

# Eatons Hill State School

## Prep Parent Information Night

### Teal and Navy Classes

February 2008

#### School Information

##### **School newsletters**

- School newsletters will be sent home fortnightly with a Principal's Note on alternate weeks in your child's **Communication Folder**. Please return these each day.

##### **Tuckshop**

- Tuckshop will be available on a daily basis and will commence Week 2. A note has been sent home detailing how to order. *Please note that First Break is the longer eating break for the children.* Tuckshop is always looking for volunteers so please consider giving up some time to do so. Dads and Granddads are more than welcome to volunteer too.

##### **P & C**

- You are welcome to attend the school P&C meetings. Dates for these meetings are advertised in the school newsletter.

##### **Specialist Lessons**

- The prep children also participate in specialist lessons for Music (with Karyn Walker) and PE (with John Moores). These lessons this year will take place on a Tuesday afternoon.

##### **Library Visits**

- Borrowing of library books will commence in Week 2. A note has been sent home explaining the borrowing procedure. If your child does not have a waterproof library bag, books cannot be borrowed. Parents and children can return books and re-borrow daily from 8:45am or children can bring book back on the next Library day.

##### **Religious Education**

- Prep children do not participate in the school's RE program

##### **Early Years Gathering**

- We will be attending the Prep to Year 3 Early Years Gathering when they are held on Tuesday mornings at 9:00am. Parents are more than welcome to come along.

## Money

- Any monies for excursions, performances etc are to be handed in to the office, not to the classroom teacher.

## Parent Teacher Interviews

- Two individual Parent/Teacher Interviews take place at the end of each semester (2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Term). These interviews provide the opportunity to discuss how your child is progressing in relation to each of the 5 Early Learning Areas. The Early Learning Record goes up to the Year 1 Teacher along with samples of work.

## Waiting Area

- Due to Workplace Health and Safety regulations parents are required to wait under the Administration Building until 8:45am when bringing their child to school and 3:00pm when collecting their child.

## Departure Procedure

- Children not collected from Prep by 3:00pm will be taken to the office to wait for their parent. If you are running late please phone us and let us know if you have made other arrangements for your child to be collected from school.

## Medication

- Any medication your child may require is to be left at the office with the signed instruction sheet completed. ***Under no circumstances is medication (including ointments, Asthma inhalers) to be left in your child's school bag.***

## Healthy Eating

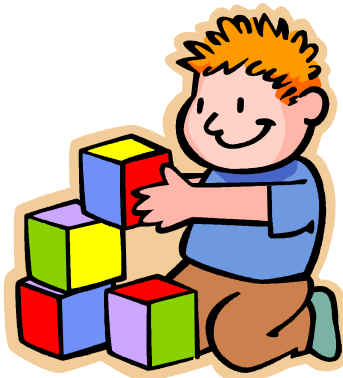
- To promote healthy eating please limit the amount of 'junk' or packaged foods sent in your child's lunchbox.

## Blanket Permission Form

- In the next coming weeks you will receive a 'Blanket Permission Form' from the school administration. This form enables you to give permission for your child to be photographed, leave the school grounds, etc. It is important that we have this information on hand so please complete this form and return it back to us as soon as possible.

## Term 1 Break

- Please note that the end of Term 1 break is not at Easter this year but commences on the 7<sup>th</sup> April – 15<sup>th</sup> April.



# Class Information

## **Class Notes**

- Class letters and notes will be sent home as required in your child's plastic Communication Folder. Please look out for these in your child's school bag each day and send them back in to class the next morning.

## **Parent Roster**

- Our Parent Roster will start later this term, possibly Term 2, depending on how the children are settling. There will be a maximum of 2 parents per day. The Roster will be available a few weeks before we start.

## **Perceptual Motor Program**

- In the next coming weeks all Prep classes will begin participating in a Perceptual Motor Program. This program will take place three mornings per week in 20 minute sessions per class. We will require **3 – 4 parents** to volunteer some time to assist with these activities. If you are interested in helping please let us know.

## **Parent Jobs**

- Can't make it in to the classroom but would still love to help? Perhaps you would be interested in helping out by taking home 'jobs' for us? This might include making playdough, cutting out paper shapes etc. Please let us know if you are interested.

## **Discussion Time**

- Each afternoon the children will participate in a Discussion Time/ Sharing Session which provides opportunities for children to talk about and reflect on their day. We have a roster of 4-5 children per day. This is not Show and Tell and children do not have to bring anything in.

## **Buddy Class**

- Year 6/7 Gold class are our Buddy Class. Teachers are Ms Therese Rourke and Mr Ian Bird. We meet with our Buddy Class each Friday morning, beginning in Week 3. Each Prep child will be allocated a Buddy and will participate in indoor and outdoor games, drawing, reading, computers and many more fun activities.

## **Excursions**

- Please be aware that throughout the year we will be organising excursions, performances etc which will incur a cost.

## **Raw Art Workshops**

- This year the Arts Committee is organising specialist Art lessons for all children (Prep – 7) to participate in. The cost will be \$22 per child for the year and includes all art materials and great hands on art experiences.

## **Henny Penny Hatchings**

- We have organised for Henny Penny Hatchings to visit us with chicks and hatching eggs in the lead up to Easter (Week 6 – 3<sup>rd</sup> March). A letter detailing all costs etc will be sent home in Week 4. Chickens can be taken home by children who have appropriate facilities (proper chicken coop with a chook already in residence).

## **...Just a few more reminders:**

- *Please ensure that your child has spare clothes in case of accidents.*
- Could you please send in a small sheet or towel (no pillows) for the children's quiet time. These will stay in their bag.
- Our "Snack Attack" time is working really well. Children are enjoying having that mid-morning snack.
- Please send spoons if children require them and also food that they can open themselves can help to promote independence.
- Please send along a water bottle for your child each day. These are filled up throughout the day as required.
- Birthday Cakes – You may wish to send along a birthday cake or cupcakes to celebrate your child's birthday.
- Please inform your child's teacher if your child has any allergies.
- We are always in need of collage materials (boxes, scrap paper, buttons etc), Please see the attached handout to see what items you may be able to bring in.

**If you require any more information or have any questions or concerns please ask us.**



**Thank you!**