Dear parents and carers

Welcome to another busy and exciting year. It is a great pleasure to have your child in our class this year. By working together we can ensure a rewarding and enjoyable year. This letter provides some information which might be helpful. The teachers of 5 Strudel will be Mrs Kellie Stojanovic (Mon, Tues, Wed) and Mr Tasker (Wed, Thur, Fri).

TEACHERS WHO HELP US
Librarian Mrs Kessey

OUR SPECIAL TIMES
Library Wednesday 9.25am
Scripture Monday 12:30pm (beginning Week 4)
Sporting Activities Friday 10:00am (Term 1 & 4) / 2.00pm (Term 2 & 3)
Assembly Thursday 2:05pm (odd weeks)

Please note: Homework is sent out each Monday to be returned each Friday for correction. Please ensure that your child does not go ahead within the booklet.

PERSONAL ITEMS
It would be appreciated if parents / carers could provide the following resources for their child to use in the classroom during the year, replenishing them when necessary:
- 2 x blue pens
- 2 x red pens
- 1 x glue stick
- 1 x 30cm ruler
- 1 x packet of coloured pencils
- 1 x paint shirt
- 1 x library bag
- 1 x box of tissues (for the classroom)
- 1 x wipes

Please make sure that each item is labelled with your child's name.

HELPING AT HOME
- Maintaining good communication between home and school will help your child.
- Please ensure that homework is completed each week and returned to school on Friday. If your child is unable to complete his/her homework for any reason, I would appreciate a short note of explanation. Please help and encourage your child with homework (but don’t do it yourself).
- Listen to your child read each day. Books can be borrowed from the school and local libraries.
- Take every opportunity to join in school activities.
- Make sure that your child arrives at school on time and in uniform.

EXCURSIONS AND EXPENDITURE
We are planning a number of excursions for the students in Stage Two this year. At this stage, we have outlined some excursions we are planning and their approximate costs; however please note that these costs are not final and are only estimated. They may be either more or less expensive and exact costing will be forwarded as soon as possible.
- Spelling Mastery book (ongoing) $21 – Each book should last approximately 12 months and will be required as students move through the program
Term 1
- Life Education – Approximately $9 / student
- School Photos – Approximately $35 / student (various packages)
- Australian History Excursion Sydney – Approximately $25 / student

Term 2
- Stage 3 Camp: 3 Nights / 4 Days (Canberra & Snow) – Approximately $330 / student (Students may sell chocolates to subsidise this)

Term 3
- Antarctica Excursion IMAX Sydney – Approximately $20 / student

Term 4
- Swim Scheme – Approximately $20 / student
- End of Year Celebration Excursions – Approximately $15 / student

PARENT HELP
If you are able to assist our class either at school or home, please contact me at your earliest convenience. Parents/carers who are able to help in the classroom will be required by the DEC to complete a brief Child Protection session and sign on at the office on days that they are helping.

NUT ALLERGY
Within our school we have students with Anaphylaxis (e.g. severe allergy to nuts), so it would be appreciated if you would not send any nut products with your child. If your child brings nuts or nut products (including Nutella and Peanut Butter spreads on sandwiches) it is necessary for your child to let the classroom teacher know before consuming these products. If your child wishes to eat these items, they will be asked to wash their hands and around their mouth upon finishing the product.

Please keep this in mind when sending to school birthday cakes intended for the whole class to share. Plain cakes are most suitable for us all to enjoy.

If you would like to discuss the consuming of nuts or nut products in our class, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any concerns. I look forward to a busy and rewarding year.

Kellie Stojanovic
Deputy Principal (Rel)
29.1.15

Neil Tasker
Deputy Principal (Rel)
29.1.15