Dear Parents,

The year has started off very well with all children settling in to classroom routines and beginning the year with organisational activities. We welcome Lincoln into our school and hope he and his family enjoy being part of the Seaford Park Community. We have met some parents informally, and as the year progresses we hope to meet everybody to discuss your child’s progress and grade activities. If you need to see us to discuss any matter relating to your child, please see us to make a mutually convenient time, preferably after school.

Booklists
Thank you for sending all of your child’s books and stationery supplies. Any items on the booklist not used immediately have been stored at school and will be given out when needed. Thank you to all the parents who labelled their children’s books and pencils before sending them to school.

Uniform
Children are required to wear school uniform at all times. If, for some reason, your child is out of uniform please send a written explanation. We are a Sun Smart school. This means that all children must wear a school broad-brim hat at all times when outside, including Phys Ed lessons. If your child does not have their hat at school they must stay in Shadowlands.

Water bottles
Children are encouraged to have a water bottle in the classroom. Bottles can only be filled with water. They also need to be of the pop-top variety as this reduces the risk of accidents that end with spoilt work and upset children.

Food
As our lunchtime is from 1.30 to 2.15 it is important your child has a substantial snack for recess, and please ensure they have a good breakfast. Healthy eating will be an ongoing topic throughout the year. We will be having fruit break at around 10am so please send a small piece of fresh fruit or vegetable for your child to eat at this time. Large fruits such as whole apples take too long to eat and are best cut into smaller pieces for convenience. Every Friday we are fortunate to have ‘Fresh Fruit Friday’. Each child is provided with fresh fruit and vegetables to enjoy at fruit break time so it is not necessary to send along fruit.

Anaphylaxis
Seaford Park School Council has approved an updated Anaphylaxis Policy. Anaphylaxis is a severe allergic reaction to a substance, most commonly nuts, egg, milk, wheat, soy, seafood, some insect stings and medications.
We are asking that children, parents and staff reduce the risk of children who suffer from Anaphylaxis by not bringing Nuts or Nut products to school. Posters have been placed around the school to promote this.

Parent Helpers
During the year there are opportunities to volunteer to help throughout the school. In order for you to assist we do require a current Working With Children check. This is available online or at the post office free of charge. The area in which we require the most support is listening to reading each day and changing the children’s take home books. Before any parents can start this they must have attended a short privacy briefing with Ms Braakhuis and signed the appropriate documents.

PMP
Another activity that relies heavily on help from parents is the Perceptual Motor Program (PMP). This program will begin during Term 2 and involves one session each week. A notice will be sent home requesting volunteers later this term. As this program relies heavily on parental assistance it will not run unless we have sufficient helpers.

Timetable for 1/2
At the moment the timetable for your child’s class is:
Monday – Assembly
Tuesday – Art
Wednesday – Physical Education
Thursday – Music, Science and Indonesian

All children are required to have an Art smock, a Library bag and suitable footwear for
Take Home Books
The Home Reading Program will begin shortly and it is very important to read with your child every night. You will be asked to sign your child’s take home reading diary each night. If their diary is not signed the book will not be changed. It is recommended that they read a variety of other literature at home as well, even if it is not a book from school.

Homework
Every Monday all children will be given homework to be completed and returned to school by Friday. Your co-operation in the completion of homework tasks will be greatly appreciated. Other work such as projects or work not completed at school will be sent home as required.

You Can Do It
The You Can Do It Program is a major focus in class and the playground. Weekly lessons are conducted as part of this program. The keys to success and happiness at school include the You Can Do It foundation keys of resilience, organisation, getting along, confidence and persistence.

Science
In Science this term students will be using a range of resources to investigate integrated topics Our Community & Our Past. The opportunity will be given to use experiments, Minecraft and Discovery Learning projects to present explanations and findings. We will again be getting our hands grubby in our school vegetable patch growing fruit and vegetables and looking after our worm farm. Sustainability at Seaford Park will be a main focus across the whole school and students will participate in activities for Earth Hour, Clean Up Australia Day and Ride to School Day.

Music
During Term 1 students will be introduced to some wonderful new songs. They will be given the opportunity to sing, keep a steady beat and combine their singing with physical movements and actions. Students will use their voices to create different sound effects and participate in two part harmonies. Percussion instruments will give the students the opportunity to improvise and create their own music. We will continue to focus on having fun and encouraging each other.

Art
In Art sessions the focus will be on continuing the children’s knowledge of colours with a focus on both primary and secondary colours, and introducing tertiary colours. They will participate in a variety of lessons exploring shades of colour and practise mixing different paint combinations. Further sessions will focus around the integrated topic ‘Our Past’. Connections will be made to literacy through picture stories and songs.

Physical Education
This term Physical Education will focus on Fundamental Motor Skills - particularly throwing and catching. Students will participate in a variety of fitness activities, minor games and a hockey clinic. Enjoyment of physical activity and developing co-operation will be promoted through these games and activities. Students will also have the opportunity to develop their fitness by participating in Kilometre Club at lunchtime on Wednesdays.

Indonesian
During LOTE in Term One students will focus on learning how to count from 1-20 in Indonesian. They will learn to say "hello" and "goodbye" in Indonesian. The students will be introduced to daily greetings such as Selamat pagi, Selamat siang, Selamat sore and Selamat malam. The students should be able to complete the entire task with practice and working together with other students.

Looking forward to a wonderful year.

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