Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Pick Up Area and Crossing Safety

Your children are the most precious thing in the whole world and as a community we need to make sure that we are looking after them in every way possible.

Information from our crossing staff and teacher aides is that there are some dangerous incidents occurring in the pick up and crossing area. As drivers we have a responsibility to be vigilant especially in school zones.

- A number of parents are driving into the drop off zone and parking their vehicles front end into the parking bays. Please reverse park into the parking bays. Parking front in inhibits vehicles in the drop off zone when you attempt to leave and there is no clear vision if there is a child behind your vehicle when you reverse out.
- Standard practice when using both the internal crossing and external crossing is that parents and students are to wait for the crossing supervisor to walk to the middle with the stop sign and blow their whistle to indicate to students and parents that it is safe to cross. Please help us teach your child how to use the school crossings safely.
- When stopping in the pickup/drop off zone you are to move forward to allow other vehicles to pick up students. Some cars are remaining in the one position and other vehicles have to drive around them to park near the kerb. This makes it frustrating and unsafe.
- With vehicles being rather large nowadays, owners do not realise their length and move to positions in the pickup/drop off zone that leave the rear of their vehicles on the crossing. Crossing supervisors are not allowed to let parents and students cross the crossing as there is a chance that these vehicles will reverse to leave. We request that you move forward adequately enough that the rear of your vehicle is not on the pedestrian crossing.
- Students waiting for parents to pick them up are supervised by a teacher aide in the afternoon and are expected to wait in the sheltered area at the front of the school.

What happens when your child’s teacher is away?

The relationship between teacher and student is a critical one, and we know this more and more when teachers are away from school for the day. I know our teachers appear to have “super powers” but they are people too, they get sick, they have family members who get sick and “life” happens to us all.

Teachers can be absent from the classroom for a variety of reasons from illness to Professional Development. I know that we have a very dedicated team of teachers and where humanly possible they attend to the teaching and learning of your children on a daily basis.

As a school we have many processes in place to support classes when their main class teacher is away. Sometimes a teacher absence can be unplanned and this means that sometimes the usual routines are not in place and this can be unsettling for some children. The learning from this opportunity is that children need to be resilient to change and understand that it might be a different teacher, but we still uphold the same expectations of their learning and behaviour.

Each teacher has a folder that they have developed in the event they are away and it holds relevant information pertaining to the students in the classroom. As a leadership team we try to arrange for a regular base of relief teachers to come to our school, but again this isn’t always within our control. We appreciate your understanding when these changes occur.

Have a great week,
Kelly Jeppesen

The office is in need of donated school shorts. If you have any shorts to donate please give to the office. Smaller sizes are really needed.
From Wednesday, 8th June, we will be writing your token count on the back of the banking stub in your bankbook so you can keep track of how you are going. We will put a note in your bankbook when you reach 10 tokens to remind you to order your prize. We only have a few prizes left in our prize draw so keep aiming for your 13 deposits.

There are still a few black bankbook covers available. If you would like one just put a note in your bankbook.

Could you only deposit Australian currency as the bank won’t accept foreign currency. Thanks.

The P&C would like to thank all those who volunteer in our school tuckshop, it’s greatly appreciated!

The sports carnivals are a great opportunity for you to become involved, please see Jo in the tuckshop if you are available to help.

Student Absence Policy

Reasons for Absence
Satisfactory reasons for an absence may include such factors as:
• medical or dental treatments or procedures
• sporting events other than those associated with the school or the education system
• funerals
• cultural reasons, or
• family reasons (e.g. special family events, holidays)

Procedures for Absence Notification
• telephone the school absence line on 3491 5260 stating your child’s name, class, reason for absence and duration of absence
• present in person to class teacher or school office
• supply the school with a written note or medical certificate on the day of return

Leaving the School Grounds
No student may leave the school grounds unless collected by a parent/caregiver. It is the responsibility of the Parent/Caregiver to present to the school office to collect a departure slip.

Mrs Henricksen in the library is going to make some pillowbeds. She is looking for donations of pillowcases. Boy or girl designs needed. New would be good but second-hand in good condition would be fine too. Please bring donations to the library.

P&C Association WINTER FUNDRAISER
Orders will be ready for collection after school on Tuesday 21st June from the tuckshop.

It’s almost time for School holidays! We run a holiday program from 6am to 6pm onsite here at Dakabin. How can your children attend?

Pop in and grab an enrolment form, book for your holiday club days and done! Don’t forget to contact Centrelink as holiday club can be as cheap as $3! We will be working with Snow, playing giant games, meeting with some Mexican flavour, creating a fairytale and helping to … Find Dory! If you would like to know more you can send us an email at ada@ymcabrisbane.org . Thank you. Samii, Coordinator.

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