

5G NEWSLETTER – TERM 1 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

The start to the year has been an extremely positive one and it has been pleasing to see all children dressed correctly in school uniform daily. The majority of children have been well organised and their enthusiasm and politeness have been most impressive in the first week. The standards of behaviour are so high that each day is spent teaching and learning, and not dealing with behavioural issues.

ATTENDANCE: High attendance levels have been recorded by the class in the first week. It is essential to the continuity of their learning that children are at school every day they are well enough to attend. If children are absent, any worksheets that they have missed will be left in their desks to catch up on when they return.

ABSENCES: It is important to phone through all absences to the school. (3821 8111) This will avoid any messy and unnecessary phone calls and paperwork later in the term as all absences must be accounted for.

STARTING TIME: The school bell is rung at 8:45 a.m., allowing children five minutes to move to class to begin instruction at 8:50. If children arrive after this time, when the roll is marked, they must go to the office to obtain a late slip. Punctuality is an important habit to develop in children at an early age. It is very disruptive to school routines to have children continually arriving late.

HOMEWORK: At this stage of the year homework will consist of **nightly reading** and **publishing of writing**. All children have a Homework Reading Diary and a Writing Folder and have received explicit instructions on how to organise these. They have unanimously agreed that these tasks are an acceptable amount of homework. Children will also soon be allocated Mathematics tasks to complete weekly. Some children are already struggling to keep up to date with their publishing. This is an important phase of the writing process and it would be appreciated if parents could help monitor their children's efforts at home.

BEFORE SCHOOL: I have negotiated with the Principal and other class teachers to allow our children into the classroom before school. They are welcome to

enter after 8:00 a.m. in order to get themselves organised for the day and use the classroom computers to publish their work. Many children are already taking advantage of this to prepare properly and give themselves a good start to the day. It is very encouraging to see so many children showing such great responsibility for keeping on top of their work.

CONTACT: If you wish to contact me, my e-mail address is wgrac1@eq.edu.au

STUDENT OF THE WEEK: In our classroom, to avoid any claims of gender bias and to reward as many children as possible, we award a girl and a boy student of the week. Each winner also receives a stationery prize, but because we have two winners we do not announce them on parade.

CAMP: The yearly camp will be held at Camp Maranatha on the Sunshine Coast from 11 August to 13 August.

SWIMMING: Swimming lessons begin on Friday, 18 February at 9:00 am. Thank you to all those who have been punctual in returning the appropriate forms and payment.

Yours sincerely

Wayne Gracey

FEEDBACK: How is your child coping? Feel free to use the space below to let me know how your child is coping or if you have any concerns.
