

# Mr Hanson's Term 1 Information Letter



## Welcome to Kindergarten 2020

I am so excited about teaching your child this year. It is going to be a fun, wonderful and exciting year of learning.

In this letter, you will find some important information for Term 1. If you have any concerns please do not hesitate to contact me.

I am looking forward to getting to know everyone and developing a strong working partnership with all.

## Important details

**Seesaw** – Please log onto our Seesaw App using the QR code attached to this letter. Please remember this platform is to be used ONLY as a snapshot of your child's day not as an instant messaging tool.

**Skoolbag App** – Please download the Skoolbag App to receive important updates and reminders.

## Dates for your Calendar

**Meet and Greet Night** - *Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> February*

**Clean Up Australia Day** – *Friday 28<sup>th</sup> March*

**Harmony/Bee Kind Day** - *Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> March*

**3 Way Conferences** - *Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> April*

**Easter Hat Parade** - *Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> April*

**School Disco** - *Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> April*

## Contact information

**Phone:** 49693577

**Email:**

<http://www.hamiltonp.schools.nsw.edu.au/>

If you wish to make an appointment, please do not hesitate to contact me via the school phone or school email. If you choose email, please put my name in the SUBJECT line so the office staff know who to forward the email to. I will either contact you by phone or reply via the school email.

However, if you have an urgent matter, please ring the office immediately.



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## Getting Ready for school

Please have your child help you pack their own bag each night/morning. This practice will make it much easier for them when they have to do it themselves at school.

Ensure your child gets plenty of sleep and a good breakfast so they are fresh and ready to learn.

Students need to meet out the front of their classroom at 8:55am. Parents are encouraged to say a quick goodbye to allow for easy settling.

If you arrive at 8:30am you are to go to the front basketball court at the front of the school. Supervision starts at 8:30am at the front of the school only. ***Please do not go to the infants playground outside your classroom before 8:55am as no supervision is provided and the playground area is hired by OOSH (before and after school care).***

Punctuality to school is very important. The school roll is marked by 9am. Good attendance is necessary; too many days off will hinder your child's learning.

## Parent Helpers/Volunteers

During Term 1, Kindergarten will be focusing on settling into school life and routine. If you would like to volunteer your time to assist in the classroom, we will commence this in Term 2. Further information will come towards the end of Term 1.

## School Times

**8:30am** – Supervision provided on the front basketball court only.

**8:55am** – Class lining up/Class commence

**11:00am – 11:50am** - Lunch play time

**1:30pm – 1:55pm** - Recess play time

**3:00pm** – Pick up time

## School Pick up

To ensure all students are picked up safely please provide the office a list of people who may pick your child up from school.

In the afternoon, KH will be lining outside the classroom doors to go home.



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## Book packs/FEES

In Kindergarten, the book pack includes; a red homework bag, glue sticks, whiteboard markers, home reader record book (yellow diary), library bag (navy), scrap books, exercise books, pencils, chair bag, SSP keyring, SSP poster, term sport fees and the school voluntary contribution.

The office will advise you of costs shortly.

## Uniform

All items of your child's school uniform should be clearly labelled. These items are your child's responsibility and if they are misplaced they can be returned promptly if they are labelled. School uniforms can be purchased at the office on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

## Canteen

We are establishing a new canteen system. Details will be sent home shortly.

## Food at school

Send a healthy lunch, recess and water every day. Please send a ***small*** piece of fruit or vegetable for fruit break in the mornings. We eat our lunch and recess in the classroom before play time.

Water only is allowed at fruit break. Please send a drink bottle full with water.

Please make sure your child can open their food packages independently.

Children are ***NOT*** allowed to share food at school due to allergies. Please remind your child that the things you pack for them in their lunchbox are just for them to eat and if someone asks to swap they need to say no.

Please Supply to the  
classroom

*A box of tissues  
2 whiteboard markers  
Paper Towel  
Hand sanitiser/Hand Soap*



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## Term 1 - Literacy Focus

### Speaking and Listening:

There will be no set speaking and listening topics this term. We will be focusing on small group and whole class discussions where we are learning to follow directions/instructions, ask questions, express needs, likes and dislikes and retell stories.

### Writing:

In writing, we are learning to write our own name, develop an understanding of sentence structure and how to use the correct pencil grip. We are developing fine motor skills through cutting, pasting, ripping, play dough and by actions in songs.

### Reading:

In Kindergarten, we are using the Speech Sound Pics program. We are learning to hear/segment sounds in spoken words and blend sounds to read. Your child will participate daily in guided and shared reading as well as independent reading of known books.

## Integrated Unit

Our theme for Term 1 is *Community*. Within this theme, we will focus on the United Nations Sustainability Goal 3: *Good Health and Wellbeing* and United Nations Sustainability Goal 11: *Sustainable cities and communities*. This integrated unit covers stage content from the PDHPE, Science and Technology, English, History and Geography syllabi. A short outline of this term's unit has been attached to this letter.

## Numeracy

During Term 1, we are learning all about numbers and collections of numbers.

We are learning number names from 0-30, how to write numbers using the correct letter formation, friends of ten and how to count forwards and backwards.

## TIMETABLE

**Monday - 2pm Whole School Assembly**

**Wednesday** – Science with Mr Jarryd Handley.  
Library with Mrs Melissa Nelmes.

**Thursday** – Sport - Please wear sport house coloured shirt and joggers.

