



Assalamu Alaykum (wrb)

Dear Parents,

Welcome to the 2008 school year. For all the new parents and students, a special welcome to our school. I trust that it will be a very successful year for teachers, students and parents. Please ensure you read every section in both pages of this newsletter.

The class teachers for this year are:

KN – Miss Najdi
KS – Miss Small
KH – Miss Habbouche
1S – Mrs. Samman
1F – Miss Stelco
1R – Miss Robinson
2N – Mrs. Novatin-Raciti
2P – Mr. Perrett
2S – Miss Sanders
3S – Mrs. Stratikopoulos
3F – Miss Furner
4S – Mrs. Siswoyo
4R – Mrs Rasidi
5M – Mr. McCormack
5P – Mrs. Papadopoulos
6P – Miss Purser
6W – Mrs. William

SCHOOL TIMES

School times are from 8:45 am to 3:30 pm. Students must be dropped outside the front or back gate **no later than 8:40 am**.

As from Monday 11th February, **no parents will be allowed inside the school when dropping off and picking up students**. Staff will be on duty at the front and back gates. Kindergarten children are settling down to the school routine and having a parent there can upset a child and make it difficult for teachers to settle that student as well as the other students in the class and in the other grades.

KINDERGARTEN DISMISSAL TIME

Starting Monday next week (11th February), the dismissal time for Kindergarten students will be **3:30 pm**. in line with the rest of the school. Teachers will hand students over to parents at the front gate promptly. Parents must not come into the school before 3:30 pm.

ACCESSING TEACHERS

Parents must not approach teachers to talk to them about their child before and after school unless they have made an appointment. Teachers are either on duty or preparing for their lessons during these times and must not be disturbed. Please contact the office and make an appointment if you wish to speak to your child's teacher.

PARENT INFORMATION NIGHT

Our parent information night will be held next week.

Date: Wednesday 13th February 2008

Time: 5:30 pm – 6:30 pm

Venue: Classrooms

The purpose of the evening is to share information about the units of work that will be covered, homework, school requirements, etc. Please note that this is not a one-to-one parent/teacher interview to discuss your child's performance/needs, etc. Parent/teacher interviews will be conducted at the end of Term 2.

I encourage all parents to attend the Information Night. It is crucial to your child's academic and social progress in his or her schooling.

SCHOOL CAR PARK

This car park is for teachers only. There are only enough spaces for teachers and office staff. All staff have assigned car spaces and it makes it very difficult for teachers if other people park in their spot. Teacher's cars have also been damaged by parents' cars who drop their children off in the car park. Children should not be dropped off in the car park because it is very dangerous for children.

Please turn over

SCHOOL UNIFORM

The school has a uniform policy which is very strict and must be adhered to. All students are required to wear all items of the uniform, which can be purchased from the office.

All socks must be white. Girls must wear the navy blue tights if they wear the shorter school dress. Otherwise they must purchase the longer dress.

All children from Years 1 to 6 must purchase the school hijab as it is compulsory for Salah. Kindergarten girls who wear a hijab must wear the school hijab.

Please note that it is a mandatory requirement for all students in Years 4 to 6 to wear a hijab during school hours – whole day.

School shoes must be polished regularly.

The school jacket must be worn to and from school everyday. Children will be sent home if they do not wear their jackets consistently.

Starting Monday, 11th February, a school uniform check will be done each morning.

SCHOOL FEES

School fees were due the end of last week. All fees must be fully paid for the term or your child will not receive a progress report for the term.

ILLEGAL PARKING

Please do not park across the driveway of people's houses when dropping off and picking up your child. It is illegal to park across a driveway and to double park.

KIDS IN ACTION

This program will start next year for students in Years 3-6. All students must attend these classes which forms part of the PDHPE Key Learning Area. A letter will be sent home on Monday outlining the costs for the term.

SPORTS UNIFORM

The school sports uniform must only be worn on the following days:

Years 3 to 6: Thursdays

Kindergarten to Year 2: Fridays

SCHOOL TERM DATES FOR 2008

Term 1: 29th January – 11th April

Term 2: 28th April – 4th July

Term 3: 21st July – 26th September

Term 4: 13th October – 19th December

DIARY OF EVENTS

Wednesday 13th February – Parent Information Night

Monday 25th February – Interschool Harmony Project (Topic: Our Australia) – Year 6 excursion

Friday 21st March – Public Holiday (Easter Friday)

Monday 24th March – Public Holiday (Easter Monday)

Friday 11th April – Last day of Term 1

Mrs. H. Toefy
Deputy Principal