



ST. ALOYSIUS

CATHOLIC COLLEGE

14th February 2017

Dear Parents

Below is some useful information regarding our class routines.

If children are to feel secure, it is important that they are met on time. If you are going to be late, or someone else is picking your child up, please ring the school office. If your child is to be collected early, please go to the front office and sign your child out. You will be given a release form to bring to the classroom. If your child is unable to attend school because of sickness etc please inform the school office by 9.00am who will in turn inform us.

Newsletters and Communication

College newsletters are available on the school website fortnightly and available via the app 'School Stream'. We place correspondence/art work in your child's folder located in a box near the entrance to kinder. Please check daily and return forms promptly.

The school uses an app 'School Stream' as a way of communicating. Please download this app if you have yet to do so. Communication with your child's teachers is very important. We encourage all families to utilise the email system the school provides.

The Kingston Campus began using an app called Seesaw last year, as a method of improving communication with parents about student learning. We would like to communicate consistently with parents about what is happening in our classrooms. Please download the app if you are yet to do so.

Hats

All children are to have a hat at school. St. Aloysius is a "Sun Smart School" and if a child does not have a hat they must remain in a shaded area when outside. It is compulsory to wear a hat in Term 1 and Term 4. The children will leave their hats at school during these terms. If your child is attending after school care please place an extra hat in their school bag. Please ensure all hats, uniforms, lunch boxes and drink bottles are clearly named.

Communication Book

There is a notebook inside the classroom on top of the bag box cupboard. Please write in any after school care dates or if anyone different is picking up your child after school or let us know so we can write in the book.

Excursions

We hope to go on many excursions during the school year. Our first excursion will be on 2nd March where we will be going to the Botanical Garden. A notice giving more information will be sent via School Stream to you closer to the date. Please remember that the Working with Vulnerable Children card is required for any parents/volunteers who wish to attend any excursions.

Parent Help and Working with Vulnerable Children People (WWVP) Registration

We like students to adjust to school routines and settle in before we ask for your assistance in the classroom. We envisage commencing parent help during the first week of term two. Confidentiality is important. What you hear and see in the classroom remains private. If you wish to be involved in parent help we ask you to place your name on the calendar provided. Please limit each session to one-two helpers each day.

If you volunteer in our college for any reasons, it is now compulsory for you to have a current WWVP Registration Card. Without this, you will not be permitted to volunteer for parent help, attend excursions, work in the canteen and participate in many activities. Registrations are to be completed online at

www.justice.tas.gov.au/working_with_children

Once you receive your WWVP Registration card, please take it to the office and a copy will be made for the College's records. If you have any questions regarding this process, please contact Melissa Dance via email at melissa.dance@catholic.tas.edu.au

Please let us know if you have any special skills/talents would like to share with us.

Show and Share Roster

Your child will have a rostered day for sharing. It may help to talk to your child about what they are going to share prior to their day. Please send only **ONE** item for this activity and remember nothing too fragile or precious. We will let you know in our weekly newsletter when show and share will commence and the day your child is rostered on.

Library

Our library day will be a **Friday**. It is important your child has a clearly named library bag. Your child will be able to borrow one book weekly. Each Friday please send your library book back to school in order that another one may be borrowed. There will be two containers placed outside the entrance of the kindergarten classroom. The

children will place their library bag in the labelled container and place their library book in the other container.

Music and Physical Education

We will be having specialist Music and Physical Education lessons each Tuesday with Mrs White (sport) and Ms Leitch (music).

Star of the Week

Each week a student will be randomly chosen to be our Star of the Week. Children will be required to look after "Patrick" our class teddy for the week. Further details will be provided when it is your child's turn.

Nursery Rhyme Book

Each week one student will be able to take home our class nursery rhyme Book. A note will be sent home with this book for your information. These rhymes will be presented by your child to the class.

Canteen

Kinder H students will be allowed to have canteen on **Friday**. Please keep an eye out in the school newsletter for when canteen will commence.

Buddies

Our buddy class will be with one of the grade 2's. We will be meeting our new friends soon. These students act like a mentor for the kindergarten students. Further information will be provided about who your child's buddy will be at a later date.

Learning Journals

Each student will have a portfolio and a learning journal which will be sent home several times during the year for you to peruse. This presents samples and assessments of your child's learning over the course of the kinder year.

Allergies/Medication

St Aloysius College is a **Nut Awareness School**. Please check foods to be sure that they are nut free. Any medications that your child may need, with the exception of asthma medication, is to be administered through the school office.

Fruit Break

It would be appreciated if you could bring in fruit once a week and place in the fruit bowl. This is cut up and shared daily.

Book club

We send home Scholastic book club order forms approximately 8 times per year. If you wish to purchase any books please complete the order form/s and either pay by phone to Scholastic or return your order, together with cheque/cash, to the classroom. Orders need to be returned to school by a specified date and I will write this up on the noticeboard outside the classroom for your information.

Goal Setting Meetings (parent/teacher)

These will be held later in the term. This is an opportunity to discuss your child's progress with us. However, if you need to talk to us at a time other than the scheduled appointment, please see us and we can meet at a convenient time.

If you have any questions or concerns please do not hesitate to speak to us.

Regards,

Mrs Rachel Honner

Mrs Lee Wolfe

Class Educators

Mr Brendan Gill

Mr Joe Sandric

Co Principals