

FOUNDATION NEWS

5th February 2021

Welcome to Foundation!

Welcome to Foundation at Dorset! We have finished our Academic Interviews and school has now begun for the whole year. Please be aware that the staggered starts have now wrapped up and we are beginning our school day at 9am each morning. Our school day finishes at 3:30pm and the children attend school Monday-Friday until the end of the year.

Our First Day!

Thank you to all the parents, grandparents, aunties, uncles and other special visitors who came to drop the children off on their first day at school. Due to COVID19 restrictions we were unable to provide our usual amazing experiences to our students and parents, but we know the balloons, bubbles and activity stations made our morning special for our new Foundations. Both days went very smoothly and there were lots of happy faces at the end of the day.

Morning Drop Offs

It has been a successful start to the year with the Foundation students settling into their morning routines. As of Monday 8th February, the Foundation Teachers will be waiting for the students in the Foundation eating area. When they arrive, their classroom teacher will direct them inside to complete some fun activities. **We ask that you drop your child off at the Foundation eating area from 8:45am.** To continue the smooth transition and to develop their independence, we recommend a quick drop off to ensure they settle quickly.

Home Readers

Home Readers will be sent home next week. The home reader (clipboards) will come home each day with a sign sheet for parents, a levelled book for your child to read with you and their Reading Eggs/Mathseeds passwords. Mathseeds and Reading Eggs can be accessed on the same Reading Eggs app—just make sure your app is up to date. Please check the blue reader carry case each day as we often send home notices using the reader folder.

Chair Bags and Hats

Thank you parents for sending in the chair bags for the students— they are an essential part of the classroom and they go a long way in helping the children build their independence. If you have not yet organised a chair bag from PSW, you can order them here: <https://www.psw.com.au/16399-8300390-0.html>. Under the DET SunSmart Policy, students are required to wear a school hat in Term 1, which can be found here: <https://www.psw.com.au/16399-1100525-16399-3.html>

PLEASE MAKE SURE YOU LABEL EVERYTHING!

Show and Share

The highlight of Foundation so far has been Show and Share! We know that students love to bring in special things from home to show their classmates and each child will have an allocated time each week to share. Teachers will be emailing out information about when your child's day for Show and Share is.

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Specialist Times:

	FA– Rawlins	FB– Martin	FC– Newman	FD– Petty
Monday	Science Library (please bring your red library bag)	Science Library (please bring your red library bag)	Library (please bring your red library bag)	
Tuesday	Italian	Italian	Performing Arts	Library (please bring your red library bag) Performing Arts
Wednesday	Performing Arts	Performing Arts	Science	Science
Thursday	P.E.	P.E.	P.E. Italian	P.E. Italian
Friday				

Canteen

A reminder that the canteen is open on Monday, Wednesday and Friday. If your child has a lunch order, please write your child's name, class and order on a brown paper bag with money enclosed.

FlexiSchools

Please make sure you check your FlexiSchools app for important updates. We are also on Facebook at Dorset PS if you would like to keep up to date with school events.

Congratulations on your first days in Foundation– see you next week!

-Mrs Rawlins, Mr Martin, Mr Newman and Miss Petty.