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**2022 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.

INITIALIT LITERACY PROGRAM

In Term 1, the children will start with activities focusing on phonological awareness such as word and syllable awareness, rhyming and onset and rime. They will be developing their phonemic awareness and learning the sounds m, s, t, a, p, i, f, r, following the InitiaLit literacy program. In class, we find these sounds in words, learn how to write them and blend them together to make words eg. ‘as’, ‘at’, ‘mat’. You can discuss each sound with your child and look for examples of things beginning with each sound eg sun begins with ‘s’. You will receive further information about the InitiaLit literacy program during the “Meet the Teacher’ parent information evening on Tuesday 15th February.

NEWS (SHOW and TELL)

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

HOME ACTIVITIES

* Home reading.

In Term 1 we would like the students to explore their favourite storybooks and be exposed to different literature. They can listen to stories and also spot some of the new sounds they have learnt.

* News preparation (see above)

HOME READING LOG

Our reading log will be distributed and checked during class time on Fridays, and the children will need to bring them to school in the maroon bag provided at Kindergarten Orientation. After your child has read or been read to, 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. During Term 1, the focus for the reading log is sharing storybooks or non-fiction books from the library with a parent. Home readers will be distributed to the students in Term 2.

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 some 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 KB – Library and Music

 KS – Music and Mandarin

Tuesday KB – Mandarin

 KS – Library

Friday Home Reading Log checked

 Sport (please wear sports uniform)

 Student (Zoom) Assembly (even weeks)

Library borrowing will begin in Week 4. 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.

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.

ATTENDANCE

It is important that students are at school, on time and ready to learn each day so that they develop positive routines for future success. Please familiarise yourself with our school term dates so that your children are maximising their learning potential. This year we will be introducing an Attendance Award which will be handed out on Presentation Day and celebrating students with regular attendance in newsletters at the end of each term. The school is also trialling a new system where our families will receive an automatically generated absence reminder email by 11am each day if their child is away. There may be occasions when you have sent an email to the child’s teacher, and it doesn’t get processed immediately due to the teacher working with the students. These emails are merely a reminder to those that may have forgotten to notify the school of an absence.

REMINDERS

Due do the Department of Education COVID safety measures currently in place, you are encouraged to bring your child to school, as close to 9.00am as possible as the playground is only supervised in the morning from 9.00am and the children need to sit in their class lines.

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

STAFF

Finally, just to formally introduce the Kindy staff for 2022:

KB is being taught by Miss Taylah Bothwell, and KS is being taught by Miss Saskia Schonegevel (Miss S). Mrs Jenny Slade is the Acting Assistant Principal for Kindergarten this year.

Kindergarten has 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 your help and support.

Miss Taylah Bothwell and Miss Sakia Schonegevel (Miss S) Mrs Jenny Slade

The Kindy Teachers Acting Assistant Principal Kindergarten