

Parent Information Night

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Curriculum

Homework

There will be no formal homework this term. Rather, there will be a Homework Grid which includes a range of activities that you may pick and choose from according to what suits your family at the time. This will be coming home later on in the term.

Article Link: 31 Things Your Kids Should Be Doing Instead of Homework <http://www.parent.co/31-things-your-kids-should-be-doing-instead-of-homework/>

Common Language

Rules

Rule Number One – Hands up for permission to speak

*Rule Number Two - We keep our hands and feet to ourselves –
(Kind hands – Kind Feet)*

Rule Number Three – We use an inside voice and walk inside

Rule Number Four – We listen with our whole bodies

Rule Number Five - Be a team and be a learner

Rule Number Six – Be a friend and have fun!

Literacy

Phonics

We use Jolly Phonics as one strategy to help your child learn their letters and sounds. In understanding the letters and sounds the children develop a solid background for reading and writing. The Jolly Phonics songs can be found on Youtube.

Literacy Groups

We will be looking for parent helpers for Literacy Groups which will commence shortly. Keep an eye out for this information. Parents generally work in small groups to assist the students in developing their reading/writing or phonics strategies. The class teacher will provide guidance to all parent helpers. Please apply for a Working With Vulnerable People card now so that you are able to assist in the classroom.

Spelling

In the coming weeks your child will receive information about spelling words. Please note that there are differences between a Sight word/Tricky word and a word that can be spelt by 'Sounding it out'. In your information packs, you will find a set of these sight words. Feel free to laminate these words and use for games such as memory etc.

Readers

Reader bags will arrive in Term 2. Until this time we encourage you to use the new Sunshine Online readers and/or read to your child every night, letting him/her select the text they prefer most.



Look for this icon in the app store and then enter the details:

Username: stfa2905

Password: stfa2905

Associate Professor Kaye Lowe

In the near future, Literacy consultant, Kaye Lowe, will be presenting an information night for parents in our school library. The presentation will be aimed at better equipping parents to assist their children with Literacy at home. Details will be placed in the school newsletter. For further information, please see Lauren Macdonald, Literacy Coordinator.

News

News will start in Week 4. We are introducing a 'News' homework book this year which will include the weekly topic schedule. Students will only be allowed to present their news if they have the 'News' homework book with them.

Numeracy

The curriculum involves a wide range of Mathematical concepts such as Number and Place Value, Patterns and Algebra, Units of Measurement, Shape, Location and Transformation and Data Representation. Learning to count is important, but it is just one of the many areas we teach.

And please remember to remind your child that – "Mistakes are good because they help us to learn."



Daily Routines

Lunch and Recess

Fruit Break

Please place bite sized pieces of fresh fruit or vegetables in a small **labelled** container or zip lock bag. No yoghurts or fruit cups with juice etc.

Lunch & Recess

Please make sure your child knows the difference between their recess and lunch. You may like to package the food separately and even **label it** to make it easier for your child to identify.

Drink bottle

Water only please. It keeps students hydrated and causes less mess in classrooms.

Please make sure all lunch boxes, drink bottles & containers (just like uniforms) are clearly labelled with your child's name.

Daily Reminders

Sport Days

Sports days will be every Monday and Thursday. Please ensure your child's clothing items are labelled and he/she is wearing the appropriate footwear for physical activity.

Specialist Subjects

The students will have time away from their classroom teachers every Tuesday and Friday. During this time the children will have specialist teachers take them for Music, Library and Science.

Tuesday – Kinder Water – Music and Library
Kinder Fire – Science and Library
Kinder Earth – Music and Science

Friday Kinder Water – Science
Kinder Fire – Music
Kinder Earth – Library

Bag Tags

We have created laminated bag tags for every child in Kinder. This will make it easier for teachers and staff to know where students should be heading once school is finished for the day. Please return the note *Student's Home Time Arrangements* note (red) as soon as possible so that the bag tags may be filled out by the teacher.

Behaviour Management

SWPBS

At St Francis of Assisi we have a School Wide Positive Behaviour System. Students receive 'Gotchas', which are small cards that have a picture of the PB (Positive Behaviour and Personal Best) Owl on them. Once the children receive 10 'Gotchas', they will receive a maroon band. On receiving 3 maroon bands the children will get a blue band. The process is then repeated. The children need three blue bands to receive a Principals lunch.



Expectations

Skills for life

Independence

Please encourage your child to do things for themselves as it teaches them to be responsible. Once they are in a routine, it is fine for them to pack their reader bag on a Thursday night or Friday morning.

Roleplay how to unpack their school bag once in the classroom and hand any notes to the teacher. This will be discussed in class by the teacher also. Children will understand expectations better if they are the same both at home and at school

Resilience

Teach your child the difference between a scratch on the finger and a bleeding nose, discussing which is a bigger deal. We find that the more resilient children are the more confident and positive they are, leading to happier and more successful students.



*Additional
Information*

Newsletters

The school newsletter gets emailed or goes home with the eldest child in the family each Friday. However, the **Kindergarten Newsletter** will be emailed on a Tuesday, fortnightly. The first Kinder Newsletter was emailed in Week 1, if you did not receive it please check your junk email or consult the office to ensure they have the correct details. All important school and Kindergarten information is contained in these newsletters. Please ensure you read **both** weekly. Learning strategies we are teaching in class will be noted in the Kinder newsletter so that you may work on them with your child at home.

Medical Check -Up

We strongly advise that you take your child to an eye and ear doctor in order to provide he/she with the best academic start. Health Check-Ups do occur in Kinder, but not until around Term 3.

Book Covers

We will be sending home workbooks and subject specific cover pages. Please use clear contact only to cover the books. We do this in Kinder as it makes it easier for children to identify what book is for what subject.

Communication

Please feel free to contact your child's teacher with any questions or concerns. As we are often very busy immediately before and after school, it is best to make an appointment to talk in person as we do not always have time for impromptu meetings. The best form of contact is via email.

Kinder Water – Holly.Haling@cg.catholic.edu.au


Kinder Fire – Wayne.Young@cg.catholic.edu.au

Kinder Earth – Jo.Grogan@cg.catholic.edu.au

Tanya.Dunley@cg.catholic.edu.au

Get Involved

Volunteering in your child's classroom or actively practicing skills at home are great ways to get involved. School Notes will be coming home shortly to ask for volunteers. THANKYOU!!!!



Thank you so much for
coming! We appreciate your
support and look forward to
a wonderful year with you
and your children!!!