

Foundation Term 1 Newsletter



20th February 2017

Welcome 2017 Foundation Students and Families!

What a wonderful and smooth start to the year. The children were so excited seeing their new classroom and teacher.

Meet the Teachers:

Foundation A: Miss Jess Rose

Foundation B: Mr Hugh Kendall

Foundation C: Mrs Jo Bell

Foundation D: Mrs Michelle

McRedmond (Mon,Tues,Weds) and Mrs Jess Steer (Thurs,Fri)

We are looking forward to a wonderful year with your children.

Photos Friday 3rd March:

Our students will have their individual photos taken on this day. The order form needs to be brought on this day.

Morning Routine:

Parents/Carers please say goodbye to your child at the planter boxes in the quadrangle at 8:55 and allow the children to carry their own bags to class. It's important that the children feel confident walking inside the building independently.

*If you have something to discuss with the teacher, please email, send a note, or speak to us after school. (If you will need more than 5-10 minutes please make an appointment).

Afternoon Routine:

Please pick your child up at 3:30pm from the back door of your child's classroom. Kindly ensure that you are on time as it can distress your child if you are late. However, if you do know in advance that you are going to be late please call the office and your child will wait at the main office.

Nude Food:

Nude food day is every Tuesday, it is a day when students are encouraged to bring their lunch "nude" (rubbish free) and the number of nude lunches are tallied up. The class with the least rubbish wins the Nude Food award for the week which is announced and celebrated at the end of the day. We would love to see nude food every day as we are an environmentally friendly school, however, we understand that some days it is more difficult than others.

WOW (Walk on Wednesday):

Great Ryrie Primary School is an Active Travel School. We encourage students to walk, ride and scoot to and from school as much as possible, especially on Wednesdays. The students are asked if they were active to school on Wednesday and the numbers are tallied across the school. The class with the most active travel wins the Golden Shoe for the next week.

Show and Share:

You will have received two show and share rosters by now. One to tell you what day your child can bring something to share with the class, and another which explains the topic or item to be brought that week.

Me Bag:

The topic for show and share for week 4 is the 'Me Bag'. This is a bag with a collection of items that tell us all about what is special to your child. It could include items such as a favourite teddy, a favourite book, a sport medal or certificate, a photo of a favourite place or special occasion. Please send in 'Me Bags' on your child's show and share day. Practising talking about their items at home can help to build their confidence and give them ideas to share.

Take Home Reading:

Take home reading has begun. This is a time to enjoy reading in a relaxed and enjoyable environment. The books will be easy and encourage your child to gain confidence by enjoying the repetition and having a sense of successful reading. The children will receive their home reading log book for parents to record the name of the book and sign. In the scrapbook the children may complete the suggested activities to support and enhance their reading skills.

Specialist Lessons:

Monday: Visual Art and Indonesian

Tuesday: Library and Computer for 00A & 00B

Wednesday: Library and Computer for 00C & 00D

Thursday: Performing Arts and P.E

Magic Words:

The children will have a copy of the "Magic Words" (high frequency sight words) that they are currently up to learning pasted into their books. Please practise these words with your child as much as possible as they make a big impact on their reading progress.

Other Reminders:

- If you have not already, please provide a notice bag, a library bag, an art smock, a colouring book, a box of tissues and some play dough.
- Please check back doors for daily timetables and reminders.
- All children must wear a "Great Ryrie" badged sun smart hat outside from 1st September until the 30th April.
- GRPS is an allergy aware school. We encourage all families to be aware that there are several nut allergies across the school and we discourage nuts in snacks and lunch boxes.

