



## Welcome to Stage 1 2020

### School values

Each class has set expectations based on our school values. These have been negotiated by both students and teachers and reflect our school welfare guidelines. These three values underpin our day to day interactions as members of Randwick Public School.

- Be Responsible
- Be Respectful
- Be a Learner

### Parents as Partners

The best way to encourage children to value education is to show them that you value it too. You can do this by ensuring your child.

- Attend school every day, unless sick;
- Arrives at and is collected from school on time;
- Has full school uniform including their school broad brimmed hat and is well groomed;
- Has sufficient amount of nutritious food and water every day.

### Communication with the Teacher

If you need to speak with your child's teacher regarding your child's learning or welfare, please feel free to contact them directly if their email address has been supplied or via the school front office. Please understand that it may take a day or two to return your message.

Student work and class/stage announcements will be shared via Seesaw.

Messages that need to be communicated to the whole school community will be shared via SKOOLbag.

If you have an urgent message that needs to be shared with your child's teacher or your child (e.g. change of afternoon pick up) please call the school office on (02) 9398 6022.

### Homework

Homework will be issued every Monday. It is to be returned to class every Friday morning. Homework should take approximately 20 – 30 minutes per day, no more. You will have information inside the homework books that come home, detailing the homework for each week (Monday – Thursday).



## Homework Routines will include:

1. Daily reading for 10-15 minutes from the student's Home Reading Book. This includes discussing the book with your child. 4 books will come home on Monday to read, one each night. **Parents need to sign and date the Home Reader Log Book every day.** Home reading should be easy and enjoyable. Students are regularly tested in class and the level of home readers changed as appropriate.
2. Spelling activities set in your spelling activity homework book.
3. Math Mentals set in a textbook.
4. Online homework can be completed once a week even on the weekend.

Reading Eggs and set Mathseeds tasks are for Year 1.

Reading Eggs and Matific tasks are set for Year 2.

Please mark your child's homework as they complete it. Instant feedback is one of the keys to successful learning.

## Book Covering

On Thursday 6th February students (who have purchased their book packs) will bring their school workbooks home to be covered. The books all have school title pages and students' names printed on the front. We ask that you cover all the books in **clear contact** or **reusable plastic covers**. This allows you time to get these materials before the weekend as all books need to be back to school on **Monday the 10th of February**. If you are unable to cover the books in time please send them back to school uncovered as students will need to work in them on Monday morning. We will resend any uncovered books home the following weekend.

## Parent Teacher Interviews

Interviews will be held in Week 9 and 10, Term 1. This is primarily centred on your child's social adjustment to school and can provide the opportunity to discuss your child's progress and address any concerns that you may have. If you wish to discuss your child's progress at another time please arrange an appointment by calling the school office, emailing or send a note. I would be more than happy to discuss your child's progress, at a mutually convenient time.

## Attendance

If your child is absent from school please email ( [randwick-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:randwick-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au)) or call the school (02 9398 6022) as soon as you can. If your child is booked in to attend Randwick After School Care and they are absent from school, please alert the Care Centre on the day they are absent.

## Birthdays

We love celebrating birthdays in class. If you wish to send in something to celebrate your child's birthdays please send something easy to share such as cupcakes and no lollies or lolly bags.



## **Key Learning Areas**

The six key learning areas in primary school are; English, Mathematics, History and Geography (HSIE), Science/STEM, Personal Development, Health and Physical Education (PD.H.PE) and Creative and Practical Arts.

### **English**

English is an integral part of all learning throughout the entire school. English components are Reading, Writing, Listening and Talking. This means that comprehension and discussion are very important at this stage of your child's development. Students will give several oral presentations throughout the year, culminating in a Public Speaking Competition (date to be advised).

### **Mathematics**

The 3 Mathematics strands are Number & Algebra, Measurement & Geometry and Statistics & Probability. Student learning focuses on hands on materials is an important part of learning in Mathematics for Stage 1 students. Ongoing assessment of each area happens throughout the year.

### **History**

Year 1 - Present and Past Family Life: This topic provides a study of the present and past family life within the context of the students' own life.

Year 2 - The Past in the Present: This topic provides a study of local history.

### **Science**

Year 1 - Minibeasts; Students explore the habitats of creatures found in our school playground.

Year 2 - All Mixed up; Students study the changes to materials as they are mixed and combined.

### **Creative Arts**

Lessons are integrated with other subject areas. These include art, dance, drama and music. This year we will be having our grade concerts; Year 2 - Term 3 & Year 1 - Term 4. Throughout the year students in Year 1 will have music lessons with Mr Brown whilst Year 2 students will begin learning to play the recorder.

### **PD/H/PE**

Fundamental Movement Skills will be taught by classroom teachers throughout the year. Year 1 students will also have dance sessions in Term 2. There is a whole school resilience program to be delivered to all students and in addition to this we are incorporating Mindfulness techniques into the program.

Year 2 will be participating in Swimming Lessons and a note will be coming home regarding this on Care Monkey.



## Technology

Students have access to technology in all subject areas. Programs provide opportunities for students' research, to create multimedia presentations, publish written work, collate information, communicate with others and to extend upon their word processing skills.

Each classroom is equipped with an Interactive Whiteboard, computers and Ipads linked to the Internet. Students are encouraged to use this technology to enhance their learning across all curriculum areas.

There is a whole school focus on Digital Citizenship where we will be focusing on how to behave responsibly when using computers/ipads and being safe on social media. The Department of Education's intranet provides the children with access to a school email facility, as well as other services used for educational purposes.

## Assembly

Assembly will be held fortnightly at 9am in the hall. Our first assembly will be Thursday 5th March. Any changes will be sent out via Skoolbag.

## **Throughout the school year, please remember;**

- Ensure students arrive on time to school each day;
- Ensure students personal and health details are kept up to date and that any medication details are always kept at the front office and are up to date on CareMonkey;
- Ensure all homework is completed promptly.
- Small toys and valuable items are NOT to be brought to school.
- Ensure that you child wears full school uniform including the school broad brimmed hat, black shoes and socks.
- Label ALL your child's items of clothing, hats, food and drink containers.

Thank you very much, your support is greatly appreciated. We look forward to a wonderful year of fun and learning with you and your child.

Stage 1 Teachers



## Home Dismissal Arrangements

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Dear Parents/Carers,

Please complete and return the form below to indicate how your child will be collected from school every day.

Only children **8 years old and above are allowed to walk to the Kiss and Go area or the Kindergarten collection area to be met on their own.** These students need to have written permission from you to be allowed to do this. An older sibling may pick up a student with written permission.

If there are any changes in these arrangements during the year, the classroom teacher should be **notified via email** immediately to avoid unnecessary confusion for staff or children. If it is a last minute change to your daily routine, please **phone the school office** so that message can be communicated to the teacher.

Thank you,

Louise Manning  
Stage 1 Assistant Principal

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Students Name: .....

Class: .....

### **Collected by parent at 3pm**

MON     TUES     WED     THURS     FRI

### **Go to OOSH or other afternoon activity. (Please indicate alternate activity)**

MON     TUES     WED     THURS     FRI

### **Collected by an older sibling - Name..... Class .....**

MON     TUES     WED     THURS     FRI