Welcome to 1/2S. This sheet offers a quick overview of all things related to your child’s class for this year at Hamilton South Public School. I hope that this information will address any questions that you might have; if not, please feel free to raise them at our Parent Information evening Thursday 11 February at 6:45pm.

**Curriculum Overview**

**English** has nine strands; Writing and Representing, Handwriting and Using Digital Technologies, Reading and Viewing, Spelling, Speaking and Listening, Grammar and Vocabulary, Thinking Imaginatively and Creatively, Expressing Themselves and Reflecting on Learning. All are important for the social and academic development of children.

**Mathematics** has four strands; Working Mathematically, Number and Algebra, Measurement and Geometry and Statistics and Probability.

**HSIE & Science Units**

- **Term 1** - Past and Present Family Life
- **Term 2** – Earth & Space and Built Environments
- **Term 3** – Physical World and Material World
- **Term 4** - Celebrations

**Extra Curricula Activities**

- **Term 2** - Public Speaking (more information to be sent home late in Term 1).

**Keys to Success**

This year we are working to raise the profile of Program Achieve in our school. This program is based on the theory of ‘You Can Do It! Education’, which promotes positive thinking rather than focusing on problems and deficits. It works on building social, emotional and motivational capacity of children. It encourages the promotion of effort to strengthen and improve student’s capacity to show resilience. Our teaching is centred on 5 Keys, which have been identified in the program as ‘Keys to Success’. Each key is colour coded as a trigger to remind students of what it stands for.

The keys are:
- Getting Along (Green)
- Organisation (Orange)
- Resilience (Red)
- Persistence (Purple)
- Confidence (Yellow)

**Sport and Physical Education**

We will be following a program called “Good for Kids- Good for Life” which focuses on teaching the 12 Fundamental Movement Skills – Static Balance, Sprint Run, Vertical Jump, Catch, Hop, Side Gallop, Skip, Overarm Throw, Leap, Kick, Two-handed Strike and Dodge.

Each Thursday during Term 1 the children will participate in a range of activities and use a wide variety of equipment during their 40 min “Sport in Schools” session.

Each Tuesday morning (10:25 – 10:55am) Stage One students will participate in a fitness circuit.

The Stage One Sport program includes teaching and mastering the fundamental movement skills, fitness activities, ball skills, minor games and dance. Stage One students participate in the Intensive Swimming Program for 2 weeks towards the end of Term 4.

**Homework**

Homework will be sent home every Monday and returned to school on Friday beginning in Week 4 of Term 1. The weekly activities will include:

- **Spelling** - Look, Say, Cover, Write and Check
- **Home Readers** - Your child will receive a home reader at their level and can be changed when mastered.
Phonics - A phonics sheet will be sent home each week and should be practised every day.

News Topics – Weekly news topics will be provided to the students. Some preparation for these should be done prior to your child’s news day.

Mathletics – Students are provided with online access to the Mathletics website where they can complete tasks related to the weekly mathematics topic.

Technology
We encourage you to access our school website regularly as it is constantly updated with current events, permission notes, photos, newsletters and many other exciting school events.

http://hccweb2.org/hsps/ - school blog

A part of the school levy will cover your child’s 24/hr access to www.mathletics.com.au/ and www.spellingcity.com

Student login cards will be sent home with their homework folders.

Communication
Please contact me immediately should any problem arise or if circumstances at home change (separation, illness). By working together we can overcome any problems and your child will benefit from this partnership.

If your child is having difficulty at school, we recommend that they have their hearing checked, a full audiogram and their vision checked with a behavioural optometrist.

If your child is absent from school please remember to send the yellow absentee slip back promptly. Also if you know your child will be away e.g. on holidays, please let your teacher know in advance. The school will contact you after 2 days of unexplained absences.

Whole School Assembly
Our whole school assemblies are held in Weeks 2, 4, 6, 8 and 10 on Tuesday afternoons from 2.00-2.55pm. These will begin in Week 4 of Term 1. Parents are very welcome to attend. Please check the weekly school noticeboard for updates regarding assemblies.

School Eating Times
10:00 Crunch and Sip (e.g. water and a small piece of fruit)
10.55 Lunch
1.30 Recess

Canteen is open Monday, Wednesday and Friday.

Allergies
Please help support our students with allergies by not sending along food containing nuts, e.g. peanut butter, some fruit bars and lollies.

Birthdays
If you wish to celebrate your child’s Birthday at school, please send along cupcakes or a healthy option such as fruit sticks instead of a whole cake, as it is much easier to distribute and clean up (remember no nuts).

Class Levy
Our class levy is $60. This will help to cover the costs of mathletics, home readers and class readers, classroom resources and administration.

Banking Day
Our school banking day is Friday.

School Gates
Our school gates will be locked during the day except for the front gate closest to the office and the two car park gates. Remember to sign in and collect a helper’s badge at the front office before helping in the classroom or around the
school. When leaving return the helper’s badge and sign out. We appreciate your cooperation and understanding in this matter.

**Art Shirts**
Your child will need a paint resistant art smock to protect their school uniform during art and craft lessons. Please ensure your child’s name is clearly labelled.

**Class Donations**
It would be greatly appreciated if you could supply a box of tissues, a bottle of liquid soap and/ or wipes to assist with classroom hygiene.

**Year 1 & 2 Teachers**
Jennifer Dan / Alison Wakeman (1DW)
Karen Thornton / Nadine Bell (1TB/
Grant Smith (1/2S)
Suzanne Heagney (2H)
Jacqualine Britten (2B)

1/2S's Weekly Routines
**Library**- Thursday with Mrs Gwenda Payne
**Scripture**- Wednesday with Mrs Fiona Matthews
**Sports in School Program**-Thursday (Term 1 only)
**Creative Arts** - Tuesday with Mrs Hayley Simpson
**Stage 1 Sport & Banking**- Friday

**Classroom Discipline**
Students have been introduced this year to the Dojo Class Management system. This is software available to teachers and is a behaviour management tool that is designed to be engaging and easily understandable for students.

Students will be given details to log into their individual accounts and change or alter the look of their ‘Avatar’ and keep track of their ‘dojo points’. Parents will also be able to access their child’s account to monitor what their child is receiving ‘dojo points’ for in class.

**School Rules**
Treat others with kindness and respect.
Work and play safely.
Follow instructions.
Look after school and personal property.
Be in the right place, at the right time, with the right equipment.
Keep hands, feet and objects to yourself.

Thank you for your attendance at this evening’s Parent Information Night.

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