



# WELCOME TO EARLY STAGE 1...

## Kindergarten

Last Monday saw the arrival of our new Kindergarten students – all with smiling faces and keen to spend first day with their new teacher. We're sure that more than a few parents needed tissues and a coffee through the day! Your children have settled in beautifully and the teachers are coping well too!

With the great team of teachers on Early Stage 1, your children will have a wonderful start to school. We are looking forward to work closely as a stage team and learning from each other.

The Early Stage 1 team will be:



**Miss Lane, Assistant Principal, is on KL – Lemurs**, and will supervise the teachers on Early Stage 1 this year. **Mrs Jo Wriggley** will be sharing the Lemurs class, working on Fridays.

**Mrs Jo Turnbull is on KT - Toucans**

**Mrs Krensel is on KK – Kangaroos and**

**Miss Harper is on KH – Hummingbirds**

The school packs contain all the stationery necessary, such as exercise books, folders, pencils, scissors, glue, rulers etc. The packs also cover the cost of programs that can be used at home as well as school to enhance student learning. Reading Eggs will be invoiced separately to the Kindergarten payment. This program is being subsidised by the school and we are asking for a \$10 parent contribution per child. A note with further details will be sent home with your child. Thank you to the parents who have already sent in their payment. As soon as we are notified by the front office that payment has been made we will issue the schools packs. Everything purchased will remain at school for use within the classroom. Our school phone App cost is also covered so that you can keep track of school events pertaining to your children. The packs contain quality products and are of good value and very convenient. Information regarding these packs is included in this newsletter.

The Early Stage 1 Parent/Teacher information night will be held on Tuesday, 13<sup>th</sup> February at 5-5:45pm in your child's classroom. This is an opportunity to meet your child's teacher and find out a general overview of this year's learning as well as discussing the Reading and Home reading program. You are then invited to stay meet others families over a BBQ sausage and drink from 5-7pm. We look forward to seeing you there.



We would appreciate a donation of a bottle of liquid soap from the girls and hand sanitiser from the boys, and a large box of tissues as these are always required during the year. **A labelled paint shirt** can also be sent at your earliest convenience.

Combined Assemblies where Principal Awards and special items will be presented will continue to run in weeks 3, 6, and 9 of each term.



If you need to speak to class teachers, please leave a message with the school office so that teachers can contact you. When students are entering the class in the morning is not a convenient time to talk because the teachers need to be inside supervising the students.

As you can imagine the beginning of the year is always a very busy and stressful time, so we really appreciate your patience and understanding as we put into place all the routines and structures that are needed for the school year.

We ask parents to drop their child at school in the morning closer to the 9am bell where your child can wait under the COLA area near the classrooms. When the bell rings in the morning it is best to leave your child when they go to class lines. Say goodbye and give a kiss and a hug and then go. If you do stay to see your child move into class, we ask that you stay behind the red line marked on the concrete as this helps to keep the children settled in their lines and allows us to move the classes more freely into the buildings. We would appreciate your assistance in this area. Many children stay more upset when parents stay. Please do not come into the activity areas in the morning to put bags on hooks or afternoon as we wish to foster independence in your child.

In the afternoons, please wait near the outside exit doors for each class. Teachers will bring their class out to you. All children will only leave their teacher when a parent is seen by the teacher. Again, we request that the activity areas inside are not used as a waiting point. Classes are still underway and noise from toddlers and conversation can be disruptive.



I'm sure we will have a great settling in time over the next few weeks – dry your eyes and smile. Your precious children are in good, safe hands!

### **Early Stage 1 Teachers.**

#### Teacher Profile – Introducing... Ms Heather Lane

*I have now been teaching for 31 years. I have taught at Crawford Public School, Matthew Pearce Public School and at Blackwell.*

*My hobbies include reading and lead lighting – check out the glass picture of the kookaburra in the front foyer! I love my coffee, spending time shopping, travelling – mainly cruising these days, going for long drives, Thai and Chinese food and spending time with family and friends.*

*I dislike large crowds, noisy restaurants and cold coffee!*

*I have taught all grades K-6, but have spent most of my time teaching Stages 2 and 3. I have recently enjoyed spending time on Stage 1 and am excited to return to Kindergarten .again this year. I love to see the progress the students make throughout the year and my favourite quote is, “With hearts and helping hands, a child can accomplish anything.”*

