

PARENT INFORMATION

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Welcome back parents to another school year. My name is Mrs. Nyarie Machiri and I will be your child's Year 4 teacher this year. In week 5 Mrs. Sarah Hurlbatt will be coming back from her maternity leave and we will be sharing the class. I will be teaching on Tuesday and Wednesday and Mrs. Sarah Hurlbatt will be teaching on Monday, Thursday, and Friday. I am looking forward to an exciting and productive year with your child.

We are looking forward to getting to know you and your child throughout this year, which surely promises to bring with it, many new experiences and challenges. In order to make the year a successful one, teamwork and cooperation will be required by all. As your son or daughter's teachers, it is our goal to help him/her become a confident learner. We will do our best to help make this year a positive experience for your child.

This year we have Mrs. Suzie and Miss Vanessa with us for most of the week days. They are both Education Assistants working with children who are funded due to educational needs.

We have included an outline of the routines and expectations for this year. Please read through the information with your child and keep it for future reference.

SCHOOL HOURS

School begins at 8:45am. It is important that your child is seated at their desk by this time. Before school-: Children come into the class

from 8:30 to organise themselves for the day. School finishes at 2:50pm except for Thursdays when they finish at 2:30pm. If your child is late they need to go through the office, sign in and bring a late slip to class.

UNIFORM

It is very important that students wear the right uniform to school. School dark green jacket, T/Shirt and plain dark blue or black shorts from Monday to Thursday. On Friday they can wear their Faction Sports T/Shirt. Girls can choose to wear the school dress. Please encourage your child to wear correct school uniform every day. Students are required to wear a hat for all outdoor activities.

"HOME TASKS"

Rivervale PS does not have a set homework policy. Your child may be given tasks to complete at home that reinforce what they have done in the classroom. Reading and spelling will make up most of these tasks- NB - this will not be at a level that is too difficult for your child.

Children will be bringing home a home task folder. The home task package for the week will be given on Monday and will need to be handed in on Friday morning with all work completed. For their home task, children are expected to practise their spelling words by reading and writing the words. Occasionally they will get Maths home tasks. This folder may contain notes and newsletters. We kindly ask you to check the folder because sometimes children forget to give you the notes. Please help your child to remember to bring it to school each

day. Please do not make homework a chore, if it is causing you or your child any concerns please speak to me or Mrs. Hurlbatt.

READING

Please encourage your child to read each night. Children are encouraged to read books both from their personal collections and the school library.

SPELLING

Sound Waves Book-This year we will be using this book for our spelling activities. List words from the spelling book are sent home to practise as part of their homework. The Spelling words are frequently used words and they make up 50% of all reading material if your child can recognise and write these words it will greatly improve their reading and writing.

ABSENCES

If your child is absent from school, could you please write a note, call or email explaining why he or she was away. This will also ensure that they are given the best chance of attending the good standing reward at the end of the semester.

MANAGING STUDENT BEHAVIOUR

We are a positive classroom and so reward good behaviour. If your child has issues in this area we will contact you (i.e. if a behaviour plan is required). Students in Room 6 are encouraged to be responsible for their own behaviour.

MONEY COLLECTIONS

Incursion or excursion money now has to be dropped off at the Office. Envelopes will be provided.

SPECIALIST TEACHERS

Art-Mrs. A. Johansen (Tuesday)

Science- Mrs. M. Procter (Thursday)

Technology & Enterprise -Mrs.H.Peden (Monday)

Mrs. Hurlbatt and I look forward to working in partnership with you throughout the year and I am confident that together we can provide the support and encouragement needed to help your child excel. If you need to see us for any reason please let us know. You are more than welcome to email me at Nyaradzo.Machiri@education.wa.edu.au or Mrs. Hurlbatt at Sarah.Hurlbatt@education.wa.edu.au

Yours Sincerely
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