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Room 22 Parent Information

Dear Parents/Caregivers,

Thank you for your assistance in getting your child organised for school. My name is Mr Arnold and I will be your child's classroom teacher for 2020. I look forward to an enjoyable and productive year with the students in Room 22. I have been working at O'Connor P.S for the past year. 2020 is my first full class as a teacher and I look forward to the development and experiences ahead.

2020 year is a very busy year for Year Six students with events such as Year Six camp and graduation. In addition, Year Six students take on a very active leadership role in the school community and are looked up to by the younger students in the school. Year Six students will also study very hard in class with an extended curriculum and lots of interesting learning topics.

Specialist Teachers

We are very fortunate to have three specialist areas at O'Connor.

- ❖ Science – Mrs Graham
- ❖ H.A.S.S. – Mrs Schmidt
- ❖ Physical Education– Miss Winter

- ❖ Clubs – Friday afternoon (Years 4, 5 & 6). Clubs has a one-time cost for the year of \$15.

School Assemblies

The Senior Assembly occurs each fortnight on a Friday morning in Term One and Four, starting at approximately 8:50am. In Terms Two and Three, our assemblies will be on Thursday afternoons at 2:00pm.

Behaviour Policy

The aim of our behaviour policy is to reduce the interruptions to your child's education and to provide a safe and enjoyable classroom for every student to work in. Our class has established a set of class expectations which they have agreed to follow. Students are supported in following this process and are positively rewarded for doing the right thing and behaving appropriately. The class are working towards an individual reward for demonstrating good behaviour and team work. Students are also able to be individually rewarded through Goldies, Principal Awards, Merit Awards and our class reward system.

A behaviour management system is in place and involves a progressive warning, thinking and reflecting structure. This may include losing privileges or reflection sheets, amongst other approaches and logical consequences.

As per school policy, the green reflection forms are sent home and must be signed by a parent/ guardian and returned to school the following day. Please do read and discuss it with your child remembering that if they get to that stage they have been disruptive at least three other times during the day. A phone call home will also be made for repeated positive or negative behaviour.

Homework Policy

Your child will receive homework on a weekly basis. As a part of this, your child will, at times, have spelling words, times table practise and are expected to read on a daily basis. For Term 1, I am asking that each student read for at least 20 minutes five or six days a week. This is done to assist in developing their reading skills, comprehension and fluency. I would also like them to practice their times tables (multiplication facts) or division tables a few times a week as this is most beneficial and an important skill for students to have.

Each child will also be using their student diary at school. The main purpose of the diary is to develop student organisational skills for high school. This can also be an extra form of communication between parents/guardians and myself. Students also receive rewards for completing their homework and having their diary signed by a parent or guardian. Your support, encouragement and guidance with homework and reading will contribute immensely to your child's development and learning. Thank you in advance.

Transition to High School

As the year progresses, we will be working towards preparing our Year Six students for High School, not only academically, but also in improving their organisation and their ability to drive their own learning. This can be difficult for some students, though is more than worth the effort as it is of great benefit to them throughout high school if they can make themselves more responsible for their own learning and organisation.

Year Six Camp

We will be having a camp in Perth towards the end of TermTwo. This has always been an extremely popular and enjoyable activity for our final year students and often the most looked forward to event on the calendar. Camp is not compulsory by any means and is by invitation only. It will be a great experience if they are able to attend.

BYOD iPads

If your child has a BYOD iPad it is recommended that it is brought to school every day with a fully charged battery. Students are required to keep their iPad inside their school bag before and after school to prevent damage. When students arrive to class they will need to bring their iPads into the classroom and then placed securely in their big drawer. The classroom is always locked to prevent theft. Students leave their iPads in the classroom during recess and lunch. Headphones are required for the use of iPad when sound is needed.

It is recommended that student have a sturdy case to avoid any accidental damage. Any student who does not have access to a personal iPad may have access to a shared school device. Students will require every application that is on the app list for their school year for 2020.

Our classroom FAIR rules apply to the use of technology when at school. Please refer to the O'Connor Primary School website for more information <http://www.oconnorps.wa.edu.au/ourschool.php?id=48>

Requirements

- ***Hat & Drink Bottle***

For all outdoor play including daily fitness, physical education, recess and lunch play students require a hat, even in Year Six. Due to the current range of temperatures, it is also encouraged that all students bring a large water bottle to school. Drinking water is encouraged throughout the day and students are aware it is their responsibility to refill their drink bottle during the recess and lunch time breaks.

- ***Tissues***

Tissues get consumed regularly. Coming into Autumn and Winter more and more students will be using tissues. If you have not bought in a box of tissues, it would be greatly appreciated if you could send a box or two in with your child.

- ***Library Bag***

All students require a library bag for library books or if they take home any class books. Library bags can be purchased from the library five days a week.

Parent-Teacher Contact

Please feel free to contact myself if you have any questions or information you think I should know to help your child. Before or after school is often a good time to have a quick chat about how your child is progressing. For a more detail discussion it is best to make an appointment.

Please do check the website or use the O'Connor School app (Skoolbag) on your smartphone to keep up with the happenings at O'Connor as well as the different notes or forms that will be posted online. The Room 22 website link is <http://www.oconnorps.wa.edu.au/ourstudents.php?id=22> .

I look forward to meeting you, or seeing you again, as the year progresses.

Kind regards,

Mr Hamish Arnold
11th February 2020