
Glenmore Park



Public School

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Dear Parents/Carers

STAGE 2 GRADE NEWSLETTER 2018

Welcome back to the school year. The teachers for Stage 2 for this year are-

3F-Jennifer Filo 3C-Laura Curran 3E- Mrs Janelle Evans 4P-Storm Preissl
4C-Mr Peter Corry 4M-Anna Monteith 4/5K-Ryan Kirby

Class Requirements

The following items are needed for your child to fully take part in day to day activities in Stage 2-

- 2 pencil erasers
- 6 HB lead pencils
- Barrel type pencil sharpener
- Coloured pencils
- Medium point coloured textas- (no permanent markers)
- 1 standard wooden senior 30cm ruler (not metal or "bendy" plastic)
- Calculator (Year 4 only)
- 2 Large glue sticks
- Homework Book-covered-A4 size
- Oxford or Macquarie Dictionary (Junior)
- Scissors
- Box of tissues or paper towel
- Cloth Library bag
- Liquid soap
- Small pencil case
- Paint shirt (optional)
- Highlighters
- 2 whiteboard markers
- USB/Memory Stick

Personal Belongings

It is very important that children keep their personal items clearly labelled with their name and class. Items such as hats, jumpers, raincoats, lunchboxes, drink-bottles, work items, books etc can usually be returned quickly when a name is clearly displayed. Please note, broad-brim hats are to be labelled clearly inside the hat. No writing is to be on the outside of the school hat. It is important that children are encouraged to develop skills to become responsible for themselves and their possessions.

Toys and Electronic Games

Parents are asked to ensure that children do not bring toys and electronic games/devices to school. There is a possibility of damage or theft so it is better to keep these items for home play only.

Book Club

Book Club is available for the students usually twice a term. It is due the week following distribution and takes about two weeks to be delivered. ALL orders are to be completed on line. Information on ordering is included with the order form.

Library

Students need to bring a library bag in order to borrow a book as this will protect the book on the way home and ensure our school resources are being kept in good condition.

Parent Helpers

This year the Stage 2 classes will occasionally be looking for parents to help out in a variety of activities to support their children's education. This includes reading, small group activities, sport, transportation etc. Help can also include assisting in tasks such as book covering at home, if you are unable to help in school hours. Please let your child's teacher know if you are interested in giving up some of your time.

NAPLAN

Year 3/5 are NAPLAN years. In Week 3, Term 2 the students will be required to undergo nation-wide testing in Numeracy and Literacy. The results of these are compared across the nation and are then sent to you and the school later in the year.

Study Units

This year your child will be studying a variety of focus areas drawn from the different subject such as History, Geography and Science.

Science

Term One- Plants in Action
Term Two- Material World
Term Three- Night and Day
Term Four- Heating Up

History

Term 1- History: The First Australians/The First Fleet
Term 2- The Great Southern Land/World Explorers

Geography

Term 3/4- The Places are similar and different.

Writing-Term 1-Informative

Term 2-Persuasive

Term 3-Imaginative

Term 4-Revise genres

Homework

Each week your child will receive homework activities composing of spelling, maths and table study, individual research, work finishing and oral speaking and reading practice. We seek your support in ensuring that this homework is completed and returned to your child's class teacher upon completion. Please contact your child's class teacher if your child is consistently coming home with no homework so the situation can be rectified. Homework is a stage expectation and will be monitored and reported on.

Uniform

Children are to be dressed in full school uniform including a broad-brim hat each day. Children should wear hard wearing school shoes/laced up joggers. Variations to the uniform during the year are not permitted and parents will, of course, be contacted if this occurs.

Awards

Each class has its own practices of earning points that can be traded for an Orange Merit card. Once five of these are collected they are handed in to the class teacher who will trade them for a Blue Merit card. Four merit cards are handed in and traded for a Silver Merit card, which is recorded on the school data system, and they are presented at the next available Assembly, to which parents are invited. Students who earn three Silvers trade these for a Gold Merit card and when two Golds are gained, an Honour Award is achieved. Students achieving this level are rewarded at the Presentation Day Assembly and publication in the school's newsletter.

Crunch and Sip

On a healthy note, we will continue to participate in a whole school healthy eating program called 'Crunch and Sip'. At approximately 10 o'clock each morning when energy levels need a boost, students are allowed to eat a piece of fruit or vegetable and/ or have a drink of water in class.

Medical Information

Please ensure that the school has information on your child's medical needs including emergency contacts and current phone numbers and please up-date if details change during the year. Any relevant medical details or reports that pertain to your child's education should be shared with your child's class teacher.

Internet Use

Parents are asked to ensure that they supervise their children's use of the internet during their time in Stage 2. The internet can be used as a tool for research and study but also increasingly issues are occurring at school as a result of the use of social networking sites at home. Close parental supervision of their children's use of the internet will prevent these from occurring. For further information about keeping your child safe online parents can access the Federal Government website <https://www.esafety.gov.au/education-resources/iparent>

If you had a question that was not answered please contact your child's teacher for an appointment through the office. We look forward to a close relationship that encourages and develops your child's learning and development.

Mr P Corry
STAGE 2 ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL

Natalie Mansour
PRINCIPAL