Dear Parents and Caregivers,

May I take this opportunity to welcome you all to 2/3E. The students have settled, and we are looking forward to an exciting and productive year.

All students in 2/3E will be supported, challenged and extended at an appropriate level. Your child will be engaged in learning activities throughout the year that are designed to suit his or her learning style and ability. Students will be encouraged and supported in a warm environment to take risks in pursuit of their learning. I hope to make 2013 a stimulating year for all students so that they can extend their skills and achieve their personal best.

Eleni Antoniou

### DAILY REMINDERS – TERM ONE

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### Key Learning Areas

See attached documents.

### HOMEWORK

Homework includes 3 components:
- Home reading
- Monthly enrichment projects
- Mathletics

While all homework is non-compulsory, we strongly recommend that students complete home reading each day. Home reading is an essential part of children’s learning. It should be an opportunity to practise fluency and expression and provide enjoyment. It is recommended that Year 2 students read at home for 10 minutes a day, and Year 3 should read for 20 minutes a day. Until a student reaches a benchmark level of 30+, he/she needs to borrow books from school at his/her independent reading level (95-100% accuracy). Each student will be given a reading log where they can fill in their daily reading. This should be returned to school when it has been completed.
In addition to daily home reading, students may choose to complete one or more monthly enrichment projects. These will be issued twice a term and can be handed in at any time.

The aim of this program is to provide a real world context for the work we do in class, allowing students to develop a deeper knowledge of the subject matter, to pursue areas of interest and to develop further skills. This is an enrichment program and no student will be disadvantaged by not participating.

The projects are designed to be enjoyable rather than onerous, and vary in difficulty and complexity. Parents are encouraged to help their children choose projects that are both enjoyable and achievable. Parents may also need to assist their children develop organisational strategies, such as breaking the project into smaller tasks which can be completed over a series of days.

The final homework component is Mathletics. Just like the projects, this is a non-compulsory activity but it does provide valuable revision, drill and practice of basic maths concepts. All students have a Mathletics account and their user name and password is available from the class teacher.

All homework will be uploaded to the school website along with some support materials. PDF copies of the homework can be downloaded for children who misplace their homework sheet.

ORGANISATION

Please encourage your child to be prepared for school each day and to be responsible for packing their school bag with everything they need.

Diaries
Each child in Year 3 will have a Castle Cove diary, which needs to be brought to school every day. These are for children to learn organisational skills. They can write reminders in their diaries and, if they wish, can use them as a record of events.

Library
Please check the timetable for your child’s class library time and ensure that students have packed their library bag.

Scripture
Scripture lessons take place each Wednesday. Lessons for K-2 are from 12.00-12.30pm, and 3-6 lessons are from 12:30-1:00. Please send a note to the school office if you wish your child to change classes.

School Reward System
Castle Cards, Merit Certificates and A-Day Awards are given out throughout the year. Once your child receives 10 Castle Cards please hand into your class teacher in a named envelope for a Merit Certificate handed out in class. 10 Merits earns a Bronze Award, another 10 a Silver Award and a following 10 earns a Gold Award. The cycle begins again with Bronze, Silver, Gold Award II .This award system continues throughout their school life at Castle Cove so children should retain all awards.

Attendance
If for any reason your child is unable to attend school, written notification, an email or a phone call to the office must be provided. The office has partial-absence forms that must be used if a student is late or needs to leave early.

Notes
Please deposit all notes that have money enclosed into the boxes at the office. All other permission notes are to be handed into the classroom teacher.
Communication
I look forward to working in partnership with you to ensure your child has a positive and enjoyable year in 2013. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions, an issue you would like to raise or to make an appointment to see me.

My availability for appointments is outlined below:

Monday- afternoon (even weeks)
Tuesday- morning and afternoon
Wednesday- morning (odd weeks)
Friday- morning or afternoon

Outside of these times, I attend professional development and meetings. As these occur immediately before and after school, I will often arrive at the classroom at bell time and will need to leave promptly after school. Unfortunately, unless there is an urgent issue, I will not be able to engage in lengthy discussions outside of my available times.

HOW TO CONTACT ME

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