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## Room 8 Parent Information

Dear Parents/Caregivers,

Welcome to Year Two in Room Eight. My name is Melissa Zollo, and I am looking forward to teaching your child this year.

### Morning Routine

We have been learning the morning routines that the children are expected to complete every morning. Students complete morning routines independently, which includes carrying their school bag.

1. Place school bag on the bench outside Room 8. The children have been asked to place their school bag sideways, to ensure we have enough room. Please remind your child to zip up their school bag.
2. Bring in their drink bottle and home reading file.
  - Drink bottles are stored in the trays provided.
  - Home reading files are kept in the home readers tub.
3. Say good morning to their teacher.
4. Set up their desk with a chair, pencil case, pencil tin and make sure their lead pencil is sharp.
5. Begin Morning Work.
6. Once the bell goes, the children are required to stop work immediately, tidy their desk (which includes packing away their morning task) and sit on the mat, waiting for the morning meeting to begin.

### Before School

If your child arrives at school before 8:30, they need to go straight to the undercover area where a teacher will be present. If you are with your child, you are welcome to sit quietly outside the classroom. Please remind children to keep their voices down, as their teacher is inside working.

**Children are not allowed to play on the playground before or after school** – even if a parent is supervising. If you have any questions regarding this school rule, please see the front office.

## **After School**

If you have organised for your child to meet you somewhere else to be picked up, walk home with a sibling or you will be running late, please have a chat with me or send me an email. It is essential that I know who is picking your child up, so I can keep them safe and remind them if they forget.

## **Home Reading**

Home reading is the only regular homework that is set every night and children must bring their home reading folder into the classroom every day. Reading every night will assist your child in every aspect of their learning, so I encourage parents to read with their child for at least 10 minutes every school night – weekends are optional.

- Home readers will be sent out in week three this term and children must bring their home reading file into the classroom every day.
- Before placing their file into the home reading box, children are to return their book and choose another book from their basket.
- Please remember that home reading is about improving reading fluency and promoting a love for reading, so the book that is sent home might be easier than what your child is reading in class. If you are having difficulties with getting your child to read their book, please come and see me. We can work together to create a good homework routine.

## **Crunch & Sip**

Crunch & Sip is a healthy eating program, which promotes eating fruit and vegetables and a healthy lifestyle.

- Children are allowed to bring in cut-up fruit or vegetables into class, which they are allowed to eat throughout the day.
- The fruit/vegetables must be in a container/ziplock bag and pre-cut, so children don't have their learning time disrupted by peeling fruit.
- Please make sure that your child has a water bottle, filled with fresh water, every single day to keep hydrated during class time.

## **Punctuality and Attendance**

As you can see, our morning routine is very structured. It allows students to get settled into the classroom and be ready to learn when the bell goes. It is essential that your child is on time to school every day, so they are prepared for the busy day ahead. I understand that there are times where being late is unavoidable. If this happens, your child will be required to get a late note from the front office.

Along with punctuality, attendance is also important. We are learning new concepts every day, and if your child is away, they may have gaps in their learning. I understand that there are times where your child is sick and needs to stay home. If your child has a fever or contagious illness, I encourage you to keep your child at home. If your child only has a runny nose, please send them to school, and I will make sure to monitor them throughout the day.

## **Library**

Our library day is Tuesday, where we spend time exploring the different books in the library. Please ensure that your child has a library bag; otherwise, they will not be able to take a book home. Please note that their home reading file is not a library bag.

## **Specialist timetable**

<b>Day</b>	<b>Subject</b>	<b>Teacher</b>	<b>Requirements</b>
<b>Monday</b>	Chinese Language	Ms Sue Ung	
<b>Tuesday</b>	P.E.	Miss Kaye Ennis	Sport shoes Drink bottle
	Library		Library bag
<b>Wednesday</b>	The Arts	Miss Melissa Hayes	
<b>Thursday</b>	HaSS	Miss Faye Yang	
<b>Friday</b>	Science	Mr Ashley Sims	

## **Assemblies**

- Term 1: Friday morning at 9 am (every second week)
- Term 2: Thursday afternoon at 2pm (every second week)
- Term 3: Thursday afternoon at 2pm (every second week)
- Term 4: Friday morning at 9 am (every second week)
- Our class assembly will be in Term 3, Week 7.

## **Class Updates & SeeSaw**

All classroom newsletters and updates are displayed on the school website and the Skoolbag app. We also use the app SeeSaw in Room 8. If you are unfamiliar with SeeSaw, it is an app where your child can share with you what we are learning in class. A letter will be sent out soon with instructions on how you can get access to your child's learning portfolio.

Parents are always welcome in the classroom to see what we are learning. If you ever want to have a chat about your child's progress, I am available most afternoons for meetings.

Kind regards,



Melissa Zollo  
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