



5th February, 2009

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Welcome to Kindergarten 2009 and from our observations it would seem that your child has enjoyed his or her first week at school. We are looking forward to the year ahead and the blessing of getting to be a part of each of the children's first year of school. We hope that the information in this letter answers questions and concerns you may have regarding your child's first year at Shoalhaven Anglican School. Please do not hesitate to discuss with us any further concerns you may have.

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building character
with integrity
through service*

Kindergarten Routines

- **Arrival and Departure** – School commences at 9:00 a.m. Kindergarten is now lining up with the Junior School under the COLA. Please remind/assist your child to place their bag on their hook in front of their classroom and direct / bring them around to the play area under the COLA. Naturally, arriving at school and saying goodbye to their carer can be a difficult time for some children. We have found that children settle more readily into class when you establish a routine with them each morning as they arrive at school. Delaying good-byes tends to increase children's anxiety. Should your child be distressed when you leave, we are more than happy for you to ring the School and check on your child. Please do not be surprised if your child happily says goodbye to you in the first weeks but becomes teary when you leave later in the term. This is not unusual as children become tired and the novelty and initial excitement of being at school wears off.
- **Attendance** – Once children have commenced schooling the following procedures apply. All children must have a note explaining any full or part day absences. If you bring your child to school after the normal starting time you will need to go to the office and get a late note. Should you need to take your children home for any reason during the day, you will need to call at the school office first. The office staff will then arrange for your child to come to the office to meet you.

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- **Canteen** – We would prefer that children did not bring money to school to spend at the canteen. In the past we have found that this causes problems as children do not yet understand the value of the money they have; money is often taken or lost and the children have difficulties choosing suitable purchases. We would suggest that any purchases made from the canteen be in the form of a lunch order. The summer menu has been attached for you. Occasional treats from the canteen can be included in these orders.
- **Nuts** – As a number of students in our School have severe nut allergies we would request that you do not provide nuts or peanut butter, or other similar sandwich fillings for your child.
- **Sport** – Kindergarten students need to wear their sports uniform on **Monday** and **Thursday**.
- **Library** – Kindergarten students have their library days on Monday and Wednesday. Wednesday will be our borrowing day. Students do need to have a fabric bag to carry books borrowed from the School library. These can be purchased from the Uniform Shop.
- **Birthdays** – Please feel free to bring a birthday cake to school for your child's birthday. Small cakes (enough for each child in the class) are ideal. One large cake (already sliced and with serviettes) is also acceptable. We have found from past experience that small children usually prefer plain iced cake rather than sponges with a lot of cream. Birthday cakes are given out for recess or lunch and it would be great if they could be brought to the classroom before school on the morning of your child's birthday.

We trust that this information is useful and look forward to working with you and your child this year.

Yours sincerely,



Mrs Denise Mewett



Mrs Rebecca Mackay



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