

Welcome to Room 14



Dear Families,

Welcome to the 2020 school year. I am very excited to be teaching year 5/6 this year, my 12th year at KPPS and the first time back full time in 9 years!

For those of you who don't know me, I grew up in Adelaide and moved to Ceduna for my first teaching placement where I spent two years as a year 6/7 teacher before moving to Port Lincoln to settle. I have since had a number of roles within the school but have predominantly taught upper primary students. I have two children of my own who keep me very busy and fulfilled.

FIRST WEEK

This week will largely consist of spending time getting to know each other and establishing clear classroom routines and expectations. Conducting literacy and numeracy testing and goal setting will also be a focus as well as creating artwork to display within the classroom.

Important notes at a glance:

Parent Information Night: This important night is a great opportunity to meet not only myself but other families that have children in this class. I will be outlining some of our classroom routines and expectations and it will be a good time to ask any general questions. This will be held on Wednesday 12th February. You will be informed of more detailed information at a later date.

Aquatics program: Year 5/6 students will take part in the aquatics program at Coffin Bay in either Week 4 or 5.

Whole School Assemblies: Assemblies are held twice a term. In term 1 they will be in week 6 and week 11 on Thursday at 10am. Please come along to watch classes display what they've been learning about if you're available.

Attendance: Please ensure that your child is getting to school on time. Learning begins at **8:45am** and students need to be in class, organised and ready to participate in our whole school reading program. Being punctual will allow your child a smooth and settled beginning to the day and avoid disrupting their own and others' learning.

Uniform and hats: A reminder that students must wear a hat in term 1 and 4 as a safety precaution. Students are expected to wear the correct school uniform every day, including appropriate footwear.

Library: We will be visiting the library weekly as a class and students are welcome to borrow books at alternative times as well. Please ensure library books are well looked after at home and returned within the allocated time.

Communication: Students will be issued with a diary, which will be used as the main form of communication between the classroom and home. Please encourage your child to show you each night and take responsibility for putting it back into their bag for the next day. *Reasons for absences and lateness need to be communicated via a phone call to the front office or as a note in the diary upon your child's return to school.*

Homework: We value family time and sporting / club commitments and understand evenings can get busy. I will however be setting a small amount of homework that will give students a chance to practise time management skills and will help them consolidate learning from the classroom. Daily reading for about 15 mins is also highly recommended and will benefit your child greatly.

Healthy Food: KPPS promotes healthy eating and students are encouraged to make healthy food choices. Students can bring water in a drink bottle to keep in the classroom and can eat fruit and vegetables during *Crunch and Sip* time. Fresh and nutritious food and water is not only an important part of a balanced diet but helps students to maintain concentration and therefore learn more effectively.

The classroom will be open from 8.30am each day. This will be a time for me to finalise preparations for the day and for the students to get organised by unpacking their bags, putting out chairs and organising lunch orders.

If you have any questions at any stage please do not hesitate to contact me.

Kind Regards,

Hayley Craig