



Niagara Park Public School

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PARENT INFORMATION - 2021

STAGE 1 - YEAR 1 & YEAR 2

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome to Stage 1. Ahead of us is an exciting year and we are looking forward to working with you and your child. Below is an outline of focus for learning in 2021 for Stage 1.

Stage 1 - Year 1 and Year 2 Classes and Teachers:

K/1M - Mrs. Juliet McLoughlin	1F - Ms. Joanne Figallo
1H - Ms. Katrina Hextall & Mrs. Rebecca Wardell	1S - Mrs. Michelle Spence
2G - Miss Stephanie Goldie	2/3H - Miss Jasmin Hargrave
2M - Mrs Ruth Morgan	

TEACHING AND LEARNING PROGRAMS

To provide students with a broad and balanced education, the curriculum is defined in terms of seven Key Learning Areas as outlined below.

- ♦ **English** - This includes guided reading sessions, spelling, guided and independent writing, handwriting, grammar, speaking and listening activities
- ♦ **Mathematics** - A curriculum based program using the Prime Maths program
- ♦ **History** - Includes a unit on 'The Past in the Present'
- ♦ **Geography** - Includes a unit on 'Features of Places'
- ♦ **Science** - Including units 'Earth and Space and The Material World'
- ♦ **Creative Arts** - Students participate in activities involving music, visual arts, dance and drama
- ♦ **Personal Development/Health/Physical Education (PD/H/PE)** - During these lessons various fundamental gross motor skills i.e., running, catching, balancing etc are developed in PE. Health covers a variety of topics including making healthy choices and knowledge and understanding of self and relationships. PD focuses on developing skills and attitudes to support students' overall emotional development.
- ♦ **Information Research and Technology**
Students will attend two one-hour sessions in our Information Research Centre every week. One is a Library focused lesson and the other is a technology based lesson. These lessons will be taken by Mrs Sinclair, Mrs Frost, Miss Ross and Mrs. Clarke.

SPORT

Sport day for Stage 1 is on **Tuesday**. The students will need to wear joggers and hat on this day and bring a water bottle.

2/3H sport day will be on **Thursday**.

HOMEWORK

Homework promotes independent work habits and organisational skills and consolidates class work. Homework consists of daily home reading, high frequency word learning and a homework grid that covers all learning areas. Homework is given out on Monday and must be returned by Friday.

ATTENDANCE

This is compulsory and appointments in school hours should be avoided if possible. If a student is away for any reason, a note should be sent on the day the child returns to school, giving a reason for the absence.

It is important that students are at school by 8:55am. In Stage 1 the first lesson commences as soon as the students enter the room. If a child is continually arriving late, they are missing vital learning. Repeated absences/late arrivals are questioned by the Department of Education Home School Liaison Officer who monitors our rolls. Please be aware teachers do not begin morning playground duty until **8:30am. No student should be at school before this time.**

ANTICIPATED COSTS

Voluntary school contribution	\$45.00 per child
Possible Geography/Science Excursion	\$15.00 (approx.)
Year 2 Swim Scheme	\$50.00 (approx.)
End of year class party	\$15.00 (approx.)

SCRIPTURE

Scripture is on Wednesday every fortnight on even weeks.

STAR CARDS

Star Cards will be sent home each **Friday** with students returning signed cards the following **Monday**. Students are well aware of school rules and expectations and these will continue to be promoted throughout the year.

GRADE COORDINATORS

If your child has a particular problem or issue at school, the first port of call in most instances should be the class teacher. Concerns regarding students in a grade may also be referred to the grade coordinators indicated.

Kindergarten	Mrs. Amelia Flood and Mrs. Juliet McLoughlin
Year 1/2	Ms. Joanne Figallo
Year 3 and 4	Mrs. Kylie Williams (Term 2-4) & Mrs. Amanda Rutherford (Term 1)
Years 5 and 6	Mrs. Kelly Beckton & Mrs. Nadine Scott

GENERAL INFORMATION

- ♦ If you are concerned about your child’s welfare or progress, please contact your class teacher. Appointments can be made to discuss any issues
- ♦ Headlice – simple steps, such as tying students’ hair back and being vigilant in treating Headlice as soon as they are detected, can stop infestations
- ♦ Please say goodbye to your child **on or before the bell** and leave your child at the gate. There is a teacher on duty **from 8:30am**. This helps ensure a quiet and settled morning for the students
- ♦ Birthdays – it is always a pleasure to celebrate a birthday in our classes. If you would like to send in a special treat, it would be great if you could send in individually wrapped items that can be easily divided between the class. If your child has any allergies, please see your teacher about alternatives so your child does not miss out on this special occasion
- ♦ Fruit Break – students will have a short fruit break each day and are encouraged to bring fruit or vegetables to eat

We look forward to getting to know you and your child as we work together in providing a supportive, positive and encouraging home/school partnership and learning environment.

Yours sincerely,

Ms. Figallo, Mrs. McLoughlin, Mrs. Spence, Miss. Hargrave, Miss Goldie, Mrs Morgan, Ms. Hextall and Mrs Wardell.

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THINGS TO REMEMBER

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ♦ Fruit break ♦ Return Star Cards ♦ Homework goes home ♦ K/1M Library ♦ 1H Library ♦ 2G Technology ♦ 2M Technology 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ♦ Fruit break ♦ Banking ♦ Sport ♦ 1F Library ♦ 2G Library ♦ 1S Technology 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ♦ Fruit break ♦ Scripture (fortnightly) ♦ 1F & 2/3H Technology 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ♦ Fruit break ♦ 1S Library ♦ K/1M Technology 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ♦ Fruit break ♦ Star Cards and newsletters go home ♦ Homework Returned ♦ 1H Technology ♦ 2M Library ♦ 2/3H Library