

Newsletter to Parents

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Week 1 Term 1

QUALITY RESPECT RESPONSIBILITY

30 JANUARY 2020

Calendar of Events

Thursday 30 January	Best Start for Kindergarten Canteen Open
Friday 31 January	First day for Kindergarten
Wednesday 5 February	P&C Meeting 6.00 pm in school library
Friday 7 February	Year 6 Hoodies payment due Year 6 Canberra deposit due

Student Health Update

The health of students and staff is our number one priority. The Department is working with **NSW Health** to monitor and respond to the unfolding international Novel Coronavirus situation.

The NSW Government has today requested that children, students and staff who have visited China in the last two weeks not attend school, childcare services or work until 14 days have lapsed from their date of departure from China.

Read more: <https://education.nsw.gov.au/news/latest-news/coronavirus-department-of-education-statement>

Posted by the NSW Department of Education

From the Principal

Ready 2020

Welcome back! What a splendid start to the school year we had yesterday. Our students are extremely settled and moved so quietly and quickly into morning assembly that we were so proud of the way they displayed SPS expectations of Respect, Responsibility and Quality. To all our students and families, it is fabulous to see you all again and exciting to be back at school and catching up on all the adventures from the summer holidays. Our school is a hive of activity as students and teachers settle into new routines, learning and professional development.

A huge welcome to all of our new families and especially all of our new students and those joining us for Kindergarten tomorrow.

Class Structures

The start of the school year is always a balancing act with determining exactly the number of classes that actual enrolments will permit us to form. The Department of Education utilises a staffing formula based upon student numbers; until numbers are confirmed it is difficult to confirm the exact number and make up of classes. This is the reason why our school (and many other schools) did not go straight into new classes at the start of the year. With a finite number of classes and varying enrolment numbers across the year groups, the need to create combined stage classes (or composites) is an issue faced on a regular basis. At present, we have large numbers enrolled across the school especially in Year 2, 4 and 5.

To maximise and utilise our available resources and staffing allocations composite/stage classes may be developed.

Having your child in a stage/composite class does not reflect negatively or more favourably upon an individual child. A range of characteristics, academic abilities, and personalities exist in every class. Our highly professional teachers work to meet the needs of each child to foster growth and development. Teachers often need to cater for differences in learning around 18 to 24 months in the same room, even when the class is a single grade.

In 2019 we had 17 mainstream classes and 2 MC classes at SPS. Currently as Year 1-6 have returned to school, we are on the cusp of 16 or 17 mainstream classes. We are awaiting our Kindergarten commencement tomorrow to ensure we have our enrolments confirmed as per our allocation. At this stage, we will be looking at moving into 2020 classes either late on Friday or Monday depending where our enrolments are at tomorrow.

Deanne Brown, Principal



Education

Class Equipment & Requirements List 2020

Kindergarten		
Total Qty	Item	✓
1	headphones	
2	boxes of tissues	
1	whiteboard markers	
1	scrap book	
Year 1		
2	glue stick	
2	boxes of tissues	
1	pair of headphones or earbuds	
1	whiteboard markers	
Year 2		
8	HB pencils 2 per term (minimum) (good quality)	
1	packet coloured pencils (good quality)	
1	packet textas (good quality)	
2	pencil sharpener	
2	erasers	
1	pair scissors	
8	glue sticks - 2 per term (good quality, not pens or liquid)	
1	pencil case	
4	tissues - 1 box per term	
1	paint shirt	
1	pair of headphones or earbuds	
1	USB storage device (unused) with lanyard	
1	whiteboard markers	

Year 3		
Total Qty	Item	✓
1	school magazine subscription \$11 payable at the office	
1	SMALL pencil case	
1	packet 10 HB good quality lead pencils with name	
1	packet coloured pencils with name	
1	packet texta colours	
1	pair of headphones or earbuds	
4	large glue sticks (1 per term -good quality, not pens or liquid)	
1	30cm wooden ruler	
2	large erasers	
1	highlighter	
1	whiteboard markers (packet of 4 to start)	
1	pair of scissors	
1	paint shirt (optional)	
1	pencil sharpener in container	
2	boxes of tissues	
1	handwash	
1	USB storage device (unused) with lanyard	
1	dictionary / thesaurus available for purchase at school office \$22	
Year 4		
1	school magazine subscription \$11 payable at the office	
1	USB storage device (unused) with lanyard	
1	pencil case	
1	packet of 10 lead pencils—good quality HB lead with name	
1	packet coloured pencils - with name	
1	packet textas - with name	
1	30cm ruler	
4	large glue sticks (1 per term; good quality, not pens or liquid)	
1	highlighter	
1	pair scissors	
2	erasers	
2	sharpeners	
2	boxes of tissues	
1	handwash	
1	pair of headphones or earbuds	
1	paint shirt (optional)	
1	whiteboard markers	
1	dictionary / thesaurus available for purchase at school office \$22	

Additional Information

No white out of any sort is allowed at school
 No permanent markers are allowed at school
 These lists are basic requirements. Additional equipment may be required during the year, as requested on an individual classroom basis.

PLEASE ENSURE ALL EQUIPMENT IS
 LABELLED CLEARLY WITH YOUR CHILD'S
 NAME

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All Year 5 and Year 6 students will need:		
Qty	Item	✓
1	school magazine subscription \$11 payable at the office	
1	pencil case	
1	pack of 10 Graphite HB lead pencils	
8	blue & red biros (minimum of 2 per term)	
1	packet coloured pencils or crayon pens (wind-up crayons)	
1	packet of coloured textas	
1	pack highlighters (at least pack of 4)	
1	white soft eraser	
1	pencil sharpener	
4	large glue sticks (large - 1 per term)	
1	dictionary / thesaurus available for purchase at school office \$22	
1	30cm ruler with both centimetre and millimetre measurements (no metal rulers please)	
1	pair scissors	
1	USB storage device (unused) with lanyard	
3	large boxes of tissues	
1	pair of headphones or earbuds	
2	plastic envelope folders	
1	whiteboard markers (packet)	
1	whiteboard eraser	
2	coloured A4 document wallets	

Term Dates for 2020

Term 1 – 29/1/20 – 9/4/20 (28/1/20 School Development Day)

Term 2 – 28/4/20 – 3/7/20 (27/4/20 School Development Day)

Term 3 – 21/7/20– 25/9/20 (20/7/20 School Development Day)

Term 4 – 12/10/20 – 16/12/20 (17/12-18/12/20 School Development Days)

Year 6 Canberra

The Year 6 Canberra expression of interest notes were sent home last year. A deposit of \$100 is due to the office by **Friday, 7 February**. Please note that no late payments will be accepted.

Year 6 Hoodie

A Year 6 Hoodie note will be sent home this week. Notes and payment of \$43.50 needs to be returned to the school by **Friday, 7 February**. No late payments will be accepted.