Dear College Families,

Welcome to a brand new year! We are very excited to welcome your child to Kindergarten this year. We understand you may be experiencing a range of emotions as your child begins their first steps into school. Please rest assured that your child will be well cared for and guided in all they do. We are looking forward to an exciting year ahead with Mrs Harriott teaching Kindergarten Air, Miss Grose teaching Kindergarten Water and Miss Dikha teaching Kindergarten Land.

We are blessed to have specialist teachers who will also teach your child this year – Mr Christie for Music, Miss Huang for Mandarin, Mrs McGrath for Science and Technology and also Sport on a Wednesday for Kindergarten Air.

This year, our classes have been named to reflect the theme of Sustainability and Tourism. Kindergarten classes have been selected to remind us that God created everything at the very beginning. He created the earth in a perfect form, free of sin and sickness. He looked at all He had created and said it was good.

Please take the time to read the information below to ensure a smooth start to the school year.

**Communication**

The College uses email as the primary form of communication. Class communication notes will be found each fortnight in Directions, the College newsletter, that is emailed to your nominated email address. It can also be found on the College website. Please ensure that the College has the correct email address so you receive these regular updates. If you need to contact your child’s teacher urgently, please call the office, as teachers tend to be very busy during school hours and may not have a chance to check emails until the end of the day.

**School Books**

Over the next few weeks we will send uncovered books home in packs on Friday afternoons. Please cover them in the provided Norwest covers remembering to write your child’s name and subject before covering with clear adhesive or plastic. Books are to be returned to school on the following Monday, regardless of whether they are covered or not. All books are to be covered by the end of Week 5. Thank you for your assistance with this.

**Home Reading**

The College's Home Reading program will commence in Term 2. Each student will receive a pack with three books to be read over three nights. Home Readers are changed on Monday and Thursday. Once your child has read their books, please sign the recording sheet and return the books to school. Parent helpers are required to change the Home Readers on Monday and Thursday mornings.
Absentee/late notes

If your child is absent for any reason, it is a legal requirement that parents provide an explanation. You may respond to the SMS notification sent or send a written note or email. All students arriving late to school must be signed in by a parent/guardian at the office. If students are leaving early, they must be signed out at the office by a parent/guardian. It is helpful for you to notify us of any changes to routine with a written note/email also.

Library

Students will need to bring their library bag and any books needing to be returned from the previous week's borrowing. Students are encouraged to borrow new books every week. Please see below for your child's allocated borrowing days.

Premier's Reading Challenge

You will soon be receiving more information about the Premier's Reading Challenge (PRC). The PRC is included in the Norwest Challenge, and we strongly encourage all students to participate. We will inform students throughout the year when we read texts at school that are on the PRC list. More information will come regarding the Norwest Challenge shortly as well.

What's on in Kindergarten each week:

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<td>Monday</td>
<td>Assembly/Chapel (on alternating weeks) – After lunch, students will attend either Assembly or Chapel. If your child is receiving an award at Assembly, you will be notified the Friday before. Our classes will also perform Assembly items at various times during the year.</td>
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<td>Friday</td>
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What are we learning this term?

- History: All About Me
- Science and Technology: Staying Alive
- English: Nursery Rhymes

Crunch N Sip

Students are requested to bring fruit/vegetables and water daily for Crunch N Sip time. Please ensure that it is in a labelled container and only fresh fruit or vegetables are to be eaten at this time.

Parent Participation

The College highly values the times and talents of our parents. If you are interested in helping in Kindergarten, there are some different events through the year and occasions where jobs can be completed both at home and at the College. Please let us know if you are interested in helping out in any way. Please note that to help on campus, you will need to have completed the Volunteer Induction Seminar and have a current Working With Children Check number. Please contact the office for further details.
Questions

Please feel free to contact us with any questions and use email at any stage to set up an appointment.

Please remember to label all of your child's uniform and belongings. Labelling assists us in returning lost items and can save you money!

We are looking forward to this special and important year and pray for the Lord's guidance and blessing as we work together throughout the year.

Yours sincerely,

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