

Kindergarten- Term 4

Dear Parents and Carers,

Only one term left before our annual break! We will continue to prepare the students for transition into Year 1. We want the students to gain increased independence, especially in regards to routines, procedures and looking after their own belongings. Home routines are also important and allowing them to pack their bags in the morning or the night before, and be responsible for their belongings, should also help them to progress.

Here is an overview of Term 4.

Excursions / Events- More information to come about the events below.

Grandparents Day Assembly

Wednesday, October 24th, 9:15- 10:30am

Excursion- Sydney Children's Hospital

Thursday, October 25th (KH)

Excursion- Botanic Gardens

Tuesday November 20th/Wednesday November 21st

White Ribbon Breakfast

Friday November 23rd

Kindy Science Expo

Tuesday November 27th, 9-10am

P&C End of Year BBQ

Friday December 7th

Kindy & Year 1 Presentation Assembly

Tuesday December 11th, 9-10am

Kindy Graduation

Friday December 14th, 2:30pm

Kindy & Year 1 Christmas Party

Tuesday December 18th

Students' Last Day

Wednesday December 19th

Assemblies

Assembly will be held in the hall from 2:20 – 3:00pm on alternate Tuesdays starting in Week 2.

- October 23rd
- November 6th
- November 20th
- December 4th

Key Learning Areas

English

Speaking & Listening: Our focus will be on imaginative and descriptive topics.

Reading: Consolidation and revision of all sounds will be taught throughout the term. Please spend time playing games such as "I spy" and identifying these sounds in familiar words.

Writing: The focus will be on descriptive writing and narratives.

Mathematics

In readiness for Year 1, Kindergarten students will be working on increased skills in mental computations and problem solving skills using addition, subtraction, multiplication and division (sharing and understanding repeated addition and a 'fair share'). Students will also be working on money, location and graphing.

Geography

We will continue our unit, "People Live in Places". Students will explore the places they live in and belong to, develop an understanding of what makes a place special and how this may differ for different people, learn about the importance of looking after places and explore how the location of places can be represented (e.g. using maps).

Science/STEM

We will continue our unit "How Objects Move". Students have been busy designing equipment that they would like to see in the playground. We would really appreciate if you could send your recycling to the classroom as we will be using these materials to create our equipment (plastic bottles, cardboard boxes, toilet rolls). Kindergarten will be holding a 'Science Expo' on Tuesday November 27th to showcase our learning within this unit of work. More information about this special event to come.

Personal Development, Health and Physical Education (PDHPE)

Our Fundamental Movement Skills rotations will continue this term, with a focus on using these skills as part of cooperative games.

Kindergarten will participate in Child Protection education, which aims to assist students to develop skills in:

- Recognising and responding to unsafe situation

- Seeking assistance effectively
- Establishing and maintaining non-coercive relationships and strengthening attitudes and values related to equality, respect and responsibility.

Kindergarten will also participate in Digital Citizenship education, with the focus of learning being the safe use of computers, using the alphabet to search online and keeping information private when using the internet.

Creative Arts (Visual Arts, Drama, Music & Dance)

Our Term 4 Creative Arts program is linked to our English program. Kindergarten will be creating artworks inspired by the texts 'Alexander's Outing', 'The Gruffalo, and 'How to heal a broken wing'. Students will also engage in a variety of artworks, including Aboriginal art.

Technology

This term, Kindergarten will begin basic programming with the use of Beebots & Bluebots. Students will learn to follow and create code, debug simple programs and design a program to solve an identified problem. They will continue to use a variety of iPad applications to support and extend their learning in a variety of key learning areas.

Homework

Students should be practising the recognition of the sight words that are given out throughout the term, as well as continuing to practise sight words that have been previously sent home. About 25% of all text we read is made up of these high frequency words, so it is important that there is confident, automatic recognition. It's good to play lots of memory and matching games and have them visually evident on the fridge or around the house.

Home reading should be completed Monday - Thursday and should be easy and enjoyable. Students are regularly tested in class and the level of home readers changed as appropriate. Your child should engage daily for a minimum of 5 minutes in the Reading Eggs program. There is one Mathseeds task set per week. It will be important to sit with your child for the set task but after that they can continue with the lessons on the 'map'.

During Term 4 we will be continuing the same format of the Homework to prepare the students for Year 1. There will be an increased focus on spelling.

General Information

Reports

Semester Two reports will come out at the end of Term 4. It is a comprehensive written report outlining student achievement in all 6 Key Learning Areas and specialist programs across the school. Throughout the semester teachers have been assessing and monitoring students to gain information on their achievements.

Grandparents Day Assembly

The Grandparents Day Assembly will be held on Wednesday 24th October. There will be a whole Kindergarten singing performance at the outdoor stage (or the hall if it is raining) from 9:15am. Grandparents and parents will then be invited into Kindy classrooms from approximately 9:30am, and then to morning tea with the Principal from 10am. If you are able to contribute a plate of food towards the morning tea, please deliver it to the Parents' Room before 9:15am.

P&C End of Year BBQ

The annual End of Year BBQ will be held on Friday December 7th. It is always an enjoyable evening to celebrate the end of the school year.

Kindergarten & Year 1 Annual Presentation Day

The Kindergarten Annual Presentation Day will be held on Tuesday December 11th in the School Hall, commencing at 9:15am. If your child is receiving an award you will be notified later in the school term.

Kindergarten Graduation

On Friday December 14th, a 'Kindergarten Graduation' presentation will be held in your child's classroom at 2:30pm. Please keep this afternoon free and join us for this special event.

Kindergarten/Year 1 End of Year Picnic

The Kindergarten and Year 1 End of Year Picnic will be held on Tuesday 18th December. It begins at 12:30pm and families are welcome to come along for lunch and sporting activities. Keep an eye out for more information as volunteers will be needed to help prepare the lunch.

Dismissal/Pick up

If you change your regular arrangement for pick-up, please notify me via email.

Meetings/Appointments

If you wish to discuss your child's progress please arrange an appointment. I would be more than happy to discuss your child's progress, at a mutually convenient time. Please email me, call the school office or send a letter via your child if you wish to arrange an interview.

Newsletters

Please keep updated via the fortnightly School Newsletter for more information related to school activities. Please ensure your email/phone/address contact details are up to date with your on-line class parent and the school office.

Notes / Attendance

If your child is absent from school please email me on the day they are absent. If your child is booked in to attend Randwick After School Care and they are absent from school, can you please alert the Care Centre on the day they are absent.

Car Park

A reminder for all families that children and parents are not to be in the staff car park. Please do not walk through or park in the car park. For your children's safety, use the pedestrian gates beside the Bowling Club.

We look forward to a happy and productive last term with your child!

Thank you for your continued support.