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Dear Parents,

As you would be aware your child is in 2C this year. I am looking forward to a happy and productive year with each child. I encourage you to be part of your child's education and hope that you will come to see me, or ring me, should there be any issues or information you wish to clarify at any time.

This class is a class of Year 4 students of mixed abilities. As such, students will be treated as individuals and be encouraged to work at the level of their development.

I would like to give you a brief overview of routines and organisation in our classroom.

ENGLISH

Writing We will be studying two text types this term – Recount and Narrative. This incorporates many of the grammar lessons as well as text structures.

Handwriting All students will be encouraged to use NSW Cursive Script, although they will be beginning to develop their own styles. This year they should gain their "Pen Licence."

Spelling After initial testing there will be three groups ranging from Stage 2 to later stage 3. The words will be completed in a two week cycle with extra theme and sight words being added in the second week. Students will take copy of words home on homework sheets each Monday. Later in the year they will be encouraged to take part in the Premier's Spelling Challenge.

Reading Students were also tested in Reading and there will be again three groups in structured reading activities. Most students in the class are independent readers. Therefore, in addition to class reading, they will be encouraged to choose books from the Library to read for Class Reading Contracts and Drop Everything and Read (DEAR) time. **I encourage you to get your child to read each night for at least 15 minutes.** We are also reading Charlie and the Chocolate Factory as a classroom serial.

Talking and Listening – By Stage 2 students should be developing a sound knowledge of current issues. To assist in developing this we will be occasionally viewing Behind the News which is a program on the ABC which discusses current issues that are relevant to students of this age. Many of our assignments will also require your child to do a class presentation. In addition to this we will participate in Multicultural Public Speaking and Debating Competitions.

MATHS

Students will be completing Year 4 outcomes according to their level of development.

COGS (PE, PD Health, HSIE, Science, Music, Visual Arts and Drama).

The integrated unit of study this term is product and services.

HSIE – will include a study of personal and community needs. (Mr McKinnon will cover this area)

Science – food production systems, including an assignment on this. (to come shortly)

Music/ Art /Dance – Drama performance –At the Show

PE/ PD – includes our Friendly Schools Program which this term reviews anti-bullying procedures. We will also look at healthy eating and safety. Fitness will be held three times a week with other Stage 2 classes. Sport will continue to be on Fridays.

ADDITIONAL ACTIVITIES

ASSEMBLY ITEM – next Friday, 11th February at 2-30. Hope you can come!

LIBRARY – day still to be determined

PARENT INFORMATION SESSION – will be decided once classes are definite. Individual Parent Interviews in Week 9 28th March, but please come and see me should you have any concerns.

FRIENDLY SCHOOLS PROGRAM – students will be completing Level 3. This term reviews anti bullying.

BOOKPACKS – are available for \$40. If you could purchase these as soon as possible it would be very much appreciated. The students will be told which books are for each subject. If there is any confusion with this please let me know and I will assist them with this. I will give out two pencils and a glue stick at this stage. Students will get the rest as required. I hope this should assist with loss of materials.

HOMEWORK –will be sent home each Monday and is due each Friday. If you can assist your child with this it would be very much appreciated. There is usually one assignment per term.

Please let me know should you require further information and feel free to visit us.

Yours sincerely,

Susan Cox February, 2011