K Pearl Welcome Note

Dear Parents,

Welcome to K Pearl. I am looking forward to working with you and your child this year. I believe that communication is the key to your child’s success and to a great parent/teacher relationship. Please read the essential information below and I encourage you to contact me if you have any questions or concerns.

School Times
8.30-8.55 - supervised arrival time
8.55 – Morning assembly and class time
11.00-11.50 - Lunch
11.50-1.35 – Class time
1.35-1.55 – Recess
1.55-3.00 – Class Time
3.00 – Dismissal (Kindergarten will finish at 2.30 for the first four weeks of Term 1)

Newsletters- The school newsletter will be sent home fortnightly with the eldest child in the family. Some other information notes are sent home with the eldest child. Your child will receive notes if they are the eldest or the note is relevant to their class. Please check your child’s bag after school for any information.

Health and Absences- Please keep children at home when they are sick. A child who isn’t healthy cannot concentrate on schoolwork and they also spread germs to other children and teachers. Please ensure that the school is provided with a letter or verbal justification for your child’s absence.

Medication- Students are not to bring medication to school unless it is on doctor’s advice. If students need to take medication at lunchtime, the medication is to be kept secure in the office and only administered under supervision. A parent MUST take the medication to the office in the original packaging stating the dosage and administration procedures and fill in a form.

Property- Please label all belongings, especially jumpers, hats, food containers and drink bottles. Students will be encouraged to accept responsibility for their own belongings and labels will make this change much easier. Any property that is left at school and is not named will be placed in the lost property box inside the office.

Canteen- The canteen is open each day except for Tuesdays. If wishing to order lunch/recess, please ensure that this is done prior to the 8.55 am bell. If you do wish to send spending money with your child, could you please limit it to a couple of dollars, as large sums of money and notes are easily lost.

Sport- Sport for Kindergarten will be on a Thursday. Sports uniform can be worn on this day. PE will occur on other days and sports uniform is not required for this.

Library- The children have a library lesson once a week. Students will need to bring a library bag on this day so they can borrow books to enjoy at home. Our class library day is Wednesday.
**Fruit Break**- Fruit break will occur everyday. Please provide your child with a piece of fruit or a small container with cut up fruit so that they can participate in this healthy initiative.

**Equipment**- Generally, the school provides pencils, books and scissors for use in the classroom, but we would appreciate it if you could provide:

- 2 full sized glue sticks (Bostick preferably)
- 1 library bag (clearly labelled with your child’s name)
- 1 home reading bag (clearly labelled with your child’s name)
- 1 paint shirt (labelled with your child’s name)
- 1 box of tissues
- 1 packet of paper towels

**Spare change of clothes**- A FULL set of spare clothes (including underwear) should be kept in your child’s school bag in case of an accident, even if your child has not wet their pants for a long time they get busy in the playground and often it is too late. Please ensure these items are labelled.

**Birthday Cakes**- Many children like to share their birthday with their class mates and we are happy to have cake at school. The best way to do this is to bring individual cakes such as cupcakes, donuts, but if your child’s heart is set on a single cake to share, please remember that it will need to be cut into pieces for a whole class. A single layer or square or rectangular cake is the most suitable. Please check with your child’s teacher about any children in the class who have specific health requirements/allergies.

**Money**- From time to time children will be bringing money and notes to school. Please ensure that these are in clearly labelled, sealed envelopes. Money for excursions and performances etc. should be given to the office staff or your child’s classroom teacher.

**Homework**- Kindergarten homework will commence in Term 2.

**Home Reading**- This is an important activity for your child to experience regularly and it is a wonderful opportunity for your child to share their development with you. Kindergarten home reading will commence in Term 2. Please purchase a home reading bag from the office and give it your child's classroom teacher.

**Rewards**- The Grange PS is a positive behaviour school. The three values we follow and encourage our students to demonstrate are: being great on safety, being great on respect and being great on learning. Students will receive merit certificates, Grange Grinners and other positive rewards for demonstrating this behaviour throughout the year.

Thank you for your support and I’m looking forward to a successful year in 2017.

**Mrs Addison**

**K Pearl Classroom Teacher**