Dear Parents and Guardians

Welcome to 3/4B

I would like to welcome you to a new year at Bluewater State School, and take this opportunity to pass on some information regarding functions that happen inside the class.

**Homework.** Homework is given to all students on a weekly basis except the last week of each term. It is handed out on Mondays and collected and marked on Fridays and consists of a work sheet which is either maths one week or reading comprehension the next. With this your child will have spelling words to practice writing each night, sight words and reading. With reading, if your child is a level 26pm reader or above, they will not be supplied a home reader but will be expected to borrow a chapter book from the library or read books from home. All students have a homework book which they will need to record their reading log in. Any sight words and work sheets will also be in this book. Should you require some guides on how to get the most out of reading with your child, please let me know and I will send home a small booklet that we have at this school.

**Goal setting.** Your child will be asked to set goals with regard to their learning to give them the opportunity to set challenges for themselves that are realistic and attainable. The goals that we set involve reading, sight words, spelling and times tables. These are learning areas that we work on in class, and that students can work on at home. The goals are set each term allowing ample time for students to practice and work on their goals.

**Personal items and electronics.** Please remind your child that they should not bring personal toys to school as they can be a distraction and that any electronic devices (phones, iPods, etc) must be handed in at the office before school. They can then be collected at the end of the school day. The school takes no responsibility for items lost or stolen unless the item is stored at the school office.

Thank you for your time, and should you wish at any stage to talk to me, please let me know or call in, and I will be happy to discuss any matters with you.

Yours in education

Colin Horwood

3&4 Class Teacher

Chris Anderson

Principal