First Day of School 2014

The first day of school for Kindergarten 2014 is **Wednesday 29\(^{th}\) January**. Please bring your child to the Kindergarten classroom at the following times:

- **9.30am for the children with surnames A - K**
- **10.00am for children with surnames L - Z**

If you are unable to collect your child after school, make sure that you have told your child and their teacher who will be collecting them.

**Short Weeks Term 1 2014**

To give the students' time to settle into school, Kindergarten will not attend school on **Wednesdays from Weeks Two to Seven of Term 1**. Therefore, they **will not** attend on the following dates:

- **Wk 2 - Wed 5\(^{th}\) Feb 2014**
- **Wk 3 - Wed 12\(^{th}\) Feb 2014**
- **Wk 4 - Wed 19\(^{th}\) Feb 2014**
- **Wk 5 - Wed 26\(^{nd}\) Feb 2014**
- **Wk 6 - Wed 5\(^{th}\) March 2014**
- **Wk 7 - Wed 12\(^{th}\) March 2014**

**CLASSROOM ROUTINES**

**‘Sip and Crunch’**

- A mid-morning fruit snack or vegetable - **must be fresh and preferably crunchy!**
- Students place their fruit and WATER bottle on the desk as they come in each morning.
- This will begin on the first day of school 2014.

**School Materials**

- All materials you need are listed on the Class Requirements handout.

**Playground**

- Students are guided and encouraged to play with their Kindergarten peers. We don't encourage them to play with older siblings, as this can make it difficult for the children to form friendships.

**Information Evening Term 1 2014**

- **Tues 11\(^{th}\) February 2014**
  - Welcome BBQ.
  - Class Information Session:
    - Class routines
    - Classroom helpers
    - Home Readers & Homework
    - Information about Assessment
    - Special days announced.
  - **Wed 12\(^{th}\) March 2014**
    - Curriculum Workshop and Parent Interviews
    - Learn more about what your child is doing and discuss their progress.

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FEELING READY

How do I fit in?
It is essential that all children feel like they fit in at school:

- I have more than one friend.
- I can do things by myself.
- I know my teacher’s name.
- I use my manners.
- I can share.
- I’m happy to leave mum and dad.
- Mum and dad are happy to leave me!
- Mum and dad tell me that school is exciting.

Areas that cause students concern:

- Changes to routine.
- Lunches - which they don’t like.
- Containers that they cannot open.
- Catching the bus.

It is essential to build each child’s self-esteem by:

- Praising all attempts.
- Trying not to compare.
- Talking often with your child.
- If you have any concerns please contact the classroom teacher or Coordinators.
- Being interested in what they have to say.

LEARNING AND DEVELOPMENT

Things to work on with your child before they start school:

- Reading and talking to your child about the life experiences they are having.
- Recognising their name in different fonts.
- Using lower case to write their name except for initial letter e.g. Mary
- Organising their own things.
- Talking to people without being prompted.
- Knowing when they need to go to the toilet.
- Play boundaries.
- Routine - regular sleeping patterns and meal breaks e.g. morning tea at 11am, lunch at 1pm.
- Sip & Crunch

Only if your child initiates an interest you could:

- Talk about letters and the sounds and names of these letters.
- Try to write using upper and lower case letters and show proper formation of letters as it is hard to undo.
- Casually notice print and numbers in the environment and where and why they are used e.g. street signs, dot-to-dots, phone numbers, and prices in shops.

SCHOOL UNIFORM

School Uniform
These can be purchased from Moore’s Clothing, Baileyana Embroidery, Debbie Rose and Cutting Designs.

Please ensure that all items are clearly labelled.

If you have any concerns or issues, no matter how small, please make contact with the Front Office.

Hats
Sacred Heart Central School has a NO HAT - PLAY IN THE SHADE policy that operates all year. Hats must be wide brim, not caps.

School Bags
When purchasing school bags, think BIG! It makes it easier for the children to put an array of items in and also makes for easier ‘zipping up’.

Here is an example of a navy bag with the school emblem.