

Information for parents of students in Years 3-4

Dear Parents

Below is some information that you may find of interest if you have a child in Year 3 or 4 at Somerville Rise Primary School. Should you require any further details, please feel free to contact your child's teacher directly.

TIMETABLE

Each class will do 10 hours of English and 5 hours of Maths per week.

Each class will participate in three hours of specialist time:

- All classes will have one hour of PE with Mr Patterson
- Some grades will have one hour of Visual Arts with Mrs Martin and some grades will have one hour of Performing Arts with Mrs Stock. This will switch mid-year so that all classes get one semester in each of these areas
- All classes will have one hour of ICT

Other lessons will include topic work (eg: History, Science and Health), classroom ICT, library and student wellbeing.

CLASS TIMETABLES

A copy of your child's class timetable will be sent home for your information.

ASSEMBLY

We have a whole school assembly at 2.45 on Friday afternoons. Parents are most welcome to attend this. In 2016, 3-4 Assembly will be held when the need arises at a mutually convenient time for teachers during the school week.

HOMEWORK

In Term One the main focus of homework will be reading, spelling and number facts. Students are expected to read **every night, where possible**.

Later in the term more formalised homework may be given out. As well as continuing with reading, spelling and number facts, this may include choice activities, allowing students the opportunity to pursue areas of their own interest and learning style. Parent support with homework is appreciated, but it is important that the work submitted is your child's and that they understand what is recorded. For example, printing slabs of information off the Internet is not going to be valuable if your child is unable to read and comprehend it.

Having equipment at home for your child to use for homework, such as grey lead and coloured pencils, pens, a ruler and other stationery items is important. Developing a routine for home tasks recommended and will certainly be beneficial as your child progresses into higher levels of school.

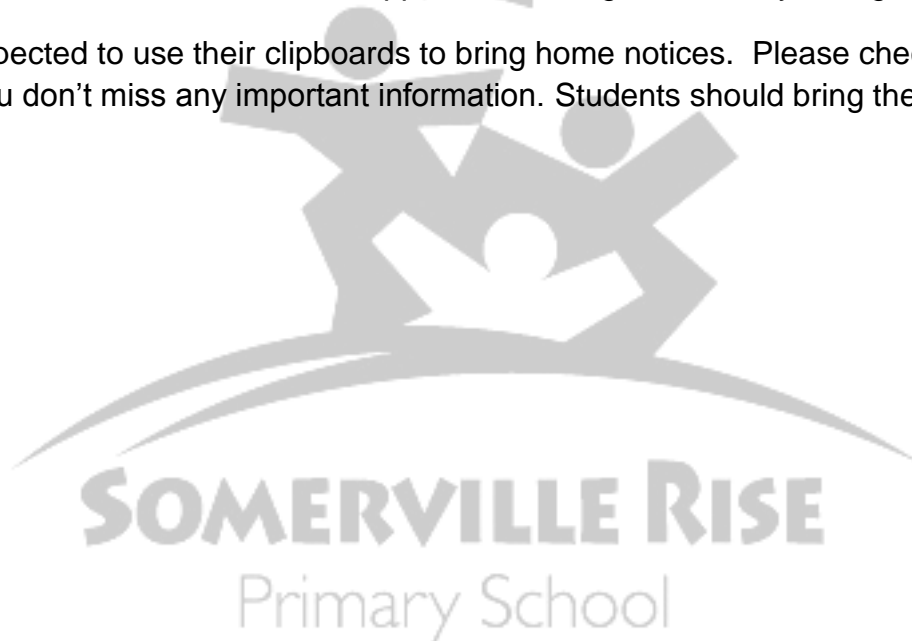
ROUTINES

Students are encouraged to drink water during their day and may bring a water bottle to school to have on their table. This is for plain water only. Students are not to drink cordial etc during class time.

Students are given the opportunity to have a piece of 'brain food' during the morning session. This should be a piece of raw fruit or vegetable. As this is not a break, but eaten during learning time, it is important that this is something not too messy and that can be eaten with their hands (eg not processed fruit that needs to be eaten with a spoon).

Students need to have a hat for at least Terms One and Four as part of our Sun Smart policy. These are required not just at recess or lunchtimes, but during other times when the class is outside, such as Phys. Ed lessons, Year 3/4 Sport sessions and activities in the Barn. Please make sure hats have names in them. Students are encouraged to apply sunscreen at home and bring some to school with them for further application throughout the day. Sunglasses are optional.

Students are expected to use their clipboards to bring home notices. Please check these regularly to make sure you don't miss any important information. Students should bring them to school each morning.



BEHAVIOUR EXPECTATIONS:

Teachers work with the new class at the start of the year to set up our expectations. We have revised the five school rules with the students:

- 1) Safety
We will act safely towards ourselves and others.
- 2) Learning
We will allow others to enjoy school and learn.
- 3) Respect
We will be respectful of ourselves and others.
- 4) Responsibility
We will be honest and accept responsibility for our behaviour.
- 5) Courtesy

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We will be polite, considerate and caring towards others.

The MOST IMPORTANT rule is the WHITE RULE which states:

“I must do as I am told, when I am told by the teacher.”

We follow the school’s RISC program where incidents of misbehaviour are recorded. Should a student need to be withdrawn from the classroom or yard, a letter will be sent home notifying parents of this and the reason it occurred.

CONTACTING TEACHERS

We are happy to discuss your child with you. Please be mindful of our other commitments before approaching us first thing in the morning or straight after school. Our email addresses can be found on the school website or you could phone the school and leave a message for us to contact you at a mutually convenient time.

PARENT HELPERS

Parent helpers are always valued. If you are interested in helping out in your child’s classroom, please contact their teacher to make arrangements.

Looking forward to working with you this year!

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The Grade 3 and 4 Teachers