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2021 Kindergarten Term 2 Newsletter



Dear Students, Parents and Carers,

Welcome to Term 2.

We hope you had a wonderful, relaxing holiday and are ready to dive back into lots of engaging learning experiences. We have a very exciting term planned, including a visit from 'Zoo Mobile, Animals of the Dreaming' in Week 4.

THE SOUNDS OF THE WEEK

This term we will be learning these sounds: c, n, r, j, k, q, v, x, w, x, z. We will then move on to magic e, ch, th, sh and wh. In class we introduce each sound, brainstorm words beginning with each sound and practice the correct letter formation. When we are reading, we use our knowledge of sight words, sound out unfamiliar words and also think about the picture and what would make sense in the sentence. When we are writing, we say the words aloud that we want to write, and listen to the beginning, end and middle sounds we can hear.

At this stage it is important that the children build the confidence to write by trying to hear some of the correct sounds and represent them in their writing. It is not expected that children will spell all words correctly. Some children may be able to include the correct spelling of the sight words they have learnt, in their writing.

NEWS

We will be preparing for the public speaking competition during the first half of the term, and will be completing regular news talks from Week 7. Information about the topics will be provided later in the term.

HOMEWORK

Homework in Term 2 will consist of

- Home reading
- Sight words
- Public speaking, Speech preparation

HOME READERS

Our home reading program will continue this term. Books are exchanged on Monday and Friday. On each of these days, the children will be asked by their teacher to exchange their books during class time and place them in their bag. They will need their maroon home reading bag (or alternative bag) on these days. The purpose of home reading is to develop confidence and positive, regular reading behaviours, so the children will be placed on a reading level that is easier than the challenges of the classroom literacy program. It is important that home reading is a positive process and the focus should be on meaning, which is more important than saying the correct word each time.

HOME READING LOG

The school rewards students for their home reading. After your child has read, fill in the Home Reading Log and your teacher will sign off after 10, 20, 30 up to 300 days. The log book should be carried in the home reading bag and it is advisable to keep it in a plastic zip lock bag. It is your child's responsibility to hand this to the teacher. If your Home Reading Log has been misplaced, just let us know.

SIGHT WORDS

The children will continue to practise their sight words at home in addition to the classroom. The teacher will check your child's automatic recall of these words when they have time in class. This may not be on the day that your child brings in the words. The children need to be able to say the sight words automatically and not sound them out.

Some children learn these words very quickly and easily but others need a lot more exposure and may prefer to practise the words through games such as Memory or Bingo. Please discuss this with your child's teacher if you have any concerns. When children have acquired a growing bank of sight words, the reading process becomes much easier and they develop more reading confidence.

CLASS ROUTINES

Please pack hats and raincoats in bags each day.

Monday Home reader swapping

Tuesday KS Music
 KH Library
 KB Mandarin

Wednesday KH and KB Music
 KB and KS Library
 KS and KH Mandarin

Thursday

Friday Home reader swapping
 Kindergarten Sport
 Assembly (fortnightly)

HATS and RAINCOATS

Thank you for providing your children with the school hats, with names clearly written. 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. Thanks for your help with this. Every child must have a raincoat in their bag each day to keep them dry while moving around the school. Umbrellas aren't suitable, for safety reasons.

LUNCH BOXES

To assist with the quick return of misplaced lunch boxes, we recommend that you write your child's **name** and **class** on the outside of the lunch box and that it is of a size that is easy for your child to place back inside their bag. It also helps to have a separate small container for crunch and sip.

HELP IN THE CLASSROOM

Thank you to the parents who volunteered to assist with literacy or maths groups in Term 1. We really appreciate your help and the children love to have you learning with them in our classrooms. Please let your child's teacher know if you would like to assist in the classroom in Term 2. They will do their best to fit all interested parent helpers into the classroom timetable during the year.

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 to find and play with a friend.

- Dogs are not permitted in the school at any time. Please leave them tied up outside the school fence.

Thank you all for your support and enthusiasm since the beginning of the year. We look forward to celebrating many more learning successes with your children this term.

Ms Haywood, Miss Schonegevel, Miss Bothwell, Miss Garden