

Dear Parents/Guardians,



We are thrilled to announce the newest member of our school community, Zuki, a wonderful two-year-old golden retriever! Zuki has been specially trained as a support dog and will be joining us regularly to provide comfort, companionship, and assistance to our students. We believe that Zuki's presence will have a positive impact on our school environment, fostering a sense of well-being and emotional support for all.

Zuki is a highly trained support dog who completes weekly obedience training sessions. Her temperament and gentle nature make her an ideal companion for our students. She has been carefully selected for her ability to provide comfort and assistance while adhering to proper behaviour guidelines.

We would like to take this opportunity to outline some important guidelines for interacting with Zuki:

- 1) Gentle pats under her chest: When patting Zuki, students should use gentle strokes and avoid pulling on her fur or tail. Zuki loves to be pat, but it's important to be mindful of her comfort.
- 2) No feeding: Please remind your child that it is important not to feed Zuki any food or treats. Zuki has a specialised diet to ensure her well-being, and any deviation from it may negatively affect her health.
- 3) Approach Zuki calmly: When students encounter Zuki, we encourage them to approach her calmly and respectfully. Sudden movements or loud noises may startle her, so it's important to be gentle and considerate.
- 4) Respect Zuki's personal space: Zuki has her own personal space, just like we all do. Students should understand and respect her boundaries. If Zuki chooses to move away, it's an indication that she needs some space.

Zuki's presence in our school is aimed at providing support and fostering a positive environment. We kindly request your support in reinforcing these guidelines with your child to ensure a smooth and successful integration of Zuki into our school community. These guidelines will also be reinforced at school to all students.

We are excited to have Zuki as part of our school team, and we are confident that her presence will make a positive impact on our student's well-being and overall school experience. If you have any questions or concerns regarding Zuki or her presence in the school, please do not hesitate to reach out to us. We greatly appreciate your cooperation and support.

Warm regards,
Karlina Panagiotaros
School Psychologist

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