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2021 Kindergarten Term 1 Newsletter



Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to Kindergarten at Narrabeen Lakes Public School. The children have had an exciting and very busy first week. You will probably notice an increase in their tiredness over the next couple of weeks. It takes a lot of energy and concentration to learn the routines of school life and early nights are a great idea. In the coming weeks the academic programs will really take off and will be reflected in the work that will come home. We look forward to seeing the growth in your children's enthusiasm and interest in learning.

THE SOUNDS OF THE WEEK

In Term 1, the children will be learning these sounds in this order – a m s t i p f d h e o l u b y g. In class, we find these sounds in words, write them down and blend them together to make words eg. 'as', 'at', 'mat'. You can discuss each sound with your child and look for examples of items beginning with each.

NEWS (SHOW and TELL)

We will be starting news from Week 5 (22/2/21). Your child's news day and topics for the week will be advised. Please have your child practise presenting their news at home before bringing it in to present to the class.

HOMEWORK

Homework in Term 1 will begin in Week 5 (22/2/21) and consist of:

- Home reading (weekly)
- Sight words (to be done at your child's individual pace)
- News preparation (fortnightly)

HOME READERS

Our home readers will be distributed and changed during class time on Mondays and Fridays, and the children will need to bring them to school in the maroon bag provided at Kindergarten Orientation. On each of these days the children choose 2 books and read them daily until the next changeover.

Initially the children may require lots of assistance to read the words. If your child is unwilling to 'read' the book themselves, please read the story to them while pointing to each word. As they learn more,

you will notice them attempting to "sound out" words. They will also start seeing their sight words and repeated words in the texts. Your involvement in this reading session is most appreciated.

HOME READING LOG

After your child has read, please fill in the Home Reading Log. This should be left in the home reading bag for your teacher to sign off after 10, 20, 30 up to 300 days. The school rewards students for their home reading. It is advisable to keep this in a plastic zip lock bag. It is up to children to present to the teacher.

SIGHT WORDS

In Week 5 (22/2/21) your child will bring home the 'golden words'. This is the first set of sight words from the Magic 100 sight word list (M100W). The children need to learn these words so they can be automatically recalled when reading books. The teacher will assess your child to see if they have automatic knowledge (immediate recognition without sounding out) of these words. The teacher will assess these words in random order. Once they complete 100 words and then 200 words they receive a certificate at our K-2 assembly.

ALLERGIES – No nuts or nut products

We have several children at school with severe allergies. Please do not send any nut products to school. Also talk to your children about the importance of not sharing food at school. If your child has an allergy please see your teacher and the office to ensure that the school is aware.

CRUNCH and SIP

Every morning classes will partake in Crunch and Sip. The children bring their food into the classroom first thing in the morning. They are allowed to eat a piece of fruit or vegetables during this time (no packaged fruit products) and drink water only. It is a valuable initiative which is followed by the whole school. Please ensure that the food is quick to eat and your child can eat it unassisted.

CLASS ROUTINES

Monday	Home reader swapping – all Kindergarten classes
Tuesday	KB – Mandarin KH – Library KS – Music
Wednesday	KB – Library and Music KH – Mandarin and Music KS – Library and Mandarin
Friday	Home reader swapping Sport (please wear sports uniform) K-2 assembly (odd weeks of term only)

Library borrowing will begin in Week 3. Please bring library bags in on library days. These may be purchased from our uniform shop.

SPORT DAY

Please note that Kindergarten sport day is Friday. The children should wear sport uniform on Friday only.

PENCIL GRIPS

We have been doing quite a bit of drawing and writing this week. Some of the children are having some difficulty holding their pencils correctly (tripod grip). The best way to remedy this is lots of practice using

a moulded pencil grip. These are used at school but regular practice using them at home would be of great benefit. Good quality grips are available at newsagencies. Ask your class teacher to show you one if you are unsure of which kind to buy.

SCHOOL UNIFORMS

Thank you for providing your children with the correct school uniform, including school hats clearly labelled with their name. Hats are worn whenever the children are outside. Please note that without a hat, your child will need to spend recess and lunchtimes under the shade structures. This restricts their much-needed play time. If your child is unable to wear the correct uniform please write a note for the teacher.

YEAR 6 BUDDIES

What fabulous buddies we have! They will care for and introduce your children to our school. It is always a highlight when the buddies come to visit!

LITERACY GROUPS

Keep your eye out for a request for parental help in our morning literacy group sessions. This is a great opportunity to get involved with your child's reading and to see some of the games and activities that we use at school. We look forward to your involvement in the classroom.

REMINDERS

- The Playground is supervised in the morning from 8:40am. If your child is regularly coming before this time they should be enrolled in Before School Care. Please see the office for information.
- The area outside the kindy classes is OUT OF BOUNDS in the morning. We are very close to Pittwater Road and it is unsafe for children to be near this area, even with their parents. It is NOT supervised by teachers. Please take your children to the main playground. You are welcome to stay with them there.
- Dogs are **not** permitted in the school at any time. Please leave them tied up outside the school fence.
- Please do not park in the Bunnings carpark.

STAFF

Finally, just to formally introduce the Kindy staff for 2020:

KH is being taught by Ms Sarah Haywood (Monday to Thursday) and Miss Jenny Garden (Friday). KB is being taught by Miss Taylah Bothwell, and KS is being taught by Miss Saskia Schonegevel (Miss S). Kindergarten have music lessons with Mrs Jennifer Power, library with Miss Jenny Garden and Mandarin with Mrs Alex Chen.

We appreciate your efforts in supporting your child's education. We look forward to getting to know you over the year and celebrating your child's successes.

Thank you for all of your help and support.

Ms Sarah Haywood
Kindergarten Assistant Principal

Mr Rob Zappia
Principal