



2024 Kindergarten Term 1 Newsletter

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to Kindergarten at Narrabeen Lakes Public School. We are very much looking forward to getting to know your children and welcoming you all to our school community. This year we will have two Kindergarten classes at NLPS, taught by Miss Taylah Bothwell and Miss Kim Watters.

We know that starting school is a big adventure filled with lots of different emotions and anticipation. In the lead up to the first day, let children organise and pack their lunch box and bag and break in their school shoes by wearing them around the house. Keep up the positive talk about school and prepare them for being more independent. Give them the opportunity to be problem-solvers in their everyday lives and to apply this at school. As your child starts school, you will probably notice an increase in tiredness. It takes a lot of energy and concentration to learn the routines of school life and early nights are a great idea. Kindergarten is a busy and incredibly rewarding year of growth and we are looking forward to seeing our students grow and develop as lifelong learners this year.

THE SOUNDS OF THE WEEK

In Term 1, the children will be learning these sounds – m, s, t, a, p, i, f, r. In class, we find these sounds in words, write them down and blend them together to make words eg. 'as', 'at', 'mat'.

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.

MATHEMATICS

In Kindergarten, students are encouraged to become confident, effective users and communicators of mathematics. They develop an increasing understanding of mathematical concepts and processes and make connections within mathematics and with the world around them. In Term 1, this will include sorting objects, identifying representations of numbers and using patterns.

HOMEWORK

Homework in Term 1 will consist of:

- News preparation (fortnightly)
- Sharing stories and texts daily with your child to continue developing their positive attitude and motivation towards reading and responding.

NLPS MAROON BAG

For Term 1, we kindly ask that the NLPS maroon bag be placed in your child's bag on Fridays. These bags were given at Kindergarten orientation and will be used to send school work and notes home.

NEWS (SHOW and TELL)

We will be starting news from Week 5 (26/2/24). Your child's news day and topics will be sent out in a separate note closer to this date. Please have your child practise presenting their news at home before bringing it in to present to the class.

RECESS AND LUNCH

Students should bring their lunch and recess in a clearly labeled, easy to open lunch box that easily fits in their school bag. We encourage waste free and nutritious lunch boxes to give your child enough energy for the day. Our canteen will be open 5 days a week, and details about volunteer opportunities to support this will follow soon.

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

First thing each morning, classes will partake in Crunch and Sip, a valuable initiative which is followed by the whole school. During Crunch and Sip, students may (only) eat fresh fruit or vegetables and drink water. Please ensure that the food is quick to eat and your child can eat it unassisted. Crunch and Sip should be packed separately to your child's main lunch box.

SCHOOL TIMES

The school day starts at 9:10 am - when the bell rings students are to line up in their class lines at the coloured dots outside the Kindergarten rooms.

KB - Fuschia KW - Yellow

Children are welcome at school from 8:40 am, where they can play in the playground, supervised by a teacher, until bell time. The school day ends at 3:10 pm, at this time students are to be collected from their classrooms or attend their pick-up arrangements. The school gates will be locked from 3:45pm and the pedestrian crossing gate at 4:00pm.

If your child is attending before or after school care an educator will drop them to, and collect them from, their classroom each morning or afternoon.

CLASS ROUTINES

During the week, classes have three specialist lessons, these are Music with Mrs Jennifer Power in the music room, STEM with Ms Jo Nelson and Library with Miss Jenny Garden.

Monday KB – STEM
 KW – STEM

Wednesday KB – Library and Music
 KW – Library and Music

Library borrowing will begin in **Week 4**. Please bring library bags in on library days. These may be purchased from our uniform shop.

Friday Sport (please wear sports uniform)
 K-2 assembly (odd weeks of term only)

SPORT DAY

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

SCHOOL UNIFORMS

Thank you for providing your children with the correct school uniform, please ensure that all items are clearly labeled with your child's full name. This includes school hats which are worn whenever the children are outside. Please note that without a hat, your child will need to spend recess and lunch times under the shade structures, restricting their much-needed play time. If your child is unable to wear the correct uniform please write a note for the teacher. School uniforms can be purchased directly from the school uniform shop or online at <https://www.narrabeenlakesuniformshop.com.au/>.

IN THEIR BAG

In their school bag each day students should have: their lunch box with recess and lunch, Crunch and Sip (packed separately to their main lunch), a water bottle, their school hat - clearly named, their school jumper - clearly named (particularly in the cooler months), a raincoat and a pair of spare undies and socks (just in case!) as well as any additional requirements for a particular day such as homework, their library bag or notes home.

YEAR 6 BUDDIES

We are very lucky to have our fabulous Year Six buddies to support our Kindergarten students. They will care for and introduce your children to our school. It is always a highlight when the buddies come to visit!

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

- The Playground is supervised in the morning from 8:40 am. 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.

TERM 1 DATES

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| 6/2/24 | Kindergarten classes commence |
| 13/2/24 | Meet the Teacher evening |
| 28/3/24 | Easter Hat Parade |
| 11/4/24 | School Photo Day |

THE FIRST DAY

On the first day of classes, **Tuesday 6th February**, please meet at 9:15 am at the school hall to collect your child's name tag. Mr Zappia will then officially welcome all our families to Narrabeen Lakes and your child will be advised of their Kindergarten class and teacher. All students will be taken from the hall to their classroom at approximately 9:30 am by their Kindergarten teacher. Students should be picked up from the Kindergarten classrooms at the end of the school day, 3:10 pm.

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.

Warm regards,

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