

23 January 2023 | 1 Shevat 5783

Dear Parents,

## WELCOME TO KINDERGARTEN (Year K)

I would like to extend a warm welcome to KTC Primary, to both you and your children.

Below are a few guidelines to familiarise you with our procedures for the start of the new school year.

- **School begins for Year K on Tuesday, 31 January 2023 at 9:30am**
- Parents should take Year K students **directly to the Year K classrooms**. Class lists will be placed in the school foyer and outside the classrooms. KA will begin with General Studies and KB will begin with Jewish Studies. Please say good-bye to your children at the classroom door and let them know how they will be collected in the afternoon. If your son or daughter is upset, we will assist with the transition to make this process a little easier.
- Once you have settled your child in the classroom, we would like to invite you to join us for coffee in the Library Courtyard. This will be an opportunity for an informal chat with the other parents and some key members of the KTC staff. The morning will wrap up by 10:20am but there is no obligation to remain for the morning.

**Day two** for Year K commences at the same time as the rest of the school: students should be on campus by **8:15am**, ready to line-up at 8:20am. When students arrive at school, they should be taken to the **Library Courtyard** where they can place their bags near their class labels outside the library. Ms Tolomeo or Rabbi Winterfeld will be in the courtyard for the first weeks to help settle the students into their new routines.

The teachers for 2023 are as follows:

Year K	Giulia Tolomeo, Rabbi Winterfeld
Year 1	Yuri Hioki-Chuah, Rabbi Straiton
Year 2	Xanthe Crittenden, Rabbi Richter (B), Sara Chanah Sufrin (G)
Year 3	Sue Slater, Adina Levitan (B), Mushky Chaiton (G)
Year 4	Sheryl Lenhoff, Dalia Chriqui (B), Chaya Gopin (G)
Year 5	Rochelle Mezei, Aviva Itkin (B), Nechama Dina Milecki (G)
Year 6	Ian Bennie, Rabbi Richter (B), Aviva Itkin (G)
Learning Centre	Wendy Altman, Genevieve Dobson, Cara Sacks, Amber Aquilina, Rutti Israel, Tracy Munitz, Lisa Goldberg, Leyat Reuben
Jewish Support	Dini Groner, Rabbi Barber, Chaya Gopin, Dalia Chriqui, Sara Chanah Sufrin, Golda Gradman
Specialists	Sport: Marie Smith and Jake Cassell Music: Leanne Morris Ivrit: Sagit Oron Extension Maths: Leanne Morris and Shane Benton Science: <i>t.b.c.</i>
Classroom Relief	Tamy Ambarchi
Aides	Lewis McLeod, Elisa Rayman, Natalie Ball, Sophie Lew, Dina Levin

Due to the current teacher shortage, we are still in the recruitment process for a new Science teacher. We will notify you once we have been successful.

**Stationery and Book Packs** will be distributed to the students in the classrooms within the first week. Books may be sent home for covering with clear contact if required.

### WHO SHOULD I GO TO FOR HELP?

If you have any questions or concerns, please see below for the people who will be able to support you:

**Educational and classroom matters** → Your child's classroom teacher

**Primary Welfare Coordinator** → Hannah Trenowden  
[Hannah.Trenowden@ktc.nsw.edu.au](mailto:Hannah.Trenowden@ktc.nsw.edu.au)



**Jewish Studies Learning Support** → Dini Groner  
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**General Studies Learning Support** → Wendy Altman  
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**Head of Jewish studies**  
*(escalated from classroom teacher)* → Rabbi Levi Milecki  
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**Head of Welfare**

**Head of Primary**  
*(escalated from above)* → Noelene Bellingham  
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**Primary Secretary**  
*(events, books, any other questions)* → Gail Gottlieb  
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**Receptionist**  
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### REMINDERS

**Kosher** – Students may only bring Kosher certified food to school for their recess and lunch. If you are unsure whether a food item is Kosher, you may check the NSW Kashrut Authority Kosher Products Directory at [www.ka.org.au](http://www.ka.org.au) or check with your child's Jewish Studies teacher.

**No Hat No Play** – Students must bring a hat to school every day. We also encourage the application of sunscreen before school. This year we will be sending home small reminder notes with the younger students if they forget their hats.

**Water Bottles** – Please send a labelled water bottle to school every day.

**Uniforms** – Students should be in full school uniform everyday which includes school coloured hair accessories (for girls - navy) and polished school shoes. The Summer school uniform is required for Term 1.

**Labels** – We always have a large amount of lost property at the end of each school term so please ensure that all items are clearly labelled with your child's name.

**No Nuts** - KTC does its best to be an allergy aware school. We have numerous students at KTC who live with the risk of anaphylaxis to foods. We can never totally eliminate the risk of an anaphylaxis but, we can all do things that will help lessen the risk. Please consider the children with food allergies when packing your child's school lunch and **avoid sending any food product containing peanuts and tree nuts**. There are students in Year K who also have severe allergies to **sesame** so please be mindful about sending products containing this. It is also important to have conversations with your children about sharing food so that other children do not accidentally eat something they shouldn't.

**Healthy Eating** – We encourage students to eat healthy foods at school to help keep them focused. Please remember to pack fruit each day for Crunch and Sip and a healthy lunch. Chocolates, lollies, softdrink and cordial is not allowed at school and will be sent home.

You will be informed of your child's **Library** and **Sport** days by the end of the first week of school.

## AFTER SCHOOL CARE

After School care will commence on Tuesday 31 January. A booking link will be sent in the coming days.

## INFORMAL JEWISH EDUCATION

At Kesser Torah we know that parents want the very best for their children. To help your child reach their full potential, we have created a range of exciting informal Jewish education events and programs for them to take part in during Term 1.

From class Tu B'Shevat parties to Purim, the Grand Chidon trip and Matzah Bakery, there is something for everyone. Our team of dedicated educators is looking forward to providing the platform for these memorable and meaningful experiences, so get ready for your children to come home with stories and memories of their incredible Jewish learning!

Devora Joseph

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## IMPORTANT DATES

- Primary School Meet the Teacher Night – 20 February
- Girls Swimming Carnival (Years 3-6) – 27 February
- Boys Swimming Carnival (Years 3-6) – 1 March
- Purim – 7 March (Early Close)
- Year 5 Ivrit Competition – 14 March
- NAPLAN – Years 3 & 5 – 15-27 March
- Parent Teacher Interviews Zoom (KA, 1A, 2G-6G) – 20 March
- Parent Teacher Interviews Zoom (6B) – 22 March

- Parent Teacher Interviews Zoom (KB, 1B, 2B–5B) – 27 March
- Chidon Excursion (Boys) – 29 March
- Chidon Excursion (Girls) – 30 March

Please do not hesitate to contact the classroom teachers, Hannah Trenowden, Rabbi Milecki or me for further information.

I look forward to seeing you all on Tuesday 31 January at 9:30am.

Kind regards



Ms Noelene Bellingham  
Head of Primary