

WELCOME TO ROOM 16 2019



Mrs Lee-Anne Burke

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday

Mrs Jacinta Porter

Wednesday

OUR PHILOSOPHY

- Children learn in a variety of ways and need to be provided with a range of interesting and challenging learning experiences to achieve their full potential.
- Students need to be surrounded by a positive, safe environment where they feel supported and comfortable to take risks and ask questions.
- It is important that children become proactive in their education and begin to take responsibility for their learning.
- We endeavor to foster a love of learning and healthy self-esteem through encouragement and guidance.



GENERAL AIMS

To provide:

- A balance between independent and cooperative learning opportunities.
- A fun and challenging learning environment.
- A place where individual differences are accepted and catered for.
- A place where respect is given and received.
- An environment where students will develop a positive attitude toward school and learning.



MORNING ROUTINES

Classroom door will be open at 8:35am. This time is used to change home reader, get homework checked, prepare belongings for the day and catch up with friends.

Parents are welcome in the room before school but please do not do everything for your child! This year is a year of growth and independence.

If any parents would like to volunteer to read with individual students between 8:35 and 8:50am each morning please let us know – we would love to have you!

Any other parent help requests will be sent out as needed.



SPECIALIST LESSONS

Our current specialist timetable:

TUESDAY:

Science 9:20-10:50am

Indonesian 1:30-3:00pm

WEDNESDAY:

Phys Ed 11:10am-12:00pm

THURSDAY:

Middle School Sport 2:10-3:00pm

FRIDAY:

Music 11:10am-12:00pm

Library 12:00-12:50pm

These times/days are subject to change.



COMMUNICATION

The most successful tool for educating students is a positive and warm home-school relationship. Please feel free to come and discuss your child's progress or any issues with us; however appointments will need to be made for extended meetings, as we also have children who require their mum after school! Mornings can be very hectic so afternoons are usually a better time.

You can also contact us via email

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Or via phone 0404 090 398 or 9524 8100

Or through Class Dojo (please be aware of block out hours using Dojo)



CLASSROOM RULES

Through discussion and negotiation we have adopted these rules for 2019:

- Listen respectfully to others
- Look for ways to be helpful
- Complete your best work
- Demonstrate kindness
- Make smart choices
- Begin each day with a positive mindset
- Be respectful to others, our school and yourself
- Keep your hands and feet to yourself
- Raise your hand to speak
- Follow directions quickly
- Stay on task
- Always have fun!



BEHAVIOUR MANAGEMENT

Children will be rewarded positively using various methods including:

- Verbal praise
- Class Dojo points
- Raffle tickets
- Stickers
- Individual and group prizes
- Extended incentive activities
- Class-based incentives
- Merit certificates
- Star Awards
- Faction points



BEHAVIOUR MANAGEMENT

Children will be disciplined in line with the Whole School Behaviour Management Policy. When a child displays inappropriate behaviour, the following steps will result:

First Offense: Verbal Warning

Second Offense: Name on board. Students is required to carefully consider their behaviour and moderate it as required.

Third Offense: Cross placed next to name on board. Student is then given a consequence from a range of choices including; moved to another desk within the classroom; walking with us on duty; stay in for a period of time at recess/lunch; sent to wet area or another classroom to work; or a loss of privilege such as iPads.

Fourth Offense: Second cross. Parents will be contacted regarding the student's behaviour.

The movement through these steps is done under our guidance, with intervention at each step designed to avoid further escalation of behaviour. Each day students begin with a fresh slate.



MINDFUL MONDAY

All students at SHPS will be participating in Mindfulness activities each Monday morning in 2019.

Mindfulness is paying attention to what you are doing or how you are feeling in the present moment.

Practising mindfulness helps us become more focused and aware, and more able to direct our attention to where we want it to be.

We practice mindfulness by choosing to focus on something, and then bringing our attention back to this when it becomes distracted.

Mindfulness is like exercise for your brain.

We will be following the Year 3 Mindfulness Curriculum from Smiling Mind. It is available for free as a website or app.



SUPPORT IS AVAILABLE

We have many support services available to students and parents:

- Chaplain
- School psychologist
- STREAMS
- Story Dogs

Please let us know if your home situation changes; death in the family; sick pet etc

We do not want to pry into your private life but these events do impact upon children and it is important we know so we can offer the appropriate support.



READING LEVELS AND TESTING

All students are assessed using PM Benchmarks at least once per term. This is a very time consuming process that focuses on comprehension of the text, not just how well they can read orally.

Guiding questions have been placed in your child's home reading folder. Asking these will help your child develop their comprehension skills and will assist them to move through the levels.



HOMework

Four areas of homework:

- Spelling
- Reading
- Maths
- Incomplete work



HOMework

SPELLING

Each student has a spelling journal with 16, 20 or 25 words. These words are appropriate for each individual student's learning needs. Each weeknight (Monday-Thursday) students are to complete a Look, Cover, Write, Check (LCWC) for each of the words on their list. We have taught students the correct LCWC procedure and will reinforce it during class time. Students will be tested on these words every Friday in class and new lists given each Monday. Please sign your child's spelling journal for the appropriate day to ensure they receive Class Dojo dollars/raffle tickets.



HOMework

READING

All students have received a reading folder with a levelled home reading text. Students are asked to read their home reading book at home for approximately 15 minutes four nights a week. If your child reads silently it would be helpful to them if you could ask a few questions about what they have read. We have included a list of question starters to guide you. Students are asked to bring their reader to school each day, finished or not. This home reading continues until your child attains Level 30+ Class Dojo points/raffle tickets will be awarded for completion of home reading.



HOMework

MATHS

Our focus in maths is on basic facts:

- Adding and subtracting to 20, increasing to 50 and 100 as they progress.
- Measurement conversions and calendar facts
- Times tables – 2, 3, 4, 5 and 10s by the end of the year. Students are encouraged to progress to mastery of all tables, up to 12s.



HOMework

INCOMPLETE CLASS WORK

Any class work, for which students have been given ample completion time in class, will then become homework. The due date for such homework will be variable and students are responsible for submitting the completed work.

Please encourage your child to take responsibility for completing their homework.



REPORTING TO PARENTS

Term 1 – Open Night Monday 8th April (time to be confirmed)

Term 2 – Written report

Term 3 – Parent Interviews and NAPLAN report

Term 4 – Written report



NAPLAN

During the period 14-16th May 2019 Year 3 students will undertake the National Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) tests. Students will prepare for this test during Term 1. In this preparation we will include sample questions to familiarise students with the test format. They will also be exposed to the concepts that will be covered in the test through a variety of activities and tasks.



CLASS ASSEMBLY

Our class assembly is scheduled for Friday 21st June (Term 2 Week 8). More details will follow closer to the date.

MERIT CERTIFICATES

When your child receives a merit award you will be informed prior to the date via text message. It would be greatly appreciated if you could send a reply text to confirm you have received the notification.



BIRTHDAYS

Like most children we love birthdays and generally like to make a child feel special on their birthday. You are welcome to provide a cake for your child's birthday. It would be greatly appreciated if no nut products were provided.

If your child's birthday has fallen during the holidays they may select another date during school term to celebrate.

Please advise us if your religious beliefs preclude your child from these celebrations.



ABSENTEES

If your child is absent for a day it would be appreciated if you could provide a note upon their return explaining their absence.

Alternatively you are welcome to email or text us or call into the classroom and verbally explain their absence.

We thank you for your cooperation in this matter as it is a legal requirement for us to obtain an explanation for all absences.



MONEY COLLECTION

All money is submitted directly to the office in marked envelopes.



EXCURSIONS AND INCURSIONS

We are planning an excursion to Kings Park on
Wednesday 11th September – save the date!

Any other incursions or excursions will be
communicated to you with as much notice as
possible.



CRUNCH AND SIP

All students are encouraged to bring a water bottle to class as well as fruit and vegetables to snack on. This snack is not to replace their recess or lunch and they will be asked to refrain from eating if it is interfering with the learning activity they are working on.



SWIMMING LESSONS

Year 3 students will be participating in swimming lessons in Term 3 Weeks 3-4 at State Swim Secret Harbour.

As it is in winter we are looking at the feasibility of using buses to transport students.

More information regarding costs will be forwarded closer to the date.



SCHOOL BOARD AND P&C

Both our School Board and the P&C are looking for new members.

Board nomination forms are available from us, please see us after the meeting or drop us an email and we will send you one.



UNIFORM AND HATS

Please endeavour to adhere to the school dress policy in terms of uniforms, particularly in cooler weather requiring jackets.

PLEASE, PLEASE, PLEASE name everything!

Sun smart hats are required all year round. Bucket hats are sun smart, caps are not.

We sincerely thank you for your assistance with this one 😊



ANY QUESTIONS FOR US?

Favourite colour?

Favourite food?

Favourite football team?



THANKS FOR ATTENDING

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