



**CANNINGTON SCHOOL**

*"we can & we do!"*

## **NEW ENTRANT INFORMATION**



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## **Welcome from Miss Walker!**

Welcome to Cannington School and to our fantastic Junior Room!

I find it very rewarding to see the wonder and delight as 5 years olds discover a whole new world of learning.

This booklet is designed to let you know what you can expect from your child while they are in Room 2 and so you understand what is happening in the classroom.

I want your child to start their learning journey in a positive way – wanting to come to school, enthusiastic and happy. I aim to make learning fun while becoming competent learners.

It is both an exciting and anxious time for children starting school and also for the parents. Each child is different, but rest assured, I have the best interests of your child at heart and will do my best to ensure their start to school is happy and rewarding. Please feel free to pop in or call me at school if you have any questions or queries 😊



## What your child should know before they start school:

Your child will start from where they are 'at' with no big expectations to 'know' things. The best thing you can do as parents is to provide them with a wide range of experiences to draw on and regularly read stories to them. Children will get a better start to their academic learning if they have already learnt to:

- communicate their needs
- manage their belongings
- toilet themselves
- dress themselves
- follow instructions
- increasingly stay on task
- share and take turns

If they can also:

- recognise and write their own name
- know some letters and letter sounds
- count to 10
- hold a pencil correctly
- use scissors

Then that is a great start! If they are unable to do any of those things, then school is where they will learn. I look forward to introducing you and your child to the wonderful Junior Room!

Miss Leana Walker.  
Junior Room Teacher.



### **Pre entry visit**

Your 'first impressions' visit to our school is vitally important to your child and to you as parents.

Please make contact with us by phoning the school office – 614 3723 to make an appointment to meet our Principal and/or myself and be given a guided tour of our school.

At this meeting, we will usually set up 6 pre-school morning or afternoon visits approximately 6 weeks prior to your child's 5th Birthday, for him or her to become acquainted with their new classroom and teacher. You and your child will stay for the initial session/s during these pre-school visits. We will discuss times and dates on your first visit.

### **School Uniform**

School uniform is now compulsory for all students attending Cannington School, it can be ordered from the school office. Children coming on school visits do **not** have to wear school uniform.

### **Stationery**

We have all the stationery that the children need here at school. Your child is welcome to bring felts/colouring in pencils for their own personal use. All other pens, pencils, rulers etc. are given to the children when they start at school.

## What to bring to school on your first day

- Colouring pencils and pencil case – all named.
- For those little minor accidents a **change of underwear and clothing** to preferably be kept in your child's back pack at all times, just in case.
- Morning tea and Lunch. Preferably separated for your child to identify.
- Drink bottle (named) is optional; there is a drinking water fountain at school for your child to use.
- Swimming togs and goggles – Terms 1 & 4 only. All children participate in swimming in our school pool, every day, weather permitting during these two terms.
- Terms 1 & 4 again, it is compulsory for all children to wear the standard blue hat, during morning play time and lunch breaks. A hat will be issued from the school office.
- School Shoes. Just so you are aware, all children take off their shoes every time they enter the school building, so unless your child knows how to tie shoe laces, the Velcro pull and press do ups/or buckle shoes are probably more suited to school days. It will take a lot of stress away for your wee one.
- **REMEMBER:** Name all belongings, backpack, school clothing, shoes, etc. This will make life so much easier to find articles in the Lost Property.

New Entrant Pupils (Year 0 / 1) stay every day until 2.45pm. This means a full school day. NOTE: Leana is available to be contacted at school from 8.30am to 4.00pm most days. Please do not hesitate to call her, even if you feel the need to touch base and enquire how your child is coping in those early few days/weeks of starting.



## Cannington School Values – 'I DREAM'

Here at Cannington, the children are supported and encouraged to take risks and chase their dreams. We believe the following values are an important part of our children's lives and we strive to instil the following:

<b>Our Values</b>					
<b>I</b>	<b>D</b>	<b>R</b>	<b>E</b>	<b>A</b>	<b>M</b>
<b>Innovation</b>	<b>Diversity</b>	<b>Respect</b>	<b>Excellence</b>	<b>Actively Involved</b>	<b>Motivated</b>
Inquiry, Curiosity by thinking critically, creatively and reflectively	As found in different cultures, languages and heritages	Values, Honesty, Caring, Manners, Integrity	By aiming high and preserving in the face of difficulties	Participates in a range of life contexts, Community knowledge, pride in our community, committed, confidence, active learners Contributors to the well-being of New Zealand – social, cultural, economic and environmental	Resilient, goal setters, experience success and failure, independent learners

## Junior Room Timetable

**8.15am** School opens.

**8.30 – 8.45am** School bus arrives at school and children come into class.

They put their bags in their cubbyholes and take out their Reading folder. They put their spelling/home reader/poetry book in the correct box and make sure they have everything they need for learning. Some children have jobs to do (like putting out the chairs). Once this is all done, they are free to play until the bell goes.

**9.00am** Classes start. 'Star of the Day' takes the Roll. Singing/ News/ Writing time.

Star of the Day is awarded at the end of every school day. This can be for good behaviour, Quality Work or for following the classroom Treaty. The child who won Star of the Day is then in charge of taking, the class roll the following day.

We share News every day. Children sit in a circle and the speaker sits on the teachers' chair. We share one at a time. On Friday's, children are allowed to bring something for 'Sharing News.'

**10.40am Morning teatime.**

We have morning tea outside unless it is raining, very windy or very cold. Children do not have to sit down to eat their morning tea. The sport shed is open at morning teatime and is run by two senior students. Children are able to get any sport equipment to play with. Your child will have a 'buddy' so they will not be left alone ☺

**11.00am** Class recommences. Silent reading/ Reading/ Handwriting time.

Children are split into ability groups for reading and read with Miss Walker every day. They will bring a reading book home every night to read with you.

**12.30pm Lunch time**

We sit together as a school to eat lunch. Lunch boxes are checked when children have finished by teachers to make sure children have had sufficient to eat before they go and play. If the children do not eat everything in their lunchbox, we send the food home so you know what they like/dislike and how much they are eating. The sport shed is open at lunchtime and is run by two senior students. Children are able to get any sport equipment to play with.

**1.15pm** Classes recommence. Maths (Numeracy/ Strand)/ Topic/ Swimming (Term 1 & 4)/ Jobs/ Pack up/ Star of the Day is awarded.

For Numeracy, the children split into ability groups. When I am teaching a strand of maths (i.e. measurement), we learn as a whole class.

We have changing sheds in our pool area. Children should be able to undress/dress themselves before and after swimming.

**2.45pm** School finishes.

Children on the school bus put 'bus vests' on and line up outside Room 1, where names are ticked showing they are present by teachers. Once all children are accounted for, children file out to the bus in an orderly manner ready for home. A bus vest will be issued to your child when they start at Cannington School, whether they are a bus person or not.



## Timetable changes

Every fortnight on Friday, we have a whole school assembly. This starts at 2.15pm and parents/family members are welcome to come along. The Senior and Junior rooms have turns presenting assemblies. Certificates are awarded and work is shared.

Every Friday we have Asher at school for sport. Asher is employed through Sports South Canterbury and runs the Rural School's sports programme. Asher takes the Junior Room out for sport at 10.50am till 11.30am and teaches them fine motor skills, i.e. throwing and catching, running, hitting a ball from a tee, etc.

## Morning tea/lunch time play

Once children have finished eating, they are allowed to play outside. They can either get sports gear from the sport shed, play in the sandpit, on the playground or over in the trees, where some children like to make huts. We have a different teacher on duty every day so children know who to find if they need help. If it is inside play, children are allowed to play with anything in the classroom (including the computer, iPods and iPad).





## Annual events at Cannington School

**Ski trip** – Every year we go on a whole school ski trip to Roundhill in Tekapo. Parents are invited to bring their children and families up for a fun day of skiing or snowboarding.

**Cross Country** – All the schools in the Rural Cluster take part. We train every day after lunch. (Term 2)

**Swimming Sports** – All children compete. It is held in Fairlie along with Lake Tekapo, St Joseph's Fairlie and Albury Schools'.

**Athletics** – A junior athletics day is held at Aorangi Stadium in Term 4 and we compete with the other rural schools. It is a fun, social day for the children.

**McKenzie A&P Show** – We enter children's artwork every year.

**Pet Day** – Held in Term 4. Pet Day is an exciting day at Cannington. All children participate on this day and there is always a huge parent turnout, because you have to help your child with the pets of course!

The children bring any kind of pet whether it is their own or kindly loaned for a day from a neighbour, friend or grandparent. We get all sorts of pets! Such as, lambs, cats, chickens, turtles, goats, calves, dogs, hedgehogs, birds, ponies, guinea pigs, etc.



## Lunch options

Every Friday, for the whole school year, Cannington kids can order their lunch from the Cave Store. Current price lists are available from the school office.

Please send in an envelope the CORRECT MONEY, ORDER and NAME of child on the front and put in the box at school before 9 am.

The orders will be collected from the Cave Store and delivered to school prior to 12.30pm lunch.

We also allow children to bring 'heat ups' – i.e. cheese toasties, pizza, pies, etc. There is a green basket in the staffroom where the heat ups must be put in at morning teatime. They should be wrapped in tin foil and named. Food should be thawed, not frozen.

## Words or phrases you may hear

The Junior Room is very structured and set in a routine. Some words or phrases you will hear may include:

- **Home Reader** – this is a yellow book that comes home every night. It is for you to sign after reading with your child.
- **Browsing Box** – this is where the children put their already read books. They are also allowed to read out of their Browsing Box during silent reading times.
- **Poetry book** – Every Friday, your child will bring home their Poetry book with a new poem in it. This is for them to share with you over the weekend. It must be returned to school on Monday.
- **Star of the Day** – this is awarded at the end of every school day and on Friday it is called 'Star of the Week.' Children bring home a teddy Sloth named Selwyn and a book to draw a picture and write a short story about what they do with Selwyn. Selwyn and the book need to come back to school the next day.
- **Dennis the Dragon** – Dennis is a soft toy the children hold on to when they are sharing their news.
- **Letter Land** – our Phonics programme.

## Reading Tips for Home

Enjoy the material with your child, make a regular time for reading everyday:

- Let your child know that you enjoy time together
- Make listening to reading a special time
- Be seen as a reader yourself
- Encourage your child to make use of the local and school libraries

## **Be Patient**

- Give your child time to work out words.
- 5 seconds or more is reasonable
- After 10 seconds **encourage** your child to use the following strategies when they come across an unknown word:
  - “What do you think the word is?”
  - “Read the sentence again and see if you can work it out.”
  - “Have a go.”
  - “Look at the picture.”
  - “What does it start with?”

## **Some things to do**

- Encourage your child to guess what the story is about.
- Praise your child when an idea or word is used that you know will come up in the story.
- Ask questions like “What can you tell about the story from the picture?” and “What do you think will happen in the story?”
- Read from pictures, encouraging your child to build up a story before looking at the words.
- Talk about the start of the story, what happened by the end of the story, the people in the story, etc.
- Make reading FUN!

# We hope to see you soon at Cannington School!

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