



Cervantes Primary School

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Dear Parents,

It was fantastic to see the students start the year with a smile and dressed smartly in their uniforms. We welcome seven Kindergarten students; Poppy, Jacky, Max, Max, Amelia, Lucas and Lucas as well as new students Flin and Koby Isles to Cervantes Primary School. I also extend a warm welcome to new staff; Miss Kym Ryan (Junior Class), Mrs Melinda Nelson (Middle Class) and Miss Jessica Briggs (Health & PE). A new year always brings the excitement of a fresh start and I look forward to a productive year.

Our class formations and staff to start 2017 are as follows:

Junior Class	Kindy- Year 1: 21 students	*Teachers: Miss Ryan, Mrs Knowles (Wed), *Assistants: Mrs Miller & Mrs Henke (T & Th)
Middle Class	Year 2 and 3: 12 students	*Teachers: Mrs Radford (T, Th & F), Mrs Nelson (M & W) *Assistant: Mrs Boshammer (T, W, Th)
Senior Class	Year 4- 6: 16 students	*Teacher: Miss Ashby *Assistant: Miss Birch (M, T, Th)

Mr Mori will teach Japanese on Monday and Miss Briggs will be teaching Health and PE on Thursday. I will be in the Senior and Middle classes for Music and Drama on Monday and Tuesday respectively.

School starts at 9:05am and concludes at 3:20pm. If any student arrives before classroom doors open at 8:45am they need to sit in the Undercover Area and wait for their class teacher to collect them. Early Close is on every second Tuesday (even weeks) at 2:30pm.

We will continue to reward students with Faction Points and the chance to participate in fun activities during Golden Time on a Friday afternoon from 2:45pm. The privilege of being invited to participate in an end of term reward activity will be earned by consistently demonstrating the school's 3R's (Respect, Responsibility and Relationships) throughout the term.

It is important for all students to attend school every day to give them the best opportunity to succeed. If your child is unwell or can not attend school for another important reason, please text, telephone or tell a staff member at the earliest opportunity. A text will be sent from the school mobile if we are unsure about why your child is absent.

We endeavour to be a health conscious school and hope parents will support this by providing healthy options in the students' lunchboxes. No lollies, chocolate, packet chips or cool drink should be brought to school. Lunches can be purchased on a Monday and Friday and we have attached the menu. Each class has a time for 'Crunch and Sip' so all students need to bring a fresh fruit or vegetable snack. The Junior Class will be sharing this healthy snack in the afternoon.

Our school is on the Bushfire Zone Register, so if there is a **Catastrophic** warning level in Cervantes or the Shire of Dandaragan, the school will be closed for the day. This decision is directed by the Director General of the Department of Education and the Emergency Services personnel. Parents will be notified the day before, if possible.



Our first newsletter will be produced on Friday, 24 February. We will be only sending it electronically and making it available on the school website and Facebook page. It is therefore important that we have an email address for each family. Please inform the office staff if you need to add or change any information in relation to your telephone number, email and home address. **It is also essential to notify us of any changes in your child's medical information.**

Cervantes Primary has a Facebook page to make connecting with our school community more convenient. Our Facebook page allows for staff, parents, guardians and local community members to keep up to date with activities through a medium preferred by many. This is a place to build upon our welcoming, informative school spirit and bring to everyone's attention the things that make our school great. The Social Media Code of Conduct is on the school website (www.cervantesps.com) for your information.

Students are to wear school uniform every day. This consists of a gold t-shirt and plain black shorts/pants/skirts. Please make sure all uniforms are named clearly, especially jumpers and jackets. The school hat is the only hat to be worn at school. We encourage students to wear shoes that they can run and play in, as they are usually active every day. I stress the importance of having longer hair tied up or clipped back away from the face. Jewellery needs to remain simple and appropriate and there is to be no nail polish or make up.

To ensure students are safe it is essential that any student riding to school (bicycle, scooter or skateboard etc.) is wearing a helmet (that is fitted properly) and they ride on the pathways where possible. If students are seen without a helmet, the bike will be held at school until they return with one. Junior Class students need to be dropped off and picked up from the classroom veranda, due to their young age. Please notify the teacher if someone other than a parent will be responsible for this duty at any time.

Parent Information sessions will be held with each class teacher on Thursday, 9 February. If you can not make it to these sessions please see your child's class teacher to discuss the important information.

Senior Class	2:15pm
Middle Class	2:35pm
Junior Class	2:55pm

Contributions of \$60 and Charges of \$10 are now due. All money received goes towards providing necessary resources for your child including their English and Mathematics books that are used on a daily basis. Please see Lyn at the office if you would like to organise payment or pay directly into the school bank account- Cervantes Primary School, BSB 016 760, Account 3409 46177 with the reference of your surname and Fees.

Our P&C has a worldwide, 24 hr Insurance policy to cover all students attending Cervantes Primary School for accidents. A \$9.00 fee is payable to the P&C at the beginning of each year. The P&C bank account details are; Cervantes PS P&C, BSB 066 519, Account 1005 7654.

Swimming lessons will be held in week 3, starting on Monday, 13 February. I have attached an enrolment form for all students from Pre-primary to Year 6 to complete and return to school so we can organise a timetable. We will be completing the lessons in one week again this year and therefore the students will have a double lesson each day.

Remember if you have any questions please ask the class teachers, office staff or myself. I look forward to having you as part of our school community and working towards ensuring all students reach their pinnacle of learning and growing.

Yours truly,

Natalie Dennis
Principal

