The school year is well underway and with every new year there is a lot of information to pass onto parents about their child’s new class. We have put this sheet together in the hope that it provides you with the necessary knowledge to be able to assist in your child’s smooth transition into their new grade. We hope it also gives you insight into the expectations we hold and a run down on what is happening during a school day.

We are all looking forward to a fulfilling and exciting year ahead and welcome parents to enjoy this with us through the partnership we endeavour to foster between home and school.

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**GENERAL INFORMATION:**

**Homework:**
We expect the children develop a routine at home which includes, 15 minutes reading, 15 minutes to practice counting and automatic response of tables each night. With the development of the Ultranet, the way homework will be delivered throughout your child’s schooling will become more electronically delivered through access to the internet. This year the 3/4 classes will continue to use Collaborative Learning Sites on the Ultranet for our homework tasks. All children in the 3/4 area will been assigned to collaborative learning sites, where they will participate in drill and practice activities related to the areas of Mathematics and English we are focussing on in each Term. The collaborative learning sites have been created by us and are a combination of interactive activities and websites that provide excellent learning task for developing mathematical skills. The children will also be given access to Mathletics which they will be able to login to at home.

We consider that the above activities will provide the students with enough homework activities and therefore we will not be sending home homework worksheets on a regular basis. There will be times when children are given other tasks to complete at home which will be related directly to the topics being covered in the classroom. All children who do not have internet access at home will be given the opportunity to access these collaborative learning sites on the Ultranet and Mathletics during school hours.

**CURRICULUM AREAS:**

Throughout the year the two 3/4 classes will be combining to allow groupings which will assist in providing learning focused at each child’s point of need in many of the curriculum areas.

**English:**
Includes: “Reading and Viewing”, Writing and “Speaking and Listening”. The children will be participating in a variety of Literacy activities focussed at their point of need.

**Maths:**
Each term we will focus on different areas of Mathematics and the children will be provided with tasks which are focussed at their point of need.

**Inquiry Learning:**
Each term we work on a chosen theme/topic. These sessions provide exciting experiences to learn about the world around us. We cover a number of topics over a two year span which develop skills and knowledge required by the Australian Curriculum.
**The Arts:**

**Visual Arts:** Taken by a specialist art teacher

**Performing Arts:** The 3/4 students participate in regular music lessons which focus on learning to play the recorder.

**LOTE:**
BU Wayan teaches Indonesian for 2 sessions per week.

**Library:**
Both classes will be spending time in the Library once weekly. At this time they will be able to return and borrow Library books.

**Phys Ed:** Taken by a Specialist Phys Ed teacher

**3/4 Sport:**
We have a 45 minute session weekly where all 3/4 students are involved in sport. This will focus on learning skills for team sports, athletics etc: in preparation for 5/6 interschool sport.

**LEAP (Linking Education And Play):** These sessions run for approximately 4-5 weeks twice a year. These sessions provide opportunities to explore activities that are of interest to individuals, taken by staff and parents who have an interest and expertise in the offered activity.

**Diaries:**
This is a very important item that we insist on having at school everyday. It is a way of recording reading, what is expected to be completed at home as well as a tool for communicating with parents about events that have happened during the day. Diaries are expected to go home each night and it is imperative that they are returned to school each morning. We ask our parents to read and sign their child’s diaries weekly.

Please feel free to use your child’s diary as a means of getting a message to us.

**Absenteeism:**
If your child is absent please forward a note explaining the absence on their return to school or make contact with the school office via phone.

**Swimming Program:** P-4 Swimming program is run once a year usually 8 sessions over a two week period. Information relating to this program will be sent out prior to the program.

**Camp:** Each year we run a 3 day, 2 night camp for all Year 3-4 students.
You will receive information for this camp early in first term.

**Extras:**
The students can also become involved in:
Music- keyboard, guitar.
Chess club & tournaments
KID representatives