

St Philip's Christian College Port Stephens



Junior School Newsletter

Welcome to Term 1 Week 3 2019:

Absences/leave

Please be aware of the school policy regarding leave. This is from the handbook.

In the event that a student will be absent for a length of time, an Application for Extended Leave Form must be completed at least 2 weeks prior to leave commencing. This form can be located on the College Website. It may be appropriate to arrange for schoolwork to be set and undertaken during this period of absence. If leave is not approved and still taken, it will be recorded as unexplained for reporting purposes.

Assemblies K – 4

All Kindergarten to Year 4 students have assemblies every **even** week on Fridays in the Chris Walkling Theatre. Award recipients are notified in the newsletter the week before assemblies.

FIRST ASSEMBLY FOR TERM ONE will be Week 4 – Friday 22nd February, 2019.

Kindergarten and Stage One – 2.20pm to 3.00pm

Stage Two - 1.35pm to 2.10pm

The last week of each term will be a combined Assembly also in the Theatre but at 1:30pm for all K-4.

School times

Morning assembly	8.40am
Fruit Break	10.00am ish
Lunch	11.15am – 12 midday
Recess	1.00pm – 1.30pm
School finishes	3.05pm

School Banking

School Banking will commence on Thursday 21st February.

Hot Days and Water Bottles:

Children are encouraged to bring a bottle of water from home as it is so important for them to have plenty of water to drink, especially in the hot weather. If you put the bottle in a sock or wrap it in a tea towel, it prevents the water forming puddles on the desk. Cordial and other sugary drinks are not suitable. A water bottle can be half filled and frozen overnight. If topped up with water in the morning, the drink stays cold all day.

Early Stage One Happenings

It's been a busy few weeks for Kindergarten. We are so proud of the children, as they are settling into their daily routines quickly and confidently.

Next week, we start three programs, so keep an eye out for these in school bags. First, is the homework grid. These are short and enjoyable activities to do at home

which consolidate what we are learning in the classroom. We look forward to seeing their homework at the end of term.

We will also begin the home reading program. This entails reading sentences based on the sight words we have covered so far in class. We encourage children to point to each word and keep practising these. With practise, the children will become more fluent and recognise sight words more quickly.

Learning Journals also start next week. Look out for them each Friday and after lots of praise, send them back in on the Monday so we can show you some more of our fabulous work the following week.

In week 4 we will learn the letters 'i' and 'f'. If you have any items at home starting with those sounds, we'd love to see them on our sound tables. It gives the children an opportunity to talk informally to the class about a familiar topic.

We are after donations of any teacups and saucers you may have lying around the house for a special project. We can't give away too many details as yet...all will be revealed in May! Please pass them on to either Kindergarten teacher.

Just a quick reminder to please check your child's pencil cases when they come home. We use our coloured pencils every day and they quickly become blunt. If you could assist us by making sure they are sharp, we'd greatly appreciate it.

Our fortnightly assemblies start in week 4. Early Stage One and Stage One will commence at 2.20pm on Friday afternoons in the theatre. Please feel free to come along.

Kind Regards,

The Kindergarten Teaching Team - Amanda Walsh & Dougal Eadie

AWARDS – Junior School

Early Stage 1 Merit Awards

To be awarded Week 4 Assembly,
Friday 21st February, 2019 – 2:20pm

KE	Emily Simm, Lucinda Devenish, Thomas Colbert
KGW	Chloe Harris, Beatrice Jones-Christopher, Nikolas Stratilas

Stage One Happenings

We have had a great start to 2019 and so much has happened already. We are writing recounts, completing all sorts of maths activities, learning about transport, getting set up for working with computers and iPads and learning how to be a good friend. What a great day we had at the swimming carnival! All the Stage 1 students have been given their homework books, letters, grids and first week

of spelling on Monday. The homework should be completed and returned on Friday each week. Home reading has also begun. Please take time to read with your children every day. Your child can change their home readers daily, every few days or weekly. We have many new readers in our collection so there is sure to be something for all levels and tastes.

Over the next little while your child will bring home some computer logins. These will be for 2 websites to which we subscribe: Studyladder and EdAlive. The teachers will set up activities on Studyladder for the students to complete. EdAlive has both Typing Tournament and Maths Invaders, that are levelled, for the children to work through.

These websites can be accessed at no cost to you both at school and at home using the logins provided.

Thank you to all those who attended our information night last week and who have been in touch. Don't forget to download your Junior School Information booklet from the email that was sent to you last week.

Thanks also to those who indicated that they are able to help us in the classrooms and with changing reader. We will be in touch very soon with days and times for you. In order for you to help us in this way or to assist with excursions etc. you MUST have a current, valid Working with Children Check. If you don't have one please read the information and apply at this web address: <https://www.kidsguardian.nsw.gov.au/child-safe-organisations/working-with-children-check> It is free for volunteers and lasts for 5 years.

Our first assembly for the year will be next week.

1/2R will be leading and 1/2W will be performing the item.

Blessings for a wonderful term,

Angela Cottier and the Stage 1 team.

AWARDS – Junior School Stage 1 Merit Awards

To be awarded Week 4 Assembly,
Friday 22nd February, 2019 – 2:20pm

1/2CF	Jasmine Hall, Claire Hannah, Leeson Catlow, Henry Knight
1/2GW	Courtney Southall, Henry Lilly, Emilia Morgan, Elara Barnes
1/2R	Toby Klum, Archie Owen, Arabella Starling, Kaspar Lethbridge
1/2W	Croyde Gregory, Harvey Gamble, Jamie Mackintosh, Grace Grove
Bronze Awards	Lucy Tynan
Silver Awards	Emma Flick, Airlie Ferris, Dylan Smylie, Henry Knight, Arabella Starling, Angelina Labra-Knox, Elsie Howard

Class Leading: 1/2R

Class Item: 1/2W

Stage Two Happenings

It has been a big week for Stage 2 as we have kick started our groups for Literacy and Mathematics. You might hear your child talking about a different teacher and a mixture of classmates as the weeks go by. Sometimes moving between classrooms can be busy and students can be forgetful. It is always a good idea to make sure pencil cases

are well equipped. Too many novelty pens, rubbers and rulers can be distracting and get lost as the students travel from class to class.

Homework will start this week with spelling lists being handed out in Literacy Groups. It can take a few weeks to find the right spelling level for your child. If you notice that the words are too difficult or not challenging enough please chat to the literacy teacher to find the right balance.

By the time you read this our swimming carnival will be over, however, we would like to acknowledge our year 3 students for taking the plunge and learning how to participate in the larger scale carnival. It is very important for them to have a go in the events and cheer on other age groups. Thank you Year 3 for being brave!

Enjoy the last month of summer!

Mrs Rebecca Ferguson and the Stage 2 Teaching Team

AWARDS – Junior School Stage 2 Merit Awards

To be awarded Week 4 Assembly,
Friday 22nd February, 2019 – 1:35pm

3/4A	Jemma Van Heythuysen, Brendan Boyers, Lara Budd, Ruby Pickette
3/4F	Max Lilly, Eloise Devenish, Nathanael Vitnell, Layla Herring
3/4H	Haylea Caldwell, Madeline Phelps, Eli Atherton, Josie Waide
3/4S	Layla Eggins, Connor Keegan, Jayden Fahmy
Bronze Awards	Lara Budd
Silver Award	Kayla Sullivan
Gold Awards	Sarah Patmore
Pen Licence	Sophie Davis, Kira DeVries, Ruby Pickette

CAPTAIN SPEECHES for Junior School Captains this year will be held after Chapel on a Wednesday in the Chris Walkling Theatre. This Term it will be on Wednesday 3rd April, 2019.

Library news

It is wonderful having children back to the library borrowing and enjoying the amazing titles we had acquired late last year.

Thank you for helping children remember library bags. Don't forget if children forget their book on their borrowing day they can always bring it in the following days.

New library friends - We have eleven new library friends arrive yesterday, a friend for each class. Each week a library friend will go home with a child from each class. The children love being chosen to take home a friend. The children can sit and look at books with their friend and include their friend in family activities. It is important the friend comes back to school the following library day so no one misses out.

Premier's reading challenge - Great excitement in Junior School! Every child will participate in the Premier's Reading Challenge this year. Early Stage 1 and Stage 1 will be completing their challenge in library and class time. Stage 2 will be reading in library time, class time and at home to complete the challenge. The Stage 2 teachers will be working alongside us in the library to encourage and support the children on their reading journey. Each child will have a reading log (in a plastic sleeve) in their tidy tray. They can log books as they read them. Please come and see us in the library if you have any questions.

Reminder - the children's library days are as follows:

Tuesday: KE, KW, 1/2R, 1/2W

Wednesday: 3/4A, 3/4F

Thursday: 1/2CF, 1/2GW, 3/4H, 3/4S

Please ensure children have library bags packed for their lesson. Their library bag can be a pillow case or a cloth shopping bag. We are always looking for spare library bags so please have a look in your cupboards. We'd appreciate anything we can use to keep the books in good condition to go to and from home.

Book Club - Our first book club get together for the year will be held on **Wednesday, 27th February (week 5)**, downstairs in the Little Beach Boathouse, at 7pm. We would love to invite parents, carers and teachers to attend. It is a great evening of fellowship, discussion and dessert eating. This session we will discuss the different books we have read over the holiday break. Come and see us in the library if you have any questions.

Have a great weekend and Happy Reading!

The Library Team

Founders Day Fair – Friday evening 29th March, 2019.

Cross Country

The College Cross Country Carnival will be held on Tuesday 19th March, 2019.

HRIS Primary Cross Country Carnival for children selected to attend is Friday 3rd May, 2019.

Sport Days

Early Stage One - Monday

Stage One - Thursday

Stage Two – Monday

The Kindergarten teachers' email addresses are as follows:

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Good for Kids good for life

WASTE-FREE LUNCHES

When packing your child's lunchbox it's important to think about nutrition, but we can also look after the environment too!

Waste-free means only packing items that can be recycled or composted.

That means no plastic wrap, no foil, no zip lock bags and no packaged foods.

Here are some ideas for packing a waste-free lunch:



- Invest in some small containers or a lunchbox with a variety of compartments.
- Use paper bags as they can be recycled.
- Use a reusable bottle for water and milk.
- Buy in bulk and transfer into smaller reusable containers for food like yoghurt and rice crackers.



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