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KINDERGARTEN 2020 INFORMATION

WELCOME TO THOMAS ACRES PUBLIC SCHOOL

- **BEST START Assessment-** Literacy/Numeracy assessment- will take place before children officially start school. It will run from Wednesday 29th January 2020 to Monday 3rd February. Your child will be allocated a day and time (approximately 2 hours) to come up to the school, meet the Kindergarten teachers and complete the Best Start Assessment. A note with your allocated date and time is included in your pack.
A Best Start report will be sent home later in Term One.
- **School will begin for all Kindergarten on Tuesday 4th February at 9:30 (week 2).** Please bring your child to the **school hall** where they will be put into their class and walked to their classroom by their teacher.
- **School starts at 8:55am from Wednesday 5th February.** For the first few weeks the Kindergarten teachers and senior students will meet the children at the front of the school from 8:40am. We ask that you say goodbye to your child at the front of the school and allow the teachers and senior students to walk your child to the infants play area. This decreases separation anxiety and gets them into school routines more quickly.
- **Please pick your child up at 2:30pm from their classroom for the first week. (Tuesday 4th February to Friday 7th February).** After this they will be walked to the fenced safety area (near the flag pole) at the front of the school. **They will continue to finish school at 2:30 until Friday 14th February. From Monday 17th February, they will finish with the rest of the school at 2:55pm.** From this date, the children will be picked up from either the front or back gate. Please ensure you pick up your child from the designated areas and not their classroom or while classes are walking to these areas. This ensures teachers are able to closely monitor each child as they leave.

- **Lunch and recess-** your child will need a lunchbox and drink bottle. Please ensure that all of your **child's items are clearly labelled with their name**. Please don't pack too much food. Let your child know what is packed for lunch (sandwich and snack), fruit break and recess (snack). During the holidays practise unwrapping cling wrap, opening containers, drink bottles and packets of food etc.
- **Clothing-** Please ensure your child's clothing is **clearly labelled** with their name. This will save your child and their teacher a great deal of confusion.
- **Separate playtimes-** for the first 2 weeks Kindergarten will have different playtimes to the rest of the school. This helps children to socialise with their classmates without being overwhelmed by the rest of the school.
- **Canteen-** we ask that Kindergarten children **DO NOT** order from the canteen for the first 2 weeks due to their separate eating and playtimes. After this time, they will be able to order their lunch and buy from the canteen during playtime. A new price list will come out next year.
- **Class allocation-** We aim to keep classes the same once they have been formed but please be aware that there is the possibility that changes may occur due to student numbers and the social interactions of students.
- If your child has attended Speech Therapy, Occupational Therapy, a Paediatrician or any other specialist service could you please provide the school copies of any reports. This will assist us in best meeting your child's learning needs.

We look forward to seeing you in 2020!

Mr Pope (Principal)

Mrs Bryce (Deputy Principal)

Mrs Flamos (Deputy Principal)

Mrs Phillips (Assistant Principal)

Early Stage One teachers

