



Merrylands East Public School

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WELCOME TO YEAR 1 and YEAR 2 (Stage 1)

On behalf of our Year 1 and Year 2 teachers, I would like to welcome you and your child to Year 1 or Year 2. As the Stage 1 supervisor, I look forward to working together with the Stage 1 teachers to maximise your child's learning in their early years of schooling.

You can follow what is happening in our stages and across our school by looking on our Merrylands East PS website, accessing Twitter or by following us on Facebook.

Below is some information that will help you support your child.

SCHOOL TIMES Students are asked to head towards their designated area at approximately 7.50am ready to move into class. Learning begins at 8.00am. There are no bells at our school. School finishes at 1.15pm. Please ensure that you pick your child up from the gates **no later than 1:15pm**. Please be ready to pick up your child at 1.10pm. Some children become very fearful if their parents are not there to pick them up on time. Your child's wellbeing is of prime importance to us, so please be punctual.

HOMEWORK Year 1 and Year 2 Homework for Term 1 begins in Week 4 and consists of daily home reading and occasional additional tasks. Homework should take no longer than 15 minutes. Your child will bring home a home reading book in a purple plastic folder. It will be changed twice a week. Please check to ensure that the home reader has been exchanged for another. Additionally, make time to listen to your child read each night, encouraging in them a love of reading. Don't forget to sign the home reading recording card after you have heard them read. The school celebrates a love of reading.

LOST PROPERTY Could you please help your child keep track of their belongings by labelling each item clearly with your child's name. This can be done using a permanent marker or a laundry marker.

A LUNCH BOX AND A WATER BOTTLE Nutritious food is the best type of food for a child. Nutritious foods include natural or homemade foods such as a sandwich, rice, vegetables, chicken/meat/fish or cheese. Could you please help your child manage their food at recess by bringing it in a lunch box.

LIBRARY All students will have the opportunity to visit our school library once a week where they can borrow books to take home. Each class will have a different library day this term.

Library times are as follows:

1 Fairness, 1 Imagination and 1 Honesty – Tuesday

2 Determination and 2 Endurance – Monday

Library bags are used to protect school library books from damage. They can be purchased from our school uniform shop. Alternatively, you can use a cloth shopping bag.

SPORT In Term 1, Year 1 Sports Day is on Wednesdays after recess. Year 2 will participate in sport on Fridays. Please ensure your child is dressed in the appropriate sports uniform on their sport day. This includes a hat and comfortable, closed in shoes. Your child will also need their water bottle for sports.

If you have any questions, please ring the office to make a telephone appointment with your child's teacher. Our teachers are busy preparing for the day before school and attend meetings after school. Making a telephone appointment ensures that the teacher can focus on you and your child and that you will not be disappointed because of time restraints.

John Goh
Principal
12th February, 2021

Jennifer Noble
Deputy Principal
Stage 1 Supervisor