

# Welcome to grade two!

We are looking forward to an exciting year working with you and your child! To help get us off to a flying start, here is some important information ☺

## **Brain Food**

Students have brain food breaks daily. During these times they may eat a small snack of fresh fruit, vegetables or cheese.

## **Diaries**

Students are to bring their diaries to school each day and hand it into the classroom teacher. The best way to contact your child's teacher is through the diary. If you would like to make an appointment with us, please make an appointment through the diary as it can be challenging to have impromptu meetings due to other teaching commitments. Concerns, information or feedback can also be written in the diary.

## **Home Reading**

Students are expected to read each night and their home reading is to be recorded in their diaries. We will start home books in week 2.

## **Reader Folder**

Students need to bring their reader folder to school each day to change their home books. If your child is reading a longer book or book from home, please still keep it in their reader box in their bag so we can track what they are reading.

## **Spelling**

Spelling will start later in the term. Students will be expected to learn 10 new words a week that they have struggled with in their writing. There will be more information on this when we begin the program.

## **Mathletics**

Students have a log in to Mathletics provided by the school which will be found in their diaries in the following weeks. It is an excellent resource for students to improve their maths at home and they are expected to complete set tasks each week. Most tasks can be completed on iPads and phones as well as computers.

## **Mathematician's Dictionary**

If you wish to help your child with Mathletics, a grade 2 mathematician dictionary has been uploaded to the school website which addresses the language we use in class and explanations of terms. This can aid with consistency of language between school and home.

## **No Hat, No Play**

During term 1 and 4 students need to have their hats to participate in outside activities such as recess and physical education. Please ensure your child's hat is navy blue and named. These can be left at school.

## **Peanuts, Cashews and Pistachios**

Please be aware that students in the school have severe allergies to peanuts, cashews and pistachios. We require your assistance by limiting the use of nuts in your child's lunches. If your child has an allergy, please let your teacher know and provide an epipen and action plan.

## **Asthma**

If your child suffers from asthma, please let their classroom teacher know. It is a legal requirement that we have a copy of an in-date asthma plan for your child (without it, we are not allowed to administer an asthma puffer). Please send along the asthma plan and we can make a copy.

## **Specialist Subjects**

Class	Library	Art	Performing Arts	PE
2D	Thursday, 1-1.30	Monday, 2.15-3.15	Friday, 11.30-12.30	Wednesday, 10-11
2P	Thursday, 12.15-12.45	Friday, 11.30-12.30	Wednesday, 10-11	Monday, 2.15-3.15
2H	Thursday, 12.30-1	Wednesday, 10-11	Monday, 2.15-3.15	Friday, 11.30-12.30

## **Chinese**

All grade 2s will be participating in a Chinese Language Program for the first half of the year with Mr Ang.

Class	Tuesday	Friday
2D	10-10.30	9-9.30
2P	10.30-11	10-10.30
2H	9.30-10	9.30-10

## **Library books**

Please ensure your child's library books are returned the day before our library session (See *Specialist Subjects*) so they are able to borrow again. If you have misplaced any library books please let your classroom teacher know and they will contact the library for you.

## **Art Smock**

If your child's art smock is currently not at school, please send it along as a soon as possible.

## **Tissues**

Please send along a box of tissues with your child for our classroom.

## **Website**

Our grade 2 bulletins, newsletters, forms and important information is all located on our school website. Please visit it regularly. You can also sign up to get the newsletter emailed to you each week. <http://www.hbps.vic.edu.au/>

We look forward to the year ahead ☺ If you have any questions or comments, please communicate them with your child's teacher.

Regards,

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