

Foundation G Organisation and Timetable 2019

Dear Parents,

The days are flying by and the Foundation children have now settled into the routines of school very well. As you have probably noticed we have already been very busy with lots of exciting learning and activities. This newsletter is an organisational letter, which includes a timetable and a Show and Tell roster for our grade. It is a good idea to keep the timetable on display so you know when all our extra things occur during school time.

Notice Folders:

We are sending all notices home in the clear notice envelope. Please use it to send any notices back to school in and make sure it is always at school for any more notices. **Please return the notice folder every day.**

Brain food:

Most days we will have Brain Food (fruit, vegies and healthy options) around 10:00am. Sometimes this will vary depending on our Specialist program times and special events during the terms. Would you please send along an extra piece of fruit or cut up pieces of fruit or a healthy food option for this time, as well as your child's normal play lunch and lunch options. Thank you.



Nude food:

Rangeview is now a nude food school and we need your help to continue this. Please limit the amount of packaged food put in lunchboxes. This reduces waste in the school.

Eating times:

There are 3 times in the day where your child can eat. We give them a large amount of time to consume their food. At times, your child may not feel like eating all their lunch. This is very normal; if it becomes an ongoing issue please see me.

Drink Bottles:

Please remember to send a named water bottle along every day. Children keep their water bottles on the sink and can drink from it at any stage of the day. They also have access to the drinking fountains when outside.

Chair Bags: If your child does not yet have a chair bag, please organise one for him/her to use as soon as is possible. Thank you. Half way through the year I will send chair bags home for a wash.

Art Smocks: If your child does not yet have an art smock, please organise one for him/her to use as soon as is possible. I will send art smocks home at the end of each term for a wash, so they are clean to start the next term again.

Library

The children may bring their library book on Library day (Tuesday) or any day of the week and leave it in the Library tub (on top of the lockers), however library books may be kept up to 2 weeks. Please bring in a library bag, if you have not done so already.

Absence: If your child is away from school, you can notify the school by phone/Sentral and then send a written note along to school on their return explaining the reason for their absence; this is kept for our records.

Notices / Money: If you are sending any money or notices to school please put them in an envelope with your child's name and details on the front, then place them in your child's notice folder.

Helping in Classroom: If you are coming into the classroom or school to help, then you need to go past the office and sign in and collect a visitor's sticker. This is to ensure the school is aware of who is in the school for safety reasons.

Internet and Digital Technologies User Agreement:

Thank you to the parents who have returned this Agreement. If you have not yet done so, please sign and return it to school as soon as possible.

Naming Belongings, Spare clothing and Hats:

Please make sure that your child has their name clearly marked on **all items** including uniform, hat, art smock, library bag, lunch box, drink bottle and school bag so they can be promptly returned if lost.

It is a great idea to keep a spare pair of named underpants in your child's bag in case of little accidents.

Please encourage your child to wear a hat when they are outside. It is compulsory to wear the Rangeview hat at school in Terms 1 and 4 during Daylight savings times. If a child does not have a hat, they are asked to sit in a designated shady area during recess and lunch breaks.

Newsletter:



The School Newsletter goes out online every fortnight on Wednesdays. You will get a reminder notification via email. The school sends out short messages and reminders on the phone app too. Our grade's Student of the Week will appear in the newsletter.

Buddies:

On Monday we will meet our buddy class. Foundation students will be matched to one or two Grade 5/6 buddies. There will be a note going home with the buddies' names very soon. Buddies help ease Foundation student's transition to school and the Grade 5/6 buddies often visit their Foundation buddy during playtime and in class when we meet for an activity.

Food in the Foundation Classrooms and BIRTHDAYS:

We do have some Foundation children with food allergies. You will receive a notice home from the school nurse. We ask that you be please be mindful of what you send to school. No nuts, especially peanuts and walnuts.



We know children enjoy celebrating their birthday at school. Cupcakes, cakes, or even something healthy may be brought to school and shared with the grade to celebrate (lollies will only be given out at the end of the day, not eaten at school). There are approximately 20 children in each class. Please check with your classroom teacher for numbers.

Show and Tell, News or Sharing Time:

This is one of the students' favourite activities and an excellent opportunity for children to speak in front of the class, develop listening skills and learn about interesting things. Please help your child select appropriate items to bring to school and discuss what your child might talk about to the class. Even if they do not bring anything to show, we encourage them to still get up and talk about something. We also encourage the children to base their Show on Tell on the letter of the week (please see Letterland timetable below). Your child's Show and Tell day is also listed below. There are also many other opportunities for your child to speak in class during the day.

Outside in the Playground:

The children now go outside at the same time as the rest of the school during recess. The coloured Foundation playground is only for the Foundation students at the moment. The Foundation children are encouraged to stay in the coloured playground and sandpit area although when they feel confident they are able to move around the school. The Foundation children are not allowed to play on the big playground equipment near the animal shed, which is set aside for the older children. No child is allowed to play on the oval, including the oval banks at the eastern end of the oval. During all recesses there are four teachers on duty in the playground and the student Peer Mediators are out at designated times. The children are reminded if they have difficulty outside they should look for the teacher on duty (Yellow vest) and Peer Mediators (Orange vest). Classrooms are out of bounds during these times as it is dangerous for children to be inside without a teacher. While the children are settling in the Foundation Teachers are also outside at various times with the children. We will also introduce students to our Buddy bench.

Tissues:

The school does not provide tissues. We ask if each family could please donate a box of tissues to the class sometime this year. They are stored in the room for class use.

German Shultuten: Please don't forget to send along the gifts to put in your child's Shultuten. We also need some helpers to pack them. Please let me know if you can help.

Working With Children Check:

If you are coming into the classroom, please register your WWCC at the office for the school records.

Early Pick up / Late Arrival: If you are picking up your child early from school, you need to go to the office and sign them out of the school. The Office Staff will give you a blue Early Pick Up card to be given to the class teacher. If you arrive late to school, you also need to go past the office and sign in, to receive a yellow late pass.

Take home books (Readers): The children will be bringing home their take home books on Monday 18th of February. Many thanks to the parents who have offered to listen to the children read and change their readers. The roster will be sent out soon and if you can see any gaps and are able to fill them, please see me.

All children must bring back their take home book folder every day. Reading parents will listen to your child read and then change the take home book.

Reading and Writing Workshop groups: Groups will begin in term 2, please see the roster (will be sent separately) for those parents that have offered to help in the classroom with small groups.

Classroom Helpers: During the term, I may require pencils to be sharpened, sorting of books or tidying up etc. Check with myself or the Class Ambassador to see if you can help.

Class Ambassadors: We still need a Class Ambassador for Foundation G. Please see the notice in the school newsletter giving details of this class role and let me know if you are interested in taking on this role for our class. Remember there will be a number of ways you can get involved, especially in the Foundation year.

Thank you for the support you've already provided. I look forward to an exciting year!

Kind Regards,

Marg Goulding, Class Teacher



Annie Apple lives in the Letterland apple orchard.

Dippy Duck dips and dives in the duck pond.

Mr A, the Apron man is a vowel man.



Alphabet Letters for Term 1, 2019:

The children are encouraged to bring something beginning with the letter of the week to place on the Letter table.

This will be returned at the end of the week.

Week starting	Week	Letter focus
4/2	2	<i>Start-up program</i>
11/2	3	<i>Cc & Dd</i>
18/2	4	<i>Aa - Vowels</i>
25/2	5	<i>Ss & Tt</i>
4/3	6	<i>Hh</i>
11/3	7	<i>Ii & Mm</i>
18/3	8	<i>Nn & Gg</i>
25/3	9	<i>Oo & Ff</i>
1/4	10	<i>Revision</i>

Foundation G Show and Tell Timetable 2019

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<i>Harry Alice Dilly Crosby</i>	<i>Matthew Jonah Maxi Oscar</i>	<i>Diva Harliv Chloe Victor</i>	<i>Lynette Izzy Oliver Myrah</i>	<i>Elliot Jae Ellie Nammi</i>

Please note: Due to testing, children who have Show and Tell on a Wednesday can choose to bring it on Tuesday or Thursday during Term 1.

Foundation G Specialist Timetable 2019

Monday

2:45-3:30: Assembly (every second week)

Tuesday

10.15 -11.00: Library with Mrs Goulding

2:00 - 2:45: Music with Miss Campbell

2.45 - 3.30: Art with Mrs Van der Toorren (Mrs V)

Wednesday

Newsletter Day

2:15 - 3:15: **Play Based Learning** with ALL Foundation

Thursday

9.30 - 10.15: German with Frau Lindner

Friday

12.15 - 1.00: P.E. with Mr Sacchetta