



Welcome to the new school year, my name is Malinda and I am your child's teacher for 2019. I look forward to getting to know each of you and our new students in Room 9.

Over the first few weeks at school we will be focused on building routines and relationships through class discussions, games and play.

Things to Bring – Every Day

- Water bottle
- Lunch box with lunch food, a piece of fresh fruit or vegetable and a snack for recess
- Message bag sent home on the first day of school with sight word/communication book



Please be mindful that we have a **no nuts** policy.

Attendance

Our class enters and exits through the doors which lead out onto the playground. The classroom door will open at 8:55am and children will need to organise themselves for the day. Please encourage your child to unpack their own belongings independently as this is a valuable skill for them to acquire. Once your child has organised themselves they will then participate in literacy activities or reading with families.

If you arrive late to school (after 9:00am) or early for pick up (before 3:05pm), please sign your child in through the office before coming to the classroom. Children will be dismissed one at a time at 3:05pm when I have seen family members. Please ensure you wait outside the door as it can be quite busy at this time of day.

Please let me know if your child attends Out of School Hours Care (OSHC). In the mornings children will be brought to the classroom by OSHC staff and in the afternoons I will walk them down.

If your child is absent, it is important to let us know by message or by calling the school. There is a legal requirement for us to have an explanation alongside every absence.



The application, 'SeeSaw' will be the preferred mode of communication.

SeeSaw allows us to send photographs, videos and message updates about your child's learning journey. Please keep an eye out for the sign up letter in your child's communication book. Don't hesitate to come and see me if you need any support connecting to this.

Library

Children will borrow one book at a time from the library each week on Mondays. When your child has finished with their library book they will place it in the library basket in our classroom.

Homework – Phonics and Sight Words

In the first week we will begin focus on phonics, the sounds letters make. Each week we will focus on four to five new letter sounds. You will find the sounds learnt in your child's communication book and can practice these at home with your child by saying the sound, practising the action, writing the letter and sounding out words. Sight words may take a little longer to learn but it is important to keep this learning fun. More information and suggestions on sight word games can be found in your child's sight word book.

Donations



To help stop the spread of germs it would be greatly appreciated if each family could please bring in tissue box to share with the class for the duration of the year.

Volunteering

If you are interested in volunteering in our class and taking part in classroom activities such as listening to students read and accompanying our class on excursions, please let me know as soon as possible.

Acquaintance Night

On Tuesday 12th of February, Acquaintance Night will be held as a chance for us to catch up and for you to see more of our school. More information will be provided closer to the date.

If you have any questions or concerns about anything, feel free to contact me.

Kind regards,

Malinda Mucha ☺