Primary Newsletter

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Primary Principal's Newsletter

Dear Parents,

Welcome back to the new year and a very warm welcome to our new students, families and members of staff. The children have been busy getting to know their new teachers and classrooms and enjoying seeing their friends again. Many teachers have already commented on how polite, respectful and hardworking their new students are. I have already had the opportunity to read many wonderful pieces of writing from the children.

We are looking forward to welcoming you at our meet & greet evening on Friday from 5-7pm.

Please remember:

- School starts at 7:55am.
 All children should be at school by this time.
- Nursery, R1A and R1B finish at 11:30. Please be on time to collect your child.
- School finishes at 3:00pm.
 Please be on time to collect your child.
- Khmer school finishes at
 4:30pm. Please be on time
 to collect your child
- Read the parents' notice board at the gate for updates.

I.D Badges

Please remember your id badge when on the school grounds. If you forget your badge, please go to the school office for a visitor's badge. For those parents who have not yet updated their photo and badge, you can do so by bringing an up to date photograph to the school office. This is for the SAFETY of the children in our school.



Please wear your I.D badge in school

Lunches and Toothbrushes

All lunches and toothbrushes must be clearly labelled with your child's name and class. There have been a few incidents where children have picked up the wrong lunch because no name has been on the box. This will avoid any confusion at lunchtime and teeth brushing time.

Thank you for your support with this.



Reception 2 enjoying outdoor play

Lunchtimes



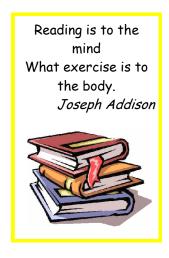
Thank you to all the parents who have been helping during reception lunchtime. From Monday,5th September, the lunch area will be for children and staff only. At school, it is important for the children to learn to be independent and confident. If you need to drop off your child's lunch, please hand it to the guard or TA on duty at the gate.

Thank you for supporting your child with this.

We are one,
But we are many.



PE with Year 6
Make sure your child has
their correct kit in school.



Homework Policy

In line with our policy, we provide homework on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. Each teacher will set English, Maths and then either Science or Topic to be completed. In addition, the children are expected to read every night and practise their times tables or numbers. If you have any questions about your child's homework, please see the class teacher as they will be happy to help.

Reading at home

At ISSR, we follow the Oxford Reading Tree (ORT) scheme. Each class has structured reading sessions using these books. The books children bring home are for enjoyment as we want the children to develop a love of reading. Please take time to listen to your child read and ask them questions about what they are reading. The children will enjoy this time you spend with them.

Parking

Please remember that we can only park on our side of the road when dropping off and collecting children. We must respect the public road and allow cars, lorries and motos to drive freely past our school. There is now a separate area for parents to park motos and bicycles. Please make use of this

Healthy snacks at school.

Please remember to bring healthy snacks to school for your child. Some examples of a healthy snack are; fruit, yoghurt or a small sandwich. If you would like some ideas or advice on how to bring fun and healthy snacks to school, please have a look at the following links:

http://www.parents.com/recipes/cooking/kid-friendly-food/healthy-snacks/?slideId=39968

https://www.betterhealth.vic.gov.au/health/healthyliving/eating-tips-for-children-5-primary-school

Chocolate, crisps and biscuits are not considered healthy, and too large a snack may mean your child will not eat their lunch, but will be hungry later on.

All evidence suggests, children who eat healthily, learn better.



Star of the Month

We would like to welcome parents to our first Star of the Month assemblies at 8am next week on:

Monday 5th September - Nursery-Year 1 (1A performing)
Tuesday 6th September - Year 2-Year 6 (6A performing)

The children are very excited about their performances and have been practising hard.