Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Welcome to 4 Wonderful! I hope you had an enjoyable summer break with your family and I am delighted to report that all students have settled down to work very well, with routines established early. Each year comes new beginnings, routines and expectations. I have outlined procedures in our classroom below.

Before School

Students are to wait in the under covered area until the first bell rings at 8.20am. The teacher on duty (8am-8.20am) will dismiss the students from there. Students are to walk up to our classroom and wait outside in two lines.

Starting the day

Once the students have entered the classroom at 8:20am they are to ensure they have a sharp pencil and place their essentials (ruler, rubber and pencil) on their desks. They then need to change their home reader and may ask any questions pertaining to their homework at this time. They then complete the morning transition (handwriting and spelling activities, dictionary work, correcting sentences or maths problems etc). This allows students to settle into their daily routine and focus from the moment they walk in the door.

Teaching starts promptly at 8:30am each day, so please ensure your child is on time for learning each day.

Homework

- Students will receive a homework sheet each Monday. Homework is to return with students on FRIDAY.
- **Reading is the most important part of your child’s homework.** Please have your child read for at least 10-15 minutes, at least 4 NIGHTS A WEEK. Reading books are to be returned daily or as needed.
- Some children may need help with reading the instructions of their homework. Discussion is fine!
- Independent practise will help your child develop and/or consolidate his/her understanding and knowledge of relevant facts, concepts and processes covered this year.
- Students are to write out spelling once each day (using look, cover, write and check) and put each spelling word into a sentence.

Specialist Lessons

Students will have Health and Physical Education lessons (Monday and Tuesday) and two Music lessons (Thursday and Friday) each week. Students will the opportunity to take part in one religious lesson per fortnight (optional). We will be involved in interschool sport this year, with training every Tuesday afternoon (starting later in Term 1) and attend carnival days (against other schools in our cluster) in both term two and three.

Volunteers

If there are any parents who would like to volunteer within the classroom, please let me know. I often have a pile of laminating/cutting that needs doing or a listening ear for my students to practise their reading strategies with.

Please feel free to attend our parent information evening (details will be given in school Newsletter). This will be a great opportunity to look through the classroom and understand the way we work to make ourselves smarter, healthier and happier every day in 4 Wonderful!

Yours sincerely,

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Classroom Teacher

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Principal