Arrival: Before 8:30, children sit on benches close to the staffroom.

Rolls: Done electronically. One or two day absences need to be explained (orally or written) by a parent/guardian, or in written format for longer absences. A phone call to the school to explain an absence is recorded and does not require further communication.

Hat Policy: All children require a wide-brimmed hat.

Please label all belongings with name. That way, they get returned quickly.

Fitness Programme: Exemption from activities requires a note.

Sick Children: School policy is to call parents or listed friends in order that the child can go home or be taken care of elsewhere. I ask the child if he/she needs to go home when they say they are unwell.

Removal from Class: Complete the ‘Removal from class’ form obtained from the office prior to coming to the classroom.

P&C: Need 2 representatives to help round up helpers for the canteen.

Welcome to Daniel Cantamessa and his parents Alyson and Steven from sunny Broome.
Welcome to Giverny Seeley and her parents Annalise and Travis from Adelaide.
Welcome to Coco Mitchell and her mother Paula to the area and welcome to her dad, Simon.

Swimming Lessons: Begin Week one Term 2 From Wednesday, 30th April and last for ten lessons.

Our Assembly: Second term. Week 3 (NAPLAN week). Friday, 16th May. 8:45 start.

Our buddy classes: Mrs Kathy Williams Room 4 class and Mrs Bulmer Room 11.

Education assistant: Mrs Denise Smith is here each Monday only until 11:40.

Mathematics with Mrs Hayward: 5 children each from Rooms 3 and 16 for problem solving activities (Wednesday from 9:50 – 10:50).

TIMETABLE D.O.T.T. times and out of classroom times. Term 1

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Class Tools of Trade for Year 2 children

- Art shirt
- Library bag
- Calculator
- 4 scrap books
- Textas, coloured pencils and Zooms.
- HB or 2B graphite pencils
- Eraser
- Sharpener
- Red pencils, highlighter
- Wooden ruler
- Glue sticks

Please periodically check with your child to see if he/she requires any updating of equipment.

HOMEWORK

- The children need to read for 10 minutes each night.
- The times-tables need to be learnt. \(1 \times 2 = 2, 2 \times 2 = 4\), etc. Need to know \(10x, 5x, 2x\) and \(3x\) tables by the end of the year. Children only need to go to \(10 \times 10 = 100\).
- Spelling words are the Oxford words.
- Great Science site [www.bbc.co.uk/schools/ks2bitesize/science](http://www.bbc.co.uk/schools/ks2bitesize/science)
- Become a member of [www.mathsonline.com.au](http://www.mathsonline.com.au) for $20 through the school.
- Bug Club is an excellent reading site that all children with access to a computer can enjoy. The children’s password and user name are in their home journals.

PARENT HELPERS

Anyone interested in helping regularly or would like to offer help within the classroom when it is required, or when we go on an excursion, please let me know. I’ll keep a record of those volunteers and ask them first.

Meeting with the teacher

It is best to make an appointment and state the reason for that meeting so I can come in prepared. I do not like meetings before school but emergencies do occur and I know there are times that one is required at that time.

Class Activities

- I have prepared many open-ended activities in which all children succeed at their own level. These activities are being continually added to, and updated. The theme name remains the same but the content is changed as I discover, or produce, new tasks / activities.
- I have a strong interest in reading and feel it is vitally important to read good literature daily.
- I enjoy reciting poetry to the class and try to read a variety of genres as often as possible.
- I try to get the children to write every day for 20 minutes on many various topics. Here are a few examples- I’ll read a poem and the children need to write what that poem is about (retell). I will select a newspaper article for the children to interpret. I will give them a topic to write about. There are comic strips to enter text into the speech bubbles and simple sentences to extend.
- In spelling sessions, all children will be working on activities suited to their level.
- I have produced many Mathematics activities to help in the learning process.

Bullying

I take this seriously and as soon as I am made aware of it, will endeavour to sort it out. Bullying is when something occurs more than once. I try to sort it out after it first occurs so that it doesn’t become a bullying incident. I regularly discuss friendship issues and how to have a positive outlook on life.

I hope you and your child have an enjoyable year in Room 16.

Ms Jo Burke.