing through their schooling lives with.

After the information session you are invited to stay for an informal chat, coffee and/or sausage sizzle in the gazebo (just outside the classroom). I will be there until my son, Carter’s, information session begins at 7pm.

Casual Day and Mardi Gras
We will be holding a casual day on Wednesday 24th February, a few days before the Mardi Gras, to raise money for this wonderful cause. We also encourage all students to be involved in our Mardi Gras float. More information will come out in the coming weeks regarding this.
Parent Help in Class
We are always looking for parent help in our class and welcome you to come in at anytime. I have times listed on my curriculum overview that I would like extra help, so please see me for more info if you are interested.

We have been very blessed this year to have Cody Hennig’s grandmother, Joy Hennig, coming in and helping us in the Reception class from Monday to Thursday until recess. Please say hello to Joy and introduce yourself if you get the chance.

Handwriting
It is very important the children learn at the beginning of their schooling how to hold a pencil correctly. I have included with this newsletter a picture explanation of how to do this. Please encourage and guide your child to work on this if you feel their grip needs adjusting. Once again, see me if you have any concerns.

Seesaw
As well as the home book and my texts I would like to start communicating with you via an app that can allow you to also see what we have been doing in class. This app is called ‘Seesaw’ and I will send home more information on it in the coming days. I will also talk about it at our parent information night next Tuesday.

I look forward to catching up with you all next Tuesday at our parent information night and thank you for a great start to the school year.

Blessings to you all and kind regards,

Tricia Wright