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4/5/6 Class Information Note

Dear Parents/Caregivers,

Wallacia Public School will be sharing general class information this year through a note. As outlined in our school procedures, if you wish to discuss your child's progress or reach out to me, please make an appointment through the office.

About me:

My name is Mr James Kelly and I am the teacher for years 4, 5 and 6.

I started at Wallacia Public School in 2018 and I have returned again this year after having some time away to take care of my family.

I am really excited to be back again and to share my knowledge and experience with my class.

I'd like to take this opportunity to share a little about myself.

I really enjoy any activity where I can be creative and expressive. My interests and hobbies include: dance, drama and creative writing.

I have lots of pets at home: two dogs, four chickens, a Lovebird and a Galah. They all have unique personalities and enjoy eating - nearly as much as I do.

Most importantly, I need to start my day with coffee! I don't like to run but I will chase down a coffee van if I need it ☺

Special days

4/5/6K has their library session on Thursday afternoon. Please ensure that your child has their library book with them so that they can return it/extend the time they can borrow their book.

Scripture, including non-scripture sessions, occur every Tuesday from 12:50pm - lunch.

Classroom and Behaviour Expectations

As leaders of the school, I expect my 4/5/6 class to model the best behaviour at all times.

They are expected to follow the school and class rules to be safe, respectful and considerate learners.

Teaching Units

Currently, the students in my class are focussing on numeracy and narrative writing skills. We have been practising throwing and catching in various games and have been learning some simple dance sequences.

This term, students in 4/5/6 will be learning about democracy. They will learn about government and the responsibilities we have as global citizens.

Homework

Homework has already been implemented in 4/5/6 last week and is completely optional.

I really want to thank the parents who have taken the time to check homework and monitor reading.

Wet weather

During wet weather students either go to the library, a classroom or have some play time under the Cola area for break times.

Illness

Should your child become sick and be unable to attend school, you can either ring the school or reply to the school SMS system to inform us. Alternatively on his/her return, you can write a brief note to the class teacher, explaining the nature of the illness and the date away. You must contact the school immediately of infectious diseases such as COVID-19, chicken pox, measles, German measles, mumps, whooping cough or conjunctivitis and impetigo.

Assemblies

We hold Assemblies and special events throughout the year. Assemblies for Term 1 will be on Friday in Week 5 and 7 (26/02 & 12/03) starting at 2.15pm in the library. We will then hold assemblies in Week 3, 5 and 7 of each term, except Term 4, which will only be week 3 & 5.

Term 1 Assemblies: 26/02 & 12/03 – these will be held via Zoom until further notice.

Term 2 Assemblies: 07/05, 21/05 & 04/06

Term 3 Assemblies: 30/07, 13/08 & 27/08

Term 4 Assemblies: 22/10 & 05/11

Visiting the school

Anyone visiting the school must visit the front office and our friendly office staff will assist with any enquiries. The DOE directs that if parents enter the school grounds then they must sign in the visitor's book in the office and also use the QR Code to log their presence online.

What do I do if my child is late for school?

School begins at 9:00am. All students arriving after 9:00am are to go to the office to collect a late note which must be handed to the class teacher.

What do I do if I have to pick up my child early?

All early leavers must be signed out of the office prior to being collected from classrooms. In the interest of the safety of students, teachers are required to sight the early leavers note before releasing students from class.

How does the school deal with medical issues?

The school needs to be aware of any medical conditions that affect its students prior to enrolment or immediately following any change. This includes asthma, anaphylaxis and other allergies. The school will develop a health care plan for students with serious or life threatening conditions that require management at the school level.

Any student falling ill at school will be taken to the sick bay, next to the office. You will be contacted to take your child home if they present as ill or injured at school.

If your child requires medication at school, please provide medication to the office staff. Parents will be required to sign a medication release form.

What do I do if my child is sick?

Please notify the school office if your child is sick. A doctor's certificate is also required for longer absences or when the school requests one.

Who do I see about any problems concerning my child's education?

Any issues with your child's education or wellbeing should be directed to the classroom teacher. Please phone in advance to notify the office and ask to make an appointment to meet with the teacher.

Your child's teacher will refer issues that cannot be resolved at the class level or more serious issues to the school's Learning Support Team, or Mr Mason, for follow up.

How and when do I pay my School Fees?

The fees are voluntary. Payment can be made online for school related payments. This can be accessed from the school website: <http://www.wallacia-P.schools.nsw.edu.au/>

Click on "\$Make a Payment" and follow the prompts to make a payment via Visa or MasterCard. You will need to make a payment for each child separately. Enter the student name, class and date of birth. You do not need to enter the student registration number.

What expenses can be paid online?

- Voluntary School Contribution Fees
- Excursions
- Carnivals
- Sales to Students (Yr 6 Shirts etc.)

P & C

The P&C meets the first Monday of each month at 9:30 am. Currently, the meetings are held virtually via ZOOM due to COVID-19 restrictions. To access the P&C meetings, parents will need to be a registered Zoom user and access the meeting via a special web link which is sent out from the P&C President. In order to be a P&C member, parents need to be financial members by paying \$2.00 to the P&C. Attending P&C meetings is a wonderful way to share and engage with the values and complexities of Wallacia Public School community life.

Note

Please remember that there is no pedestrian access via the Staff car park gate. Please use the gate at the front of school.

Thank you for your support,

Mr Kelly