

5 February 2025

Dear Flanagan Parents & Carers,

Welcome to North Kalgoorlie Primary School (NKPS) for 2025. My name is Mrs Louise Hurst, and I am privileged to be your child's teacher this year. I am also fortunate to share the teaching and learning with our specialist teacher, Mrs Kylie King (Mondays), and our amazing education assistants (EA) Ms Karyn Best and Ms Georgia Potts. We have been busy preparing plenty of play-based and explicit teaching and learning opportunities as directed by the Western Australia Curriculum, the Early Years Learning Framework and the NKPS Early Years plan.

I have been teaching in Pre-primary for five years and as an EA for a decade prior to that. In collaboration with the NKPS teaching team, and other ECE colleagues, I will provide your child with every opportunity to play, learn and grow in a supportive and fun environment. I am excited to respond to your child's interests and offer learning activities in a fun and playful environment.

Your child's education is my priority but first I must get to know you both a little better. Enclosed with this letter is a '[Getting to Know Your Child](#)' questionnaire which I would appreciate you completing then returning to Flanagan. Please let me know about anything that will help me establish a good relationship with you and your child.

- ♥ Please make sure all your child's clothing items are labelled. Also ensure that there is a **spare set of clothes packed in their bag in case of accidents**. Things can get messy! 😊
- ♥ NKPS is a Sunsmart school which means all staff and students must wear **wide brimmed or bucket hats** at school. Those without these hats will have restricted shaded areas. Please also apply sunscreen each day.
- ♥ Children must bring their own **bottle of water** to school every day from which they will be encouraged to drink regularly. Please no juice or cordial.
- ♥ **Morning Routine** Help your child to hang their bag on an outside hook and wait with them until the siren goes at 8.35am. When the doors open reassure your child that you will be back to collect them at the end of the day, bring your child to the classroom door, say a brief goodbye, and leave without delay. The longer you linger or seem unsure about your departure, the more difficult it will be for your child. Ms Best and I will greet them warmly and help them settle into our school routine. Rest assured we have a fun, first term planned. At the end of the day your child should greet you with a smile and lots to talk about. If you are having difficulty separating from your child, please signal me or our EA to assist you. The first day of school is a very busy time, Ms Best will be available outside to collect and check-off the stationery while I welcome the children into our classroom.

EATING

- ⊕ **Recess** (10.35 – 11.10) It is up to you what you provide your child for recess. Let them know what is for recess, what is for lunch and what is for Crunch'n'Sip. At recess, the children sit down to eat their food until the 10.45 siren sounds and once finished, they put their lunchbox away and go and play. No food is shared.
 - ⊕ **Lunch** Eating time is 12:20-12:35 and when the students remain seated for the 15 minutes. They sit and eat lunch on the veranda outside the Flanagan and Shea classrooms. Once the siren rings, the teacher on duty will let the children go. The PP students cannot go to the canteen but are able to place a lunch order that will be delivered to the classroom at lunchtime (12.20).
 - ⊕ **Crunch'n'Sip** This is a mid-afternoon fruit or veg snack only normally around 2:00pm. It is up to the classroom teacher and class scheduling when this will occur.
 - ⊕ We will encourage your child to eat their healthy snack at recess time. However, if your child is hungry and chooses to eat their lunch at recess time then we will help again accordingly.
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- ♥ **COMMUNICATION:** If you wish to chat, I am available **after school** most days. The mornings are the time when I like to give the children my attention. However, important information about your child will always be welcomed at any time.
 - ♥ **PARENT HELP:** The early part of term 1 is an important time for us to build relationships and establish routines so parent help will commence later in the term. When the time comes, a parent help roster will be posted outside our room for you to enter your name. Please ensure you fill in a Confidential Declaration Form available from the classroom teacher before you provide parent help.
 - ♥ **REST TIME:** Rest and relaxation time occurs after lunch according to children's needs for a short period (5 to 10 minutes). This rest is **NOT** a sleep time but a time where children will cool down after running around during lunch time, enabling a more productive afternoon.
Please do not send in any cushions.
 - ♥ **COOKING MONEY:** Each class runs a cooking program that supports various curriculum areas. We ask that each child provides \$20 to cover some of the costs. This money should be handed to your classroom teacher in a labelled envelope at your earliest convenience.
 - ♥ **PLAYGROUND** All Pre-primary children should be supervised by an adult before and after school. Also, it is important to collect your child on time and depart the school premises promptly.

More communication will be sent out to parents as the term progresses and a class meeting is planned for all parents on Tuesday 18th February. Also keep an eye on the NKPS website and check your email for links to **Compass** – This is a new system for parent home communication and more information regarding this and login details will be sent by the end of Week Two. I am looking forward to a wonderful year of fun and learning.

Mrs Louise Hurst
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