



Welcome to Koru 2019

We are excited to have your child join us in Koru for 2019. We are a centre of four classrooms from Years 3 to 6.

To begin the year, we have a few administrative notices for you to be aware of.

Swimming

Instructional swimming is held three times a week for each class. Please ensure your child has their swimming gear and bag each day as this is a vital part of our school curriculum.

We also encourage the use of rash vests to ensure sun safety.

Lunchtime swims are available also for Year 3 & 4 on Tuesday & Thursday and Year 5 & 6 on Monday, Wednesday & Friday.

Sun Safety

Sunscreen

Please ensure your child has sunscreen on at the start of the day. We also have sunscreen available in class for reapplication. If your child has a particular sunscreen they use, please ensure this is sent to school and it is named.

Sunhats

All students are required to wear a school sunhat. If your child has mislaid their hat they are available at the office for \$20.

Please ensure that sun hats are named inside with first and last name. We have been reminding students that sun hats should not be drawn on or decorated.

Water Bottle

We encourage students to bring a named water bottle each day to ensure they keep hydrated.

Daily School Timetable

This year we have introduced a new timetable to the day that you would have seen through our school newsletters.

Daily School and Bell Times for Cambridge East School	
8.25am	Students allowed inside classrooms/Road Patrollers go on Duty
8.55am-10.10am	Block One
10.10am-10.30am	Morning Tea
10.30am-11.30pm	Block Two
11.30am-11.40am	Milk/Fruit Brain Break
11.40am-12.45pm	Block Three
12.45pm-1.25pm	Lunch Break
1.25pm (hand bell)	Pack up, sports gear away, students prepare for class
1.30pm-3.00pm	Block Four

A reminder classrooms are open to students and families from 8.25am. Teachers are involved in preparation and meetings prior to this time.

Brain Break

This is held for 10 minutes and is an opportunity for students to have a drink (milk which is provided or their own water) and/or a piece of fruit or vegetables. Only fruit and vegetables are able to be eaten at this time so please ensure your child has a piece of fruit or vegetable to eat at this time each day.

Inquiry Learning

Big Idea

My well-being is made up of many different aspects.

Key Concepts

My well-being is important to me.

My well-being is made up of physical, spiritual, mental and social aspects.

On Friday the 1st of February we introduced our students to our inquiry through our hook. Please have a conversation with your child about this to find out what the learning experience was.

Over the next few weeks we will be immersing students into this inquiry exploring health and well-being through a range of learning activities and experiences.

If you have any knowledge or skill that you would like to share with our students that connects to our inquiry and big idea, please get in touch with your classroom teacher.

Nut Allergies

A reminder that we have children in Koru that have a severe allergy to nuts. We would appreciate avoiding nut bars and products, peanut butter and Nutella in school lunches. Working together we can put the health and welfare of all our learners in the forefront.

Home Learning, SeeSaw and Devices

We will be discussing home learning at our 'Meet the Teacher' evening on Wednesday 13th February at 5.30pm.

We will also discuss the use of the online tool of SeeSaw and how this will be an important part of your child's home learning. If you are new to the use of SeeSaw, we will provide information and support how to sign up and use this.

Each student is also provided with a school Gmail account that we run through a platform called Hapara. Further information will be provided at the meet the teacher evening along with information if you wish your child to bring their own device.

We look forward to meeting you all at our 'Meet the Teacher' evening on Wednesday February 13th.

Kind Regards

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