Dear Parents,

Welcome to year 2, my name is Sandy Kerdel and I will be your child’s teacher for 2016. I am very pleased to be teaching year 2 again and I’m excited about getting to know your child over the next few weeks. This is an introduction letter to let you know a little about our class and routines for the first term.

Please ensure your child is at school on time and try to limit absences and early departures. We have a very full curriculum and every minute is important. When your child arrives, please develop a routine of sitting in the eating area. If your child is absent, please contact the office, send an email or write a note.

Our rules and expectations at Bluewater State School are simple and explicit, we say them every day and we show them every day. These are, follow staff directions, be respectful, be responsible and be resilient. We will unpack these throughout the year, weekly in different areas of learning and playing, so that your child understands how each of these rules applies to everything we do.

This year, students are very lucky to be having Physical Education and Visual Arts taught by our fantastic specialist teachers. The students are explicitly taught skills and knowledge in these disciplines. Our specialist lessons are on a Tuesday and Thursday mornings this year. Students have Mrs Dew for Visual Arts and Physical Education and Health with Mrs Donahue, please let them know if you need to see them at any time.

Tuckshop is held on Monday, Wednesday and Friday. Orders should be put into the basket in our room or dropped at the tuckshop in the mornings. Please ensure your child’s name and class (2W) are clearly written.

Sight words and home readers will be slightly different this year, students will borrow their own home readers during Library time, this is on a Thursday. Students have to take responsibility for bringing their own folders daily as we regularly practise buddy reading and sight words during class to cater for all the student ability levels. I will endeavour to have books changed weekly during library time giving children the opportunity of reading the same book at least twice. Books read from home can also be logged, we all are trying to read 100 books this term and have a chart up in our room to keep track of this. If your child is not finished their book please write that you would like it kept for another week.

Homework will be slightly different in each term, for term one students will be expected to complete spelling, reading and sight words each night and to complete some simple maths over the week that we have been doing in class. Each Friday, I will check and keep a record of who is completing homework and who is not. Please feel free to write notes in their homework books alerting me to whether things were too easy or too hard.

If you have any further questions please feel free to pop in after school. If you are unable to visit me in person you can also contact me via the phone or email. My e-mail address is kerd1@eq.edu.au, and I will get back to you as soon as possible.

Thank you for your support and I look forward to an exciting year.

Regards,

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