Year 4 Parent Meeting Room 6
Teachers: Garry Evans & Claire Coombes

School starts: 8.40am (Please have children at school no later than 8.25am so they can prepare for the day.) Door will open at 8.25am
School ends 2.50pm

Teacher expectations
Academic
Do your best. Ask for help when needed. Complete work neatly and correctly.

Presentation of work
Work will be neat and legible. Belongings to be kept neat and tidy (no graffiti).

Social
Treat other people kindly and with respect.

Virtues/Friendly Schools
The Virtues Programme is used in the class. Virtues are positive qualities most human beings aspire to. The Friendly School Programme which tackles bullying is also addressed. The students are taught how to be positively assertive when people do things to them they do not like.

Parent Meetings
If you would like to meet to discuss your child’s progress or any concerns you may have would you please make an appointment. Would you also let me know in advance what you would like to discuss. I would appreciate not having parent meetings before school as we are usually quite busy. A note to arrange a meeting can be written in the children’s diary.

Things Parents Can Do that Will Help their Child
- Check and sign homework diaries each night
- Check and sign reading signer each night
- Listen to reading book each night
- Listen to tables each night
- Test spelling words each night
- Sign next to Spelling words each night.
- Have realistic expectations
- Help your child to become better organised by getting them to think and plan ahead (What do you need for tomorrow? etc.)
- Support the teacher in improving your child’s behaviour.

Food and Snacks
Please do not send peanut-based products to school.
It may be useful to keep these products at home: nutella, peanut paste, peanuts, fruit and nut mix, incredibites, muesli bar with nuts, fruit and nut cereal.

Students are allowed to bring a container of water into class. Also they can have a container of Brain FOOD (e.g. cut up fruit or Sip and crunch will be at either 9.40am or 12.00pm depending on classroom activities.

Absenteeism
If your child is ill they should be kept at home until well. Parents or guardians must inform the school either in writing or by telephoning when a student is absent.
Timetable - See timetable in student diaries.

Students need a hat and a drink bottle for physical education and sport.
Library Book exchange is on Wednesday 2.30pm. Students need to return their book before school.
Students need a bag to put their book in.

Art (Mrs Coleman) is on Wednesday 11.00am, PE (Mrs Burt) on Friday 11.00am, Music (Mr Marshall) on Monday 8.40am.

Indonesian (Mrs Atkins) is on Tuesday 12.00 pm.
Fitness is done each Wed, Thurs and Fri morning 8.40 - 9.00 am

News

Instead of daily show and tell this year the children will participate in regular oral talks covering a variety of topics. These talks will be assessed as part of the Speaking and Listening subject area and children will be expected to present them when it is their turn according to a class roster. This will be recorded on a class chart as well. These will commence in Term 2.

Behaviour

see attached sheet.

Hat

The school has a policy No Hat No Play (in the Sun).

Handwriting

Samson Primary is now using the NSW font. We believe neat handwriting is important.
Children will be working towards obtaining a pen license this year.

Homework Diary

Students will need a homework diary. We have begun using the diary. Each day students copy from the board the homework they need to do in their homework diary. The diary is also used to write reminders of upcoming events and things that need to be brought to school and communication between parents and teachers.
Parents are requested to sign each night's homework diary entry. The signature lets me know that you were aware that homework was given that night. If your child can not do homework on a particular night that is fine but please still sign the diary. If you want to write in the diary a message for us please feel free to do so.

Homework - see attached sheet.

Every Monday-Thursday students are required to read some of their reading book at home, learn their spelling words and practise their tables. There will also be Spelling and Math activities given as the year progresses. Oral talks are expected to be prepared and practised at home for presentation at school.
In addition students are sometimes given things to finish off at home. Plenty of class time is given for the completion of activities so finishing off work should NEVER be time consuming. It should take a little time only.

Home reading is meant to be relatively easy. Students should not be spending time struggling with a book that is too hard for them. This is not the aim of home reading. It is meant to be enjoyable and provide practice at reading fluently. It should be a confidence-builder for students and not a confidence-destroyer. Students can read harder books of their own at home if they want to. You may enter these in the reading signer.
Please note homework is voluntary in the state school system. If you do not want your child to do homework please let us know in writing. If you want your child to do homework then it is our expectation that you will help ensure that it is done.

If for any reason your child can not complete homework on a given night that is fine. Parents are asked to still sign the homework diary as this lets us know that you are aware that homework was set for the night.

**Taking Child from School**

During the school day if parents need to remove their child from school they will first need to go to the office and sign out their child. They will be given a yellow sign out card which they will need to bring to the child’s class teacher. The signing out and yellow card lets the school and teacher know that your child is leaving the school with you.

**Late Arrival at School**

If for any reason children are late to school please go via the office and pick up a late card as this aids in maintaining our attendance records.