



LIHIR INTERNATIONAL PRIMARY SCHOOL

Day One Update Wednesday 30th January 2019

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Welcome back!

It was great to see many of our Lihir International Primary students return to school today for the beginning of the 2019 school year. I would like to extend a special welcome to the new families whose children join us in 2019, while at the same time welcoming our new teacher, Mrs Patricia Armstrong, who will be teaching the Year 1/2 class. Mrs Armstrong will arrive on Lihir in the next couple of weeks with Mr Neale and Mrs Tukata looking after the Year 1/2 class until her arrival. I know that all of us will make our new students and staff feel part of the LIPS family.

I was pleased to see all students arrive on time today – please remember school begins at 8:15am and children are able to start arriving at school from 7:40am onwards. However, children from Prep to Year 2 are required to sit quietly in the covered area with their bags until 8am, at which time teachers will escort them to their classroom. This is to ensure that children are supervised properly in one area and does not disrupt the teacher's morning preparation time.

Children in Years 3 – 8 can go to their classroom from 7.45am, at the discretion of the teacher where they will be supervised while quietly reading or studying; alternatively, they will wait in the undercover area until 8am. Children are not allowed to play in the school grounds or classrooms in the morning before school. Please do not send your child to school before 7:40am as teachers will be busy preparing for the school day and supervision of children will not be available.

Kindy children are to arrive after 8am, with Kindy starting at 8.15am. Parents and caregivers are to arrive at 12.10pm to collect Kindy children at 12.15pm. We are in the process of appointing the new Kindy teacher. ***Kindy resumes on Monday the 18th February.***

Parents are reminded that children are not allowed to play in classrooms or in the school grounds after school, unless it is organised afternoon sport. Children are also not to play in front of the office but are to sit quietly and wait for their parents or vehicle.

It was fantastic to see all students arrive in school uniform and please remember that a clean uniform, in good condition, is expected to be worn every day. PE lessons with Mr McKeiver begin next week – children will be informed of their PE day and are required to wear their sports uniform on PE days only. Please ensure your child has a school hat to wear for protection from the sun during playtime and other outdoor activities. The school's *No Hat No Play* policy will continue this year and please make sure hats are clearly named.

If you require any item of school uniform, please see Rose in the front office.

Teachers will send home Term Overviews on Friday to give you an idea of the learning your child will be involved in this term. Acquaintance Night will be held on Wednesday the 6th February from 6pm, to give all parents the chance to attend brief information sessions with their child's teacher. Acquaintance Night will give teachers the opportunity to discuss a general overview of class systems, learning and behaviour expectations. This will be followed by a 'Sausage Sizzle'.

Term one will be a busy time of learning at our school and I have attached an updated Term One calendar to this note. This calendar, along with canteen information and the weekly Toksave can also be accessed through the school website at www.lipschool.com.au.

Other important dates will be brought to your attention as they arise.

Information regarding Term 1 canteen will be attached to upcoming Toksaves. The first canteen for 2019 will be next Friday 8th of February and canteen orders will need to be in by 8:15am on Wednesday 6th of February.

The Parents and Wantoks first meeting for the election of the new executive will be on Tuesday the 12th February at 6pm. The Parents and Wantoks Committee adds a great deal of value to our school and this is a fantastic opportunity for families to become involved in contributing to school events throughout the year. All parents, community members, and others who are interested to join the P&W are encouraged to attend.

The School Council AGM will be held on Thursday 28th of February.

Please take note of the Student Health Update tear-off at the end of this note. If you have any medical information, such as allergies or medication needs, that we are unaware of and you need to share with the school please fill in this form and return to Rose by Friday 8th of February. If you have already updated the school regarding your child's medical needs, or if you have nothing to add to information supplied during the enrolment process, you do not need to return the Student Health Update form.

Due to today's update, there will be no Toksave until Thursday of next week.

If you have any suggestions, or questions, regarding Lihir International Primary School, please give me a call or make a time to come in for a chat.

Kind regards

Greg Neville
Principal

Lihir International Primary School Student Health Information Update January 2019

You are only required to fill in this form if you have medical information about your child that you need to share with Lihir International Primary School.

Child's name:

Medical diagnosis:
(e.g. allergy, asthma etc.)

Health Plan:
(Medical Professional)

First aid response:
(As directed by doctor)

Additional important information:

Parent Signature: _____

Please return this form to Rose in the front office, no later than Friday 8th of February