Dear Parents,

Welcome to a brand new school year! What an exciting learning journey we have ahead. I look forward to getting to know you as together we encourage, support and teach your children.

Beginning school is very exciting but there are sure to be a few fears or nervous moments. Allow yourself plenty of time for the morning drop-off and organization, even doing a few jobs the night before to be prepared for the unexpected in the morning. Remember to be very clear in your mind about when you will say goodbye to your child and ‘stick’ to your plan. We will have the support of our teacher-aides to help us to settle and get started for the day and will always ring if your child becomes too distressed. I can assure you that tears usually last only as long as it takes you to walk to the car and probably not even that long!

**Important events each week:** For our class these are

* assembly and canteen on Mondays
* German and Creative Arts on Tuesdays
* canteen and L.L.L. banking on Wednesdays
* library and I.T. on Thursdays and
* chapel, sport and library borrowing on Fridays.

**Uniform:** The children will need to wear their formal uniforms on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesdays and sports uniform, Thursdays and Fridays. We’ll begin this routine from this week.

**Mid-morning snack:** Please send along a small named container of fruit or veg. only for this break time mid-morning, for eg. grapes, cut up watermelon, carrot sticks or even a banana with your child’s name written on it in texta are fine. Your child can then pop this into the box just inside of the classroom door. Water bottles may also be brought into the classroom and placed on one of our cupboards for easy access during the day. We encourage many drinks and refilling of the bottles so a full bottle at home time may just have been refilled.

**Dates to add to the diary already:**

* **Parent Information Night:** This will be held on Tuesday 8th February at 7.45 p.m. in the Clever Cat classroom. Come along to hear about some of our class routines and expectations and to socialize with other parents over drinks and nibbles. This is a great opportunity to find out the answers to the many questions you are sure to have!
* **SPELD S.A.** is leading a workshop entitled “Reading & Writing: Getting it Right from the Start”. Please join us for this free session at school on March 1st at 7:00 p.m.

There is much to think about at this time of the year. Please don’t hesitate to ask any questions. Wishing you God’s peace and joy,

Jenny