Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Welcome to KN. I am extremely proud of the way the students have settled in and started their learning. It is going to be an exciting year ahead in the KN classroom.

**Items for Term 1**

- **Glue sticks**: could each student please bring in 8 glue sticks as we are always using them.
- **1 Hand sanitiser and 1 hand wash.**
- **Home reader bag**
- **Diary**: Please purchase these items from the front office
- **Dictionary**

**Our learning timetable for Term 1 2015**

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**Timetable**: On Monday—Thursday at 1:00–2:00pm our class will join with KJ and Mrs Trevethan’s Kinders. This is a great opportunity for our Kinder Cohort to participate in peer learning programs. The students are really enjoying their learning with all their Kinder peers.

**Literacy session**: The students and I are thoroughly enjoying our Literacy sessions. The students are quickly adapting to the Literacy routine. I am impressed with the way the students are learning to independently move around the room and work on different literacy based activities. This term we will learn letter/sound relationships, letter formation, sight words (golden, red etc), guided writing and reading.

**Homework**

- Cristy Jacka, Mel Trevethan and I have a weekly homework newsletter. The newsletter includes a literacy activity and numeracy activity. The students are familiar with the activities as they have played them in class. It is important that you assist and encourage your child with their homework activities.
Ring books: The students will be given a ring book in week 4. Home readers will not start until later on in the term.

- Homework will go home in their black home reader bags.
- **Important**: Please remind your child to put their home reader bag in the home reader tray as soon as they get to school. Some students have been forgetting to bring their home reader bag to school. It is really important that they bring this everyday as I need to change their readers and may need to write in the diary.

**Crunch & sip**: Students will need to bring 2 pieces of fresh fruit or vegetable as we have two 10 minute fruit breaks at 10:00am and 1:00pm every day.

**Library**:
K/N will have Library on Wednesday afternoons with Mrs Sue Mac. Please ensure that your child has a library bag. They will need to remember to bring their Library book back every Wednesday.

**Student banking**:
This occurs every week on a Tuesday. The students need to put their Hume bank books in the blue folder every Tuesday morning.

**Communication**:
There are many ways you can contact me or the school. Please don't hesitate as I am more than happy to help. You can:

- Talk to me before or after school.
- Student diary- a great way to quickly write a message. I check them everyday.
- School phone number:- 60265206
- Email- erin.newton6@det.nsw.edu.au
- Weekly School Newsletter
- HPS App- You can download this app through either itunes or Android market for **FREE**! Howlong Public School upcoming events and important dates are frequently added.

**Good Attendance**
There are a number of sound reasons to ensure that your child attends school regularly:

- Attending school every day makes learning easier. Missing the basic skills often leads to learning problems later on and absenteeism interferes with academic progress.
- It's the law. Sickness or injury or serious family situations are satisfactory reasons not to be at school.
- Birthdays, haircuts, Mondays etc are not satisfactory reasons for absence.
- Please try to arrange your family holidays in school vacation times.

Thank you for being so organised so far. Once the children settle into school routine I would love for parents to come and help in the classroom. I am going to need some laminating Kings and Queens as the Literacy activities are piling up. If you would like to do some laminating and cutting please come and see me. I would really appreciate your help. KN are also looking for a parent representative. If you are interested please come and see me and I will talk to you about what is required.

I look forward to working with you and your child this term!

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Erin Newton