A Welcome ABC to KD 2022

with Miss De Henau

A is for Attendance - It is vital to your child's academic success. Chittaway Bay Public School begins at 8:55am. Please encourage attendance at school and arrive on time each day they are healthy enough to be here. If your child is absent, please notify the school in writing, or using the Skoolbag App, or contact the office on 4388 2188. If you receive a text message, please reply. Allergies - if your child has any allergies, please let the school and myself know so we can avoid exposure and refer to a health care plan if needed.

B is for Birthdays – Unfortunately, there are still COVID restrictions in place regarding the sharing of food at school. Please refrain from sending in cakes or treats to share with the class at this time. We will update you as any changes to this policy are made.

C is for Communication - Communication between home and school is vital to your child's success. Together we are partners in your child's education. No matter how small you may think your question or concern is, I want to hear about it. I also like to hear what works for your child and what makes him/her feel confident, happy, and motivated. If your child requires any accommodations or has any special needs, I will make adjustments for equity in the classroom and your input into this is both required and valued. Chittaway Bay Public School has various platforms in which it communicates with parents and students. Sometimes there is overlap within the platforms although not always. We strongly encourage all families to join Seesaw as this will be teachers' main form of communication with families. Information for Seesaw will be sent home shortly.

Platform	whole school	stage based	class based	student based
Newsletter (fortnightly)	x			
Facebook Page	x			
Skoolbag App	x	x		
Seesaw		x	x	x
Teacher Email				x
Telephone Calls				x

D is for Dismissal - School ends with our bell at 2:55pm. Learning activities occur right up until the end of the day. It's important that your child be present in class until dismissal time. If your child needs to follow a different process for going home, please send a note to school to avoid confusion at the end of the day. For now, kindergarten will be coming out to the gate at 2:40pm, due to COVID measures.

E is for Emergency Contacts - Having the correct information is very important. Please check with the front office to make sure that everything is correct and updated should you move or change phone numbers.

F is for Family - In our classroom we are a family. I work to create a family atmosphere where we celebrate differences and similarities. We greet each other each morning, work together, share our struggles and joys, look out for one another, treat each other with kindness and respect, celebrate our efforts and successes, and say goodbye at the end of the day.

G is for Good Behaviour. At Chittaway Bay Public School, we recognise correct behaviours with Positive Behaviour for Learning (PBL). Our system of recognition allows children to gain certificates from Bronze to Principal's Award with many incentives along the way to motivate the children. Our PBL expectations are Safe, Respectful, Responsible and Engaged.

H is for Home Reading - We will start home reading soon. Your child will bring a different book home for you to read to them daily until the next step; them reading to you. Kindergarten homework is minimal as I feel play is still very important.

I is for Independence - We should celebrate and foster their independence whilst still acknowledging that they need guidance and prompting; they are after all, still only 4, 5 or 6 years old.

Important Dates:

Term 1	Term 2	Term 3	Term 4
Feb 7: First day of 2022 Feb 16: Swimming Carnival (8yrs+) Mar 11: School Photos Mar 24 - Apr 1: Life Education Apr 8: Last day of Term 1	Apr 27: First day of Term 2 May 26: Athletics Carnival (8yrs+) Jul 1: Last day of Term 2	Jul 19: First day of Term 3 TBC: Excursion to The Hunter Valley Zoo. Sep 23: Last day of Term 3	Oct 10: First day of Term 4 Dec 16: End of Year Fun Day Dec 19: Last day of 2022

Please note there may be changes due to unforeseen circumstances. These events are correct as of Feb 7.

J is for Joggers - joggers can be worn for sport and fitness. KD has sport on Tuesdays and Wednesdays.

K is for Keep Miss De Henau Informed - I truly care about the children in my class. If something is going on that may affect your child, please let me know. Even sometimes those things that are all a normal part of childhood; bad dreams, problems before school, a parent going away on a business trip, or an illness in the family, can influence your child's school day. Dropping me a quick note that your child might need a little extra TLC can make all the difference to their world!

L is for Lunch - Please make sure your child can open their own lunch box and drink bottle, any containers or wrapping and label everything please. Library Day - is on Thursday. Please remember to return books in a library bag each week.

M is for Money - When sending money to school, please place it in an envelope marked with your child's name, and what it's for. Lunch money should also include their order on a paper bag. Most importantly, Medical; please notify the school of any diagnoses and complete a health care plan for medication to be administered at school.

N is for Names - Please write your child's name on all their belongings. It's so easy for things to get misplaced or left behind in another area of the school (library, oval, playground, etc...). Writing your child's name will help ensure that their belongings are returned to them and that you don't have to spend your hard-earned money to replace lost items.

O is for Opportunities - Hopefully there will be opportunities throughout the year to help in the class or at school. When volunteering, please check in at the office and be sure to complete a Working With Children Check.

P is for Pictures - I love to take pictures of our class learning and having fun throughout the year. If you choose to request that your child not be included in photographs, please let me know.

Q is for 'Quick Goodbyes Mean Dry Eyes' - It's important to acknowledge your child with love, but please do so quickly and quietly so they stay engaged in the activity at hand and don't become upset.

R is for Reading - Please read to your child every night. It is one of the most important things you can do for them.

S is for Snacks - It's hard to concentrate and work when we're hungry. Our class will have a mid-morning working snack - "Crunch and Sip" each day. Please send one or two healthy pieces of fresh fruit/vegetable with your child each day.

T is for Technology - Chittaway Bay Public School is fortunate to have a wide variety of technology available in the classroom and throughout the school. Technology is integrated throughout all areas of our curriculum in developmentally appropriate ways. Please find out how you can access school programs from home.

U is for Uniforms - Students are required to wear uniform to school every day. Don't forget hats!

V is for Volunteers - Your help is always appreciated, no matter how big or small, how frequent or infrequent. Volunteer opportunities are not just available during the school day, so working parents who want to help are able to. Jobs like cutting things out or gluing/pasting activities together for in-class use can easily be done at home. When we are allowed to have parent volunteers back in the classroom, I will let you know.

W is for the Whole Child - I believe in addressing the needs of the 'whole child' with a focus on encouraging a balance of academics, with creativity, imagination, a strong development of self-confidence, problem-solving and social awareness.

X is for eXcited - I'm so eXcited to work with your child and you this year!

Y is for You! - You are your child's first and most important teacher! Your input is always welcome. I can't stress strongly enough that we are partners in your child's education!

Z is for Zzzzz - Sleep is absolutely vital to your child's success. A tired child simply does not have the capacity to pay attention in class, learn and retain new knowledge, or work with peers to the best of his/her ability. As a parent, you know the optimum amount of sleep your child needs to be at his/her best. Please help them get that sleep.

I'm looking forward to a wonderful year.

Miss De Henau

Kindergarten teacher