Classroom Policy
LA1 Mrs Jambanis & Miss Harper - LA2 Miss Arnold - LA3 Miss Yelland

Philosophy
In coming to East Beechboro Primary School, every child is provided with a safe, supportive and fun environment in which to learn. We encourage students to explore, take risks and work cooperatively with their peers. Virtues are constantly modelled throughout the school and will be upheld by the students. This is reflected through the classroom and school rules.
We believe all children have the ability to be highly literate and numerate. All students’ individual needs will be catered for in a way that is challenging and is designed to allow them to reach their full potential. Students will play an active role in their education by participating in a rigorous curriculum. We follow the Explicit Teaching Model to ensure all students achieve success. This involves starting lessons with Warm Ups which develop the students’ automatic recall and moves knowledge to their long term memory.
At East Beechboro Primary School, we have very high expectations of both ourselves as teachers and your children as learners. Children will be expected to complete all work, both at school and at home, to the best of their ability with particular attention paid to presentation.

School Rights and Classroom Rules
We have the right to be free from harm.
We have the right to teach and learn.
We have the right for our property to be looked after.

School Rights and Classroom Rules are expected to be followed at all times.

Class routine
If you arrive at school prior to 8.30am you must wait in the covered area outside the staffroom until you are dismissed by a member of admin. Please do not wait outside the classrooms before 8:30am.
At 8.30am, we open the classroom doors and students are welcomed into the classroom. Each morning, children should bring their homework folders into the classroom and place them in their individual take home box. Chairs should be put at their desks, pencils sharpened and then the children can complete the activities placed in the middle of their desk. It is important to allow your child to do these tasks themselves as it fosters independence which is essential for success at school.

Absenteeism
If your child is absent for any reason, please provide a note through the school app, a phone call, a handwritten note or verbally to the classroom teacher. If no note or verbal reason is provided, you will be sent a letter from the office requesting an explanation in accordance with Education Department policy.

If you arrive at school after 8:40 am you must go to the office to get a late note and provide a valid reason for why your child is late.

Standards
It is expected that all students in the Early Childhood Block take responsibility for adhering to the standards set out in the School Handbook. This includes:
- Students wear appropriate school uniform at all times.
- Students come to school on time and prepared with all the materials required for the school day.
- All school work should be presented at a standard that reflects the student’s full capabilities.
- All school books should be covered appropriately.
- Graffiti is not tolerated on any item or person at school.

Website and School App
Available on the school website / school app is a variety of information about our school including, copies of notes, canteen price lists and photographs.
Crunch and Sip
Children eat their ‘Crunch and Sip’ as needed throughout the day, while continuing to work. Therefore food must be easy for them to eat and ideally should be pre-cut. Please see the ‘Crunch and Sip’ website for suggestions.
www.crunchandsip.com.au

Buddy Class
Each class will have a middle or upper primary buddy class. Students will participate in activities with them throughout the year.

Meetings
Pre-scheduled meetings are advisable in order to give you the most relevant and detailed information about your child. At the beginning and end of the day we may not have time for in-depth discussions as we are getting ready for the day and supervising other children.

Homework
Children will receive nightly reading, weekly spelling practice and sight-word recognition. In addition, children are encouraged to use Mathletics and Reading Eggs several times per week to support the in-class programs. It is important that a regular routine is established between you and your child in order to encourage and support their learning. Homework folders will be sent home every night and will include important notes, spelling and home readers.

Essential reading and writing skills are fostered during school, so it is important that these are encouraged both at school and at home. Borrowing books from the library, reading other texts and encouraging writing will all help in your child’s learning. Reading books should be a positive experience for both you and your child in which they should receive plenty of support and praise.

Specialist Teachers
Ms Robyn Veitch, Mr Jamie Maidens, Miss Sarah Harper, Ms Shirley Rampuka

Support Staff in Early Childhood Block
Mrs McAlpine, Mrs Simpson, Mrs Jarvis

Rewards
Pinkies and Greenies.
Greenies are given for displaying virtues, appropriate behaviour, following classroom rules and the demonstration of effort or excellent achievement. Six greenies are traded for one pinkie and when six pinkies are recorded, an Andrew Stewart Achievement Award is presented to your child at assembly.
Stickers and stamps are given for constant effort, improvement and excellence in work completed during class.

Head Lice
Unfortunately head lice are a common occurrence in primary school. If there is a reported case in any of our three classes a note will be sent home to all students to advise parents to check their child’s hair. It is important to check your child’s hair on a regular basis and inform the school or classroom teacher if you suspect they may have nits/head lice.
Information on ways to treat head lice can found in the office.

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