



ST ALOYSIUS

CATHOLIC COLLEGE

6th February 2020

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 at the end of the day. 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 campus office by 9.00am who, will in turn, inform us.

Newsletters and Communication

College newsletters are available on the college website fortnightly and available via the app School Stream. The college uses the app School Stream as a way of communicating important notices and information. Please download this app if you are yet to do so.

Communication with your child's teachers is very important. 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 Kingston Campus has been using an app called Seesaw as a method of improving communication with parents about student learning. We aim to use it to communicate consistently with parents about what is happening in our classrooms. In Kinder, reporting on student learning is different to reporting from Prep to Grade 10. Your child's learning journey will be presented in the form of Learning Stories (your child's black Portfolio and Thinking Books) and their Online Learning Story (Seesaw). Seesaw is a fabulous way of giving you regular insights into your child's learning journey, class experiences and activities. Your child's Portfolio and Thinking Book will be presented to family's mid year and to take home at the end of the year.

The use of Seesaw, in each Kinder class, will have some consistencies but may vary depending on the activity of that class and your child during each week. We aim to post one activity the class has done each week, and something relating to your child's learning every few weeks. We will not be using Seesaw to post notices. The school uses School Stream for this purpose. We may occasionally post reminders for key dates but please make sure you are connected with School Stream in order to be aware of any events that will be taking place. Your child's seesaw QR code is attached. Please see us if you have any difficulties downloading Seesaw.

Hats and Sunscreen

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. The College provides sunscreen for students,

however if your child has sensitive skin, we ask that you provide this with it clearly named.

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.

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 second week of term two. If you volunteer in our college for any reason it is 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 or participate in many activities. Registrations can 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.

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

Library

We will have weekly library sessions with Mrs Lane starting next week. **Kinder Green's** library day is on Wednesdays. **Kinder Blue** and **Kinder White's** library day is on Thursdays

It is important that your child has a clearly named library bag. Your child will be able to borrow one book weekly. Please send your library book back to school on your child's designated day so another one may be borrowed. There will be two containers placed on the bench near the entrance of the classrooms. The children will place their library bag in the labeled container and place their library book in the other container in the morning when they arrive to school.

Music and Physical Education

We will be having weekly specialist Music lesson with Ms Leitch on Tuesday for **Kinder White** and **Kinder Green** and on Thursday for **Kinder Blue**.

Weekly Physical Education lessons are with Mrs White. **Kinder Green** and **Kinder Blue** have their lessons on Wednesday and **Kinder White** day is Thursday.

Star of the Day and Show and Share

Every child will have the opportunity to be the Star of the Day. On this day your child will be able to 'show and share' items of interest. 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 White students will be allowed to have canteen on **Friday. Kinder Blue and Kinder Green** will be allowed to have canteen on **Wednesdays**. Canteen will commence on Friday 14th February. Orders are to be placed by 8.45am on the day via the Qkr App. Please keep an eye out on School Stream for menus and further information. Bag orders will no longer be accepted.

Buddies

Our buddy class will be one of the Grade Two classes. 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.

Allergies/Medication

St Aloysius Catholic College is a **Nut Awareness School**. Please check foods to be sure that they are nut free. We have a number of kindergarten children with egg allergies. We ask that children refrain from bringing whole eggs or egg sandwiches. Any medications that your child may need, with the exception of asthma medication, is to be administered through the college 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 eight times per year. If you wish to purchase any books please complete the order form and return it to school with a cash payment or complete the order and payment on the Scholastic website. Orders need to be returned to school by a specified date.

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,

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Grace Gardiner

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Kindergarten Teachers

Mr Joe Sandric

Acting Principal