KINDERGARTEN STUDENTS HAVE STARTED LEARNING ...

What a great start Kindergarten have had. Nearly 90 Kindergarten students started school on Monday and nearly all of our newest school community members settled in quickly. There were a few tears – both from students and mums! When I walked through the Kindergarten classes this morning, I was amazed at how settled our Kinder students are. As a result Kinder students will finish school at 3pm from next Monday onwards.

Sports Shoes
What a wonderful range of sports shoes we can buy. HOWEVER, sports shoes for Friday should be primarily WHITE. A bit of a colour trim is okay but not pink, blue, green or multicoloured shoes! Hi-tops may only be worn by PSSA basketball students and only at the stadium.

Avoiding Nuts
I would like to remind parents that we have students who are allergic to a variety of substances. One of these is nuts and nut related products. Although we remind the students not to share food, we request that parents do not bring any nut related products to school. Your assistance is greatly appreciated.

Temporary Classes
We are getting close to forming our permanent classes. We are still waiting for approximately 20 students to return. Please take note that there will be SOME changes to class allocation. If your child is moved to another class when permanent classes are formed then please be reassured that students are only moved after their and their classmates social and academic needs have been assessed.

Notes
Thank you to all the parents who have returned the following notes:

- School Contributions
- School Learning Pack
- Authority to Publish
- Emergency Contact Form
- Parent Survey
- Canteen List
- Swimming Carnival (8 year olds and Years 3-6)

If you have not returned these notes, please do so AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

A reminder that the School Learning Pack is compulsory. School Learning Packs will be distributed as soon as we are in permanent classes and when items on backorder arrive. All items except those needed for homework will remain at school.
School Contributions are different to the School Learning Packs and help to provide a wide range of services, programs and resources such as wi-fi, tissues, art materials, science equipment and student rewards.

The Swimming Carnival is compulsory for all Year 3 - 6 students. There are events for non-swimmers, weak swimmers and strong swimmers.

The Parent Survey is NEW. Its purpose is to help increase parental involvement in our school community. Please consider how you can help.

PSSA and Extra-Curricular Try-Outs
As the academic year gets on the way, extra-curricular activities and sport are also starting. Students are notified about tryouts through our messaging system SENTRAL. Teachers use criteria for their tryouts. As an example, the criteria for senior dance include:

- Be able to attend rehearsals every Tuesday from 3:00-4:15pm in the school hall.
- Be allowed to attend night and day performances Be willing to practise, practise, practise!
- Have an enthusiastic attitude.
- Be team players.
- Maintain positive behaviour at school and in other school settings.

PSSA tryouts will be this Friday. Criteria might vary between sports BUT will include:

- Sportsmanship
- Good behavior
- Skill level
- Willingness to persevere with learning new skills

Please be aware that there is a limit to the numbers for each sports group and extracurricular group. We encourage all students to try out and commend them for having a go. If your child does not make a team or group congratulate them for trying and encourage them to perhaps try out for other things when the opportunity arises.

School Uniform
Please ensure that your child has the correct uniform including shorts or skorts with the school logo, black school shoes and a school hat with the school logo.

School uniforms can be ordered from the Uniform Shop or the front office.

Community School Garden
At the end of last year we were notified that we won a grant to start a school community vegetable garden. This is a very exciting opportunity but we need your support. We would like community members help build the garden, advise and help plant a variety of produce and help grow and maintain the garden over many years to come. We would also love donation of copper logs, gardening soil, possibly seedlings and plants and gardening tools.

Where is our Rhino?
Watch out …. There are rhinos on the loose at Roselands Shopping Centre. As of last Sunday our Rhino has been roaming there. Can you find it?

ATTENTION: Kindergarten classes will finish at 3pm from Monday 10th February.

STUDENT PICK UP
School hours are 8:55am – 3:00pm Monday – Friday. If you are unable to pick your child up at 3:00pm, please advise the office on 9796 7998 and arrangements will be made to send your child to after school care, where a fee will be charged. No children will be minded in the office.

ATTENTION ALL PARENTS:
Please note that effective from Monday 3rd February, all school perimeter gates will be locked from 9:30am – 2:55pm. The only entrance will be from Augusta Street, via intercom.

SCHOOL BANKING
School Banking will recommence on Tuesday 11th February.

Please bring your dollarmite account to the school office in the morning before the bell.

If you don't have an account please go down to the local branch of the Commonwealth Bank at Condell Park to open an account.

Thank you
School Banking