PARENT INFORMATION EVENING 2014

We would like to take this opportunity to welcome to our parent information evening for 2014. Each week we meet to discuss and plan lessons, assessments and future directions. Tonight we will give a brief overview of our expectations in the 6 Key Learning Areas (KLA’s) as well as daily routines.

Classes
This year there will be two Kindergarten classes KG and KW, taught by Jane Gardner and Tracey Wellington. The children have been placed into parallel classes. Both classes will be following the same routines and program. Throughout the year children will be moving between rooms for literacy and numeracy activities.

Best Start
At the beginning of the year your child participated in a state wide literacy and numeracy assessment that provides teachers with initial information regarding your child’s learning. This information is used by the teachers to plan and program your child’s learning and specific needs at the start of the year.

Literacy
L3 stands for Language, Learning and Literature. This year Kindergarten will continue implementing the L3 philosophy into literacy sessions. The students will be provided with a guided reader to read during reading groups and then brought home to read to parents to develop confidence and skills in reading. Please return the reader every day as it is used in class each day. The readers will be swapped when the group has finished working on them.

All readers must be kept in a sturdy folder (A large pencil case with a zipper) in your child’s bag. All readers will be bar-coded this year so that the school has accountability of this expensive resource. Lost or damaged readers will need to be paid for from now on – at a cost of $10.

Maths
In Maths our aim is to build confidence through meaningful experiences and enjoyment. We also want to emphasise mathematical thinking by giving the children the opportunity to look at maths in the real world. Over the last few years staff has developed a wide range of differentiated learning activities to meet the needs of all students. Our first focus area is number.

RFF
RFF stands for Release from Face to Face. This is time for the teacher to plan and program for your child’s learning. This happens on Tuesdays, Heather Collin and Sue Agar are our RFF teachers. They will be teaching science, music, technology and library skills throughout the year.

Lunch
First break is at 11am. We ask that the children eat their sandwich first and then fruit, yoghurt or a healthy snack. We do not like the children to bring unhealthy food, as it is important to encourage healthy eating habits. Water is the best drink for drink
bottles. We find that poppers are often wasted and spilt easily. Second break is at 1.20pm and the children will be eating their healthy snacks in the playground. The children do not need treats in their lunchbox. If your child is still hungry pack them an extra sandwich or provide them with an extra piece of fruit.

**Crunch and Sip**
This is a fresh fruit/vegetable break and a drink of water. Many students who didn’t enjoy fruit now seem to enjoy this snack time.

**Core Values**
Cambewarra Public School prides itself on the six Core Values: **Responsibility**, **Respect**, **Caring** for one another, **Fairness**, Supporting others by being **Kind**, doing your **Best** each day. These are the values that we expect each student to live by.

**Class Discipline**
We promote positive behaviour management by constantly focussing on our Core Values.

**Assembly**
Assembly will be held every even week (4, 6, 8 and 10) on a Monday afternoon in the hall at 2pm. If your child is receiving an award a letter will be sent home inviting you to attend the assembly if you wish.

**Rainy Weather**
All children will need raincoats in their bags. We do not like umbrellas as they can be dangerous and hard to manage. If it is raining on arrival at school the children place their bags at the classroom and go to the COLA (Covered Outdoor Learning Area). Children are not allowed in the classroom at any time without a teacher.

**Birthdays**
We celebrate birthdays in class. If you would like to send in anything special please discuss with your child’s teacher first. Please make sure these are individual serves for easy distribution.

**Classroom Helpers**
Classroom helpers are welcome in Kindergarten classrooms. Please ask your child’s teacher for a convenient time.

**Library**
Our Teacher Librarian is Mrs Agar. We will begin borrowing towards the middle of this term. Children will be able to borrow one book per week to take home and read. Please send a sturdy library bag on your child’s library day. We will inform you of this day closer to the week.

Many thanks to the parents who have already donated items to the classrooms.

Yours in education,

Jane Gardner and Tracey Wellington