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Dear Primary School Parents,

It is with great pleasure that we extend a warm welcome to you as we embark on an enriching year of academic and social and emotional growth. We are very excited about the journey ahead, as we partner together to foster a love for learning and create an environment where every child can thrive and realise their potential.

We recognise that a new year is a time of change as students get to know their new teachers, classrooms and routines. Please see the essential information below that will help you and your children with the transition.

School Start Date

- School begins for Years 1-6 students on **Wednesday 31 January 2024 at 8:20am**.
- Year K students begin on **Wednesday 31 January at 9:30am** – more information to follow.

Teachers

We are thrilled to announce the teaching staff for 2024. We are privileged that KTC Primary is home to an outstanding team of dedicated, experienced, and caring teachers, committed to providing a high-quality education and nurturing the growth and development of every student.

With continued growth both in student numbers and the quality of our programmes and services, we are very excited about new positions and appointments in the Primary School.

- We are pleased to announce the appointment of Mrs. Marie Smith to the position of Wellbeing and Behaviour Coordinator.
- We welcome teachers Maebh Kavanagh, Lily Othen-Price and Shaina Feldman, experienced and caring educators, who have joined the Primary School team.
- Further exciting appointments will be announced at the start of the school year related to enrichment classes, curriculum development and teacher training initiatives. All students will benefit from these initiatives.

Please join us on **Wednesday 14 February** for our **Meet the Teacher evening**, for an opportunity to connect with your child/ren's teachers.

Please go to [KTC Quick Links](#) (in the KTC app or at kessertorah.nsw.edu.au/ql/)

- To see your child/ren's **Teachers for the 2024** academic year
- To see **Who To Contact For What** in the Primary School

Class teachers will contact parents via email by the end of the first week of school and will inform you of your child/ren's **Library** and **Sports** days. Teachers will also distribute the students' **stationery** and **book-packs**. Select books may be sent home for covering with clear contact.

Year K-1 Classes

Please see the links below:

[Year K Class Lists](#)

[Year 1 Class Lists](#)



Student Expectations

We believe in cultivating a positive and respectful learning environment where every student contributes to creating and maintaining the school culture. To achieve this, we set high expectations for our students, encompassing behaviour, school uniform and attending school on time each day. These three areas are not just requirements but are reflections of our shared values and commitment to fostering a positive school atmosphere. Please support your children in wearing the correct school uniform and ensure they arrive on time for our 8:20am start time each day.

After-School Care & Extra-curricular

KTC is in the process of setting up a formal after-school care program. In the interim, please see below for the options we are providing for Term 1.

- **After-School Care:** A paid after-school program that runs from 3:20pm-5:30pm. This service commences on Wednesday 31 January. See the [KTC Quick Links](#) page for booking links.
- **High School Sibling After-Care:** Students with siblings in KTC High School may join the Sibling After-Care service. Students must be pre-booked via the following form before Wednesday 31 January to benefit from this service: <https://form.jotform.com/233562915396869>
- **Extra-Curricular:** A letter with providers and relevant links will be sent to parents in the first week of school.

Medication

We have reviewed our processes around the administering of medication to students at school. As part of our new protocols, parents will be required to complete the following form for KTC to administer medication to their child/ren: <https://form.jotform.com/233492499355065>

Food

All food brought to school by students must be **Kosher**. As part of the Kashrus policy, students may also not bring meat to school. For more information on Kosher food products, please see our Kosher Snack list found on the [KTC Quick Links](#) page and the Kashrut Authority website at <http://ka.org.au>.

Students may also not bring any nuts or products made from nuts to school.

Looking forward to seeing your children on **Wednesday 31 January** and to seeing all parents at our **Meet the Teacher** evening on **Wednesday 14 February**.

Sincerely,



Rabbi L. Milecki
Head of Primary



Hannah Trenowden
Deputy Head of Primary