



## 2024 Kindergarten Term 2 Newsletter

Dear 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 our K-2 Athletics Carnival in Week 8.

### THE SOUNDS OF THE WEEK

This term we will be learning these sounds: o, c, d, h, e, n, g, l, k, u, b, j, w, ck. We introduce each sound; brainstorm words beginning with each sound and practise the correct letter formation. Students will also be introduced to a number of Tricky Words throughout the term.

### NEWS

Regular news will commence in Week 2, please see the separate news note for more information about news topics and days for this term.

### HOME READERS

Our home reading program will begin this term and books are exchanged on Fridays. Please ensure your child's maroon reading bag is packed in their bags every Friday.

Reading at home should be a successful and positive experience. Children need a lot of practice to develop their reading skills to the point of fluency. 10 minutes of daily reading at home with a supportive adult can make all the difference. This will enable the students to demonstrate how to apply their letter-sound knowledge to reading simple texts. Guessing words from a picture or from context should not be encouraged. When your child gets stuck on a word, please encourage them to sound out an unknown word. Books can be read several times to build confidence and fluency.

### HOME READING LOG

Please keep recording your child's reading in their Reading Log. The log should be kept in the maroon reading bag. If your Home Reading Log has been misplaced, just let us know.

### TRICKY WORDS and THE HOME READING DIARY

Tricky Words can be practised at home using the blue tricky word sheet which can be kept in the maroon reader bag. This list should be practised each week throughout the term, the words are intended to support in-class learning but will not be checked by the classroom teacher. Students will be given new Tricky Words at the beginning of each term.

Tricky word sets to practice by week:

Week	Tricky Word Set
1 - 4	Set 1
5 - 6	Set 2
7	Set 3
8 - 9	Set 4
10	Set 5

### CLASSROOM ROUTINES

Please pack hats and raincoats in bags each day.

Monday                    KB – STEM  
                                 KW – STEM

Tuesday                 Scripture

Wednesday            KB - Music and Library  
                                 KW - Library and Music

Friday                    Home reader swapping - All Kindergarten classes  
                                 Sport (please wear sports uniform)  
                                 K-2 assembly (odd weeks of term only)

### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

10/5 - P&C Mothers Day Stall (Week 2)

20/6 - K-2 Athletics Carnival (Week 8)

27/6 - 04/7 - Life Education (Week 9 and 10)

### 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, named container for crunch and sip.

## SCHOOL UNIFORMS

In Terms 2 and 3 we wear our winter uniforms. Students may wear winter/summer uniforms up until week 3. Please ensure that all uniform 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/>.

## HELP IN THE CLASSROOM

Please let your child's teacher know if you would like to assist in the classroom in Term 2 during Literacy Groups. They will do their best to fit all interested parent helpers into the classroom timetable during the year. If you have any specific passions, talents or interests that you would like to teach in the classroom we would love to hear from you.

## 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.

Warm regards,

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