



Early Stage 1 Parent Information

Dear Parents,

Welcome to Term 4! We are excited to have our students in our rooms face-to-face.

The topics being taught in Kindergarten this term are outlined in the table below.

SUBJECT	TERM 4
ENGLISH	Speaking and Listening - Students are continuing to develop their auditory memory skills and descriptive vocabulary within small group and whole class activities. Reading - Students are currently learning Unit 5 in the Phonics program. They are continuing to learn strategies as they read to make meaning from short, predictable printed texts on familiar topics. Writing - Students are responding to and composing texts to convey an idea or message. They will be recognising some different purposes for writing and that their own texts differ in various ways. In Handwriting, students will be learning NSW Foundation Print.
MATHEMATICS	Number - Whole Number, Fractions, Patterns and Algebra Measurement & Geometry - Length, Area, Mass, Two-Dimensional Space, Time
SCIENCE	Physical World - Physical characteristics of objects and the effects of these on how they move Material World - The observable properties of materials and how they can be used for making useful products
PDHPE	PE - Games using fundamental movement skills PDH - Personal Health Choices; students will be exploring how people grow and change over time.
CREATIVE ARTS	Visual Arts - Exploring drawing sculpture and printing Drama - Exploring mime and movement Music - Exploring composition of rhythm & beat

Homework:

Homework will commence this term in week 4. Please read the homework sheets with your child to help them understand and then encourage them to do it independently. There will also be an overview sheet of topics talks (news) being done by students in class throughout the term commencing week 4. Homework is for the revision of skills taught and if your child is having difficulty, please write a note in the homework book to the class teacher or send a Class Dojo message. There will be further information sent about the two Speaking and Listening tasks for students to prepare at home.

Home Reading:

Home Reading is designed to promote an enjoyment of reading. We encourage you to read quality factual and fiction picture books with your child daily. Decodable books or home readers will be going home weekly.

Uniform:

All students are asked to wear full summer uniform daily.

Canteen:

The canteen will commence operations for online ordering only on Monday 25 October. There will be no buying at recess or lunch. No orders will be taken over the counter.

Mornings:

- At the moment, no parents/carers are permitted on site.
- We ask that students are dropped at the school gates ready to begin learning by 8:55am. Parents must refrain from entering school grounds.
- No students should arrive at school prior to 8.30am.
- Upon your child's arrival at school, they are asked to proceed directly to their classroom. All playgrounds will be closed in the mornings and students will be supervised by their classroom teacher in their own room.

Afternoons:

- Again, no parents/carers are permitted on site.
- Early Stage 1 will finish at 3.00pm. All students will exit via Gate 9 on Seven Hills Road. Families are encouraged to park in Balcombe Heights Estate. Children will be dismissed from the Basketball Court.
- Pick up and drop off at school can be vulnerable points for all community members, increasing the potential spread of COVID 19. We ask that families use social distancing measures when waiting to collect their child from Gate 9 and encourage the wearing of face a mask where social distancing cannot be completed.

Weekly Activities:

This term we will continue the do Sport on Wednesday's. Unfortunately, all other activities are not permitted under current Level 3 plus restrictions.

Fruit Break:

Children require a small amount of fresh fruit or vegetable which can be quickly consumed. A handful of grapes or two small pieces of apple would be the perfect amount.

Absences:

If your child is absent from school, a written explanation must be provided to your child's class teacher within 7 days of the beginning of the period of absence, otherwise the absence is recorded as 'unexplained'.

If you could please send in 1 glue stick and paper towels to help replenish classroom supplies, it would be greatly appreciated.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to ask.

Early Stage 1 Teachers