

Welcome to 2K

I will be your child's teacher in Grade Two this year. This is my 25<sup>th</sup> year of teaching (my 14<sup>th</sup> year at SRPS). I am excited to be working with the other Grade One and Two teachers again this year and I look forward to getting to know you and partnering with you in the education of your child.

Below is some information about school and classroom practices in the Grade One and Two area. The Grade One and Two team work closely together. Should you need more information or have further questions please contact us.

### **Timetable**

Each teacher will send a copy of the grade's timetable home with your child. This will show when your child is working in the classroom, the times they are in the library and when they have lessons with specialist teachers. In terms three and four Visual Arts will replace Performing Arts. This year Mr Patterson will be taking our classes for two sessions each week teaching them Health and Physical Education.

We have a whole school assembly at 3:00 on Friday afternoons in the gym. Parents are most welcome to attend.

There will be ten to fifteen minutes of physical activity most mornings to prepare children for the day's learning.

### **Home Reading**

Reading at home continues to be vital to your child's progress and we encourage you to listen to them read each day and to read to them as often as possible. We are often told that the book a child has brought home is 'too easy'. This is intentional as home reading should be an enjoyable, successful experience where the child practises reading skills already learned. As students start to read longer books, they may not finish the entire book in one night. That is fine, just record the date, title of the book and what chapter or page number they got up to. Please send reading satchels in each day.

### **Classroom Routines**

Students need to have a broad brimmed hat at school as part of our Sunsmart policy. These need to be worn during recess and lunchtimes and whenever the class is outside, eg Physical Education lessons, morning fitness and activities in the Barn etc on days when the UV is high. Please make sure hats have names in them.

Each student is expected to use their clipboard to bring home notices. Please check these each day to make sure you don't miss any important information.

All students are encouraged to borrow from the library on a weekly basis. To protect our library books please ensure your child has a bag in which to carry them.

Students are encouraged to drink water during the day and may bring a water bottle to school to have on their table. This is for plain water only. Glass containers and canned drinks are not permitted at school.

We encourage children to bring a fresh fruit or vegetable snack to school each day. This will be eaten when the children return from morning fitness and settle down to the classroom work. We ask for your help in making this a quick and easy snack by cutting oranges into quarters, limiting it to one serve of fruit and not sending processed fruit that needs to be eaten with a spoon.

### Supplies

if you have not sent a box of tissues to school with your child could you please do so as we really do need them over the year. Also it is important that students have their name on all stationary items. If you have not had a chance to name these could you please ask your child to bring their pencil case home at a convenient time. If you have kept any of the supplies at home, please send them along to school. We collect spare stationary and books and keep them for the students for later in the year when they are needed.

### Student Wellbeing and School Rules

The main school rule is **the white rule**: I must do as I am told, when I am told, by the teacher.

We also have the following rules:

**Safety (the red rule)**: We will act safely towards ourselves and others.

**Learning (the purple rule)**: We will allow others to enjoy school and learn.

**Respect (the blue rule)**: We will be respectful of ourselves and others.

**Responsibility (the green rule)**: We will be honest and accept responsibility for our behaviour.

**Courtesy (the orange rule)**: We will be polite, considerate and caring towards others.

We use these rules to help each child develop a responsible approach to learning and others. Positive behaviour is constantly rewarded and celebrated in many ways, including "Super Star of the Week" and "Citizen of the Month" awards.

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.

### Classroom Helpers

We welcome help in the classroom so if you have any time to spare during the week and would like to help please come and see us. There are many tasks that you can assist with, including changing home reading books, listening to students read, working with a small group on a Maths or Literacy task and helping publish student work. If you would like to help but are unable to spare time in the classroom there may be some things you can take home to do, such as cutting out items for display. If you would like to help out please get in touch with your child's teacher.

Below are my contact details if you ever need to get in touch with me about any issue big or small:

*Email: [kannegieter.deborah.d@edumail.vic.gov.au](mailto:kannegieter.deborah.d@edumail.vic.gov.au)*

*Telephone: (03) 5977 8500 at school*

Emailing is the best form of communication as I can check it throughout my work day. If you would like me to email you over the year please let me know. I have included a return slip for you to send in this information.

I look forward to a having a great year together!

*Debbie Kannegieter*



# 2K Parent Information

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