KINDERGARTEN
MEET THE TEACHER 2016

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At Parramatta West, our school expectations are to be safe, responsible and respectful.

Kindergarten Reminders and Important Notices

Punctuality
The morning bell rings at **8:55am**. Please endeavor to have your child at school before this time. Arriving to school on time is essential to setting up good work habits. An occasional late arrival is sometimes unavoidable, however arriving late to school regularly puts your child at a serious disadvantage in their learning. If you are late you must first go to the office and fill in a late note to give to your child’s teacher.

Morning Assembly
Your child now knows where to line up in their class line. Give them a kiss goodbye, stand well back and watch them line up. Please do not line up with them. We would also appreciate that any conversations be held after the morning assembly.

Afternoon Dismissal
Parents need to wait until the children are seated on the ‘silver seats’ and for the bell to ring before you can take them home. If you need to leave early you need to go to the office to sign your child out. This is a legal requirement and we must ask you to do this. If it is raining please wait outside your child’s class and teachers will ensure you are able to collect your child.

Please do not take a friend’s child home with you without mutually agreeing to do it first and notify the school so that there is no confusion. If someone other than yourself is collecting your child please inform the class teacher.

Absences
When your child is away from school you will need to send a note to explain their absence you can also do this on our school app **Tiqbiz**. This is a legal requirement. All absences, including partial absences and late arrivals, are recorded on the class roll.
Interviews
If you have any concerns regarding your child please make an appointment to see your child’s teacher. The teachers are more than happy to talk but are unable to do so during class time or when students are lining up in the morning. Teachers often have meetings after school, however if you wish to talk to your child’s teacher after school please wait until students have been properly dismissed (this is a safety issue).

Label everything!
Things can get lost at school. Label your child’s belongings clearly with their name and class so that they can be returned to you. Lost items that are not labeled are kept in classrooms for a few days before being sent to the office. For health reasons, unclaimed or unnamed drink and food containers are thrown out.

Lunchboxes
Please show your child how to open their lunchbox and eat the food provided. You need to provide enough food for morning tea (e.g. fruit, muesli bar) and lunch (e.g. sandwich, noodles, rice). Some foods can be messy to eat at school, so please provide food that students can manage to eat on their own.

Allergies
There are some children in Kindergarten who are severely allergic to some foods. Please be mindful when packing your child’s lunchbox that we have students with **allergies to all types of nuts especially peanuts and walnuts**. We also have students allergic to eggs. Please do not give your child peanut butter, Nutella or other nut based foods. All children are not to share their food on the playground.

Water bottles
During hot weather your child can bring a bottle of water into the classroom. We recommend a drink bottle which is easy to open and close. Don’t forget to label drink bottles clearly with your child’s name.

School Enrichment Program
A note was sent home today regarding school enrichment fees. Parents are able to pay the whole amount as a lump sum or pay in installments. The Enrichment money includes a weekly Life skills program, a whole school weekly gymnastics program, a computer coding program, a Reading Eggs subscription, stationery and classroom equipment.

Money
All money and permission notes need to be placed in an envelope, clearly labeled with your child’s name, class and what the money is for. These will be sent to the school office. Alternatively, you can take these envelopes directly to the school office. Once the money is processed, your child will be given a receipt. Throughout the year there may be excursions and incursions for Kindergarten students, you will receive a note informing you of the costs and details of these at a later date.

Classroom equipment
Thank you to those families who have already sent in their classroom equipment. We ask that you purchase these items and send them to school as soon as possible:

- 4 large Bostik glue sticks
- 1 box of tissues
- 1 pump bottle of hand soap.
Birthdays
We love to celebrate birthdays however we are unable to have birthday parties or big birthday cakes in class time. When it is your child’s birthday you may bring in small cupcakes, donuts or cake pops to share with the class. Please check with your child’s teacher beforehand and deliver the items before school.

Library
All Kindergarten classes go to the library on Mondays. To borrow from the library your child will need a library bag. They also need to know their first and last names to borrow. Library books must be returned before they can borrow again from the library.

Sport
Students will be participating in gross motor activities to practise their fundamental movement skills (e.g. hopping, running, jumping, balancing) during their Friday sport lessons. Students should wear their sports uniform and their sneakers on this day.

Gym
On Mondays all of Kindergarten participates in our gym program. Students should wear their sports uniform. In gym we climb ladders, bounce on a mini tramp, ride scooter boards and crawl through tunnels. We do these activities in bare feet. If girls wish to wear tights they must ensure that they are footless tights because students will slip over in stockings. During these sessions students need to take off their shoes and socks and put them back on by themselves. Please take the time to start teaching your child to manage their shoes and socks by themselves.

We are looking for parents to volunteer with gym. If you are interested please see your child’s teacher.

Gym times on Mondays:  
9 – 9:55  KS & KL  
10 – 10:55  KN & KK  
11:15 – 12:10  KH & KA  
12:10 – 1:00  KR & MCT

Home Readers
Your child will receive a book to read and return each day. This is your child’s homework. These books are changed daily by volunteer parents. Make sure you and your child read together daily. The book your child receives is not meant to be challenging, we want your child to become a confident reader who enjoys reading. Please remember to sign the register and return them the next morning for a new book.
If you would like to help change the books, your time would be greatly appreciated. Parents meet at 9am in the Home Reading Room to organise the books each day.

Sight words and sound cards
We have provided you with a list of sight words and sound cards. We recommend that these are practiced regularly with home reading.

We look forward to a productive and fun-filled year of learning.
Please see your child’s teacher if you have any further questions.

Kind Regards, Kindergarten Teachers.