



Dear Parents and Caregivers

Welcome to the High Flyers team. We hope you have had an enjoyable summer holiday. We are looking forward to catching up with the families we worked with last year and getting to know the new families to our team. Joining us this year is Russell Fleming and he is teaching in Room 16. We are looking forward to meeting with you at the **3 Way (parent/student/teacher) Conferences** in Week 6 (6th/8th March), where we can establish children's personal goals together.

### Uniform / Sunhats

It is an expectation that all students wear the Bluestone uniform and we ask that it is clearly named. This term sun hats are compulsory for students while they are outside. Please ensure your child's hat is named. We suggest sun hats stay at school and we will send them home at the end of the term. They can be purchased from the school office for \$7.

### Home Learning

Sometimes students may be asked to extend their learning and may be required to follow up at home. Occasionally, work not finished at school will need to be completed at home as well. **Spelling, tables and addition/subtraction facts need to be learned and revised every night by all.** This should only take 10 - 15 minutes. **The children are expected to read every night.** Some will be asked to read the story we went over that day while others will read their Lexile books.

### Maths

We will be establishing routines and guidelines for setting out books and some Statistics work in the first two weeks, with Numeracy (Addition and Subtraction) beginning in Week 3. To work quickly and accurately at maths time, children need to have a good knowledge of basic facts. These include adding and subtracting to 20 and times tables to the 10 times. Children are encouraged to learn opposites together, e.g.:

$$\begin{array}{llll} 6 + 9 = 15 & 9 + 6 = 15 & 15 - 9 = 6 & 15 - 6 = 9 \\ 6 \times 5 = 30 & 5 \times 6 = 30 & 30 \div 5 = 6 & 30 \div 6 = 5 \end{array}$$

### Topic

We are beginning the term with 'High Flyers - Me, You and Us', where we will be establishing routines, class charter, Bluestone values, Human Rights, what it means to be a senior team student and getting to know each other.

### Swimming / Sport

Swimming instruction will be at Century Pool. Our team will have five sessions on the following dates: March 5, 12, 13, 14, 19 and 20.

The date for our Year 5-8 swimming sports is **Monday 5 March (morning only)**. These sports are for competent swimmers only. **All children will be expected to take part in our swimming, PE, fitness and sports programmes and we require a note if they are unable to participate.** Please ensure your child has appropriate footwear for daily fitness, i.e. sports shoes.

### Absences / Change of Contact Details:

If your child is unwell or will be away for any other reason, please contact the office before school, either by phoning 6843706, or by texting 0274607149 or 0273113806. It is also important that you let the office know if you change address or want to alter any contact details.

### Sharing of Student's Work

As part of our reporting to parents, students' workbooks will come home along with the mid year report.

### Website:

Your child's class will have pages on our website which will show work completed. Your child will tell you about this. All daily notices and newsletters are available on our website.

### Dates to remember:

- 2nd February - Fish & Chip tea (students/parents/teachers) - from 6pm
- 23rd February - Dads' breakfast
- 4th March - Top Schools
- 6th/8th March - 3 Way Conferences
- 5th, 12th, 13th, 14th, 19th, 20th March - Swimming Instruction
- 5th March - Swimming Sports for competent swimmers

Please contact your child's teacher if you have any issues. We are very willing to discuss your concerns or queries.

Kind Regards

| Kay Hines (Team Leader, R13), Sharlene Heaphy (R14), Louise Gardiner (R15), Russell Fleming (R16)