Dear KB families,

Welcome to the 2015 school year. My name is Mrs Jessica Bones and I am your child’s class teacher. Our class is called KB and our classroom is in the Kindergarten Block (C Block).

Here are some details to help ensure that your child is ready for the daily routines of their class.

Monday
- Newsletter fortnightly

Wednesday
- School banking
- Scripture (every second week at 9 - 9.35am)
- K-2 Assembly (every alternate week 9.15am)

Friday
- Library
- Sport

Your child’s sport house is: ________________

LEARNING PROGRAM
In Kindergarten learning experiences are centred around the National Curriculum - English, Maths, Science and Technology, Human Society and its Environment, Creative Arts and Personal Development and Health.

Each term has a focus topic.

Term 1 – Personal and Family Histories / Weather in my world
Term 2 – On the move
Term 3 – Celebrations
Term 4 – Paddock to plate

EXCURSIONS
In Term 4, we will be going on an excursion to support our unit of study “Paddock to Plate” The approximate cost of this excursion is $40. A note will be sent home in Term 3 with further details. We will also have a Grandparent’s Day at school and participate in NAIDOC day activities.

ENGLISH AND MATHEMATICS
Kindergarten students will participate in a range of learning experiences during English lessons. These include speaking and listening, reading and viewing texts, writing texts, handwriting and using digital technologies, grammar, punctuation, vocabulary and spelling.

The Maths Program is activity-based with “hands on” tasks that relate to “real life” problem-solving situations. These activities aim to develop the students’ understanding of the language of Maths as well as basic concepts in the areas of Numbers and Algebra, Measurement and Geometry and Statistics and Probability.

PHYSICAL EDUCATION
We have a K-2 Sport Program for fundamental skill development for one hour every Friday afternoon.

LIBRARY
Students may only take Library Books home if they have their Library bag at school. The loans are for one week. The students change or renew their book the following week. Library day is Friday.
TECHNOLOGY
Kindergarten use computers and laptops as part of their everyday learning. Our Kindergarten and Year 5 buddy program focuses on using computers and laptops to develop computer skills.

K-2 ASSEMBLIES
These assemblies will be held every second Wednesday after roll call in our School Hall. At these assemblies, students receive Merit Certificates, Reading Awards and Birthday Certificates.

PARENT HELPERS
Parent helpers are always welcome and greatly appreciated in the classroom. On Monday 16 February during the Meet and Greet afternoon, I will have a timetable where you can select a time you would like to help out.

HOMEWORK
Kindergarten homework currently consists of:
- “Home Reader” book each day
- Sight work book

CLASSROOM MANAGEMENT
Classroom management within each class is primarily by means of awarding good behaviour.

KB Class Rules:
Work quietly
Keep hands and feet to yourself
Put your hand up to speak
Walk in the classroom
Listen

KB Class Rewards
Praise
Name on the Smiley Face
Stickers / stamps
Class awards
Achievement / Merit Awards
Playground Awards

KB Class Consequences:
Verbal warning
Name on the Sad Face
Time out table
Buddy Class
Miss play time
- 2nd time to buddy in the one day → detention
- Instant detention: Violence, Directed swearing, Out of area.

CLASSROOM NEEDS
Could we please ask all families to bring in:
- A full box of tissues for the class to use
- An old shirt to use for painting with your child’s name on it

All other equipment including pencils and work books will be provided by the school.

GENERAL INFORMATION

PARENT TEACHER INTERVIEWS
Parent Teacher Interviews are scheduled during the year. Class teachers are available for interviews at other times to address concerns. Please contact your child’s teacher if you would like to meet and let them know some times that suit. They will contact you back with a convenient time. Morning Assembly time and the playground are not appropriate for interviews.
In Term 1, I will be organising a time to meet with you and discuss your child’s Best Start Assessment and how your child has settled into Kindergarten. Look out for this note in the next few weeks.

CLOTHING
Please ensure all clothing especially hats and jumpers are clearly labelled and checked regularly throughout the year. In Kindergarten accidents may happen, we ask you to include a change of underwear in your child’s bag in case of an accident.

FOOD
We have some students enrolled at our school who are allergic to several food items and who may have an anaphylactic reaction if exposed to fish and all seafood (especially salmon), nuts, cow’s milk and egg. In order to minimise risks to students’ health we are requesting that parents do several things:

- Do not send tuna, salmon, any fish, peanut butter, nutella or egg on sandwiches or in school lunch boxes.
- Label all items in your child’s lunch box with his/her name. This includes sandwiches and packaged food.
- Inform the teacher if you are bringing in food to share with the class (eg: birthday patty cakes).
- Talk to your child about how important it is not to share food with others.
- Talk with your child about how important it is to wash their hands before and after eating.

If you have any questions or concerns about anaphylaxis and how it might impact on your child please feel free to contact Mrs Francis or Mrs Wild at school.

BIRTHDAYS
If you wish, your child can celebrate his/her birthday with classmates. Please provide CUPCAKES ONLY not sweets or cakes that need to be cut. Please let the class teacher know they are coming and ensure there is enough for all.

ABSENCES
It is a Departmental requirement that parents provide a letter or verbal message explaining a child’s absence from school. Any leave (short or long term or partial ie; part of a day) must have the approval of the Principal. A letter beforehand will assist. Absences can also be explained using the Wyoming Public School App which can be downloaded for free.

PUNCTUALITY
School begins at 8.55am daily. Students who arrive after this time must report to office for a red pass. Arrival at school at approximately 8.45am will allow your child some time for social interaction with friends and for play.

MEDICATION
Asthma medication should be kept in the student’s schoolbag and the office and class teachers need a copy of the Asthma management plan. All other medication MUST be kept at the office and parents will need to complete a medical indemnity form giving details of doses and times. If your child has any allergies or medical conditions that may require urgent treatment our school needs an action plan. Please contact us for more details about medical conditions.

If you have any questions and concerns regarding your child’s progress or the learning program, please contact the class teacher to arrange an interview.

The executive member of staff supervising Kindergarten is Miss Jacqueline Nagle.

We look forward to working in partnership with you and your child.

Jessica Bones
KB CLASS TEACHER
9 February 2015

Rebecca Wild
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