

Kirton Point Primary School

Welcome to Room 23 - Foundation / Year 1 with Mrs Penna

January 29, 2018

I'd like to welcome all students and families to Kirton Point Primary School in 2018. This is my fifth year teaching Junior Primary at KPPS and I am extremely excited to be your child's 2018 class teacher. The class commences with fifteen students in Foundation and Year 1.

I take this opportunity to invite care providers into the classroom for daily Buddy Reading, which runs from 8.45 to 9.10am. This is a fantastic opportunity for you to spend time with your child as well as their peers in the school setting. Students love having their parents in the classroom and often feel a strong sense of pride and belonging, especially when parents are interacting with a variety of students.

Throughout the year please feel free to come and talk with me in person or via the school telephone (86821003) regarding your child. I strongly believe in positive home / school communication and often connect with parents at school or by phoning home. By having open lines of communication between school and home, your child will see how important they are to both Kirton Point Primary staff and their parents. When a child realises that school and home are working together the child feels safe to explore, challenge, and learn at their optimal level.

Children will begin the term by settling into their new class, visiting the school values and developing shared classroom rules. In Literacy, there will be an author focus on Nick Bland and we will be looking closely at *The Cranky Bear* collection for the first two weeks. In Numeracy we will begin the first fortnight with a number focus. As part of the whole school focus we will teach letter-sound recognition using Jolly Phonics program for Term 1, and from Term 2 onwards the WRAP approach. Daily reading and teaching of specific strategies to develop fluent readers with high levels of comprehension will be taught as well as daily writing. Teaching *Play is the Way* will continue to develop the social and emotional wellbeing of the Kirton Point Primary School community.

In Weeks 3 and 4 of Term One your student will be involved in swimming lessons at the Leisure Centre. Parents are invited to the Parent Information Night in Week 3 on Wednesday, February 14th. Our Parent Information Session runs 5.30-6.15pm. I encourage all parents to attend. Later in the term, three-way interviews will be held. At this interview we invite the student and their care providers to attend for a one on one session with the teacher.

A reminder to be sun smart in Term 1, following DECD requirements, that all students wear a broad brimmed hat at all times when outside. These hats are for sale from the school front office.

As part of the school nutrition policy I remind parents that students should bring drink bottles, with water only, and fruit or vegetables for daily Crunch and Sip time, as well as providing healthy eating choices for recess and lunch.

Looking forward to fun and successful school year.

Anne Penna