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KINDERGARTEN TERM 2 UPDATE

IMPORTANT DATES FOR THE TERM:

- **Monday 14th May**- change over to winter uniform. *(See LINK or website for full uniform details)*
- **Monday 21st May**- Staff Development Day *(no school for students)*
- **Friday 25th May**- Kinder FARM Excursion *(we are so excited!)*
- **Monday 11th June**- Public Holiday *(no school, have a great family day)*
- **Thursday 28th June**- Half Yearly Reports go home
- **Wednesday 27th June**- School Disco *(details in the LINK)*
- **Week 10**- Parent Teacher Interviews *(you will get a chance to make an online booking to meet your child's teacher. Details to come soon)*
- **Friday 6th July**- Last day of school

Here is what is happening in Kindergarten this term.



Religion.

God is our Creator: During this unit children will recognise God's gift to us all through his Creation. We will investigate the life cycles of insects and animals and appreciate just how wonderful creation is. We will also learn ways that we can care for the world around us.

English. Children will be working in groups and are involved in activities to develop the following skills; reading, writing, handwriting, talking and listening. Do you know that having daily conversations with your child is a very valuable learning experience? Not just yes/no answers, or 'do this' directions, but a proper conversation where all involved have an equal voice and can freely share ideas. Why not make it a priority!



Reading Books. This term, your child will continue bringing home a book to read to you. This book needs to come back to school on your child's reading day.

It is also fantastic for an adult to read to your child EVERYDAY at home. This could be a library book or a book the child owns. Children learn so much from hearing an adult read. If you have books in your own home language, read those!

Sight Words. We request that sight words are read by your child every night for homework. They are practised every day at school. The purpose of the activity is so that they can recognise these words in context because they are usually words that cannot be sounded out. We ask that you keep them together in a safe place for practise.

Computer. Children will be using laptops and ipads to work through various programs. These programs allow the children to revise reading, sounds and mathematical concepts in a fun and interactive manner. If you haven't already sent in a pair of earphones, please do so. Pop them into a snap lock bag labelled with your child's name.



Library. Library borrowing is on the following days- **KB & KR- Mondays, KG & KW- Wednesdays.** Children **MUST** bring their library bag and any outstanding loans to borrow a new book.

Human Society and Its Environment. This term we are looking at the Geography unit 'People Live in Places'. Children will identify familiar places and recognise why some places are special or important to people and how they can look after places. We will be looking at maps and how to find familiar places on maps.

Mathematics. Topics focused on this term are:

Number, Place Value and Counting, Addition and Subtraction, Time, Multiplication and Division.

We continue to use lots of materials such as counters, dice, pop sticks and blocks to help us with our learning. Children need lots of objects to count each day. Why not count the toys at home? Ask what is 1 more? 1 less? 10 more? 10 less? Count by 10's, 2's, 5's. Can you do this past 100? Count backwards and forwards from any starting number. Read the time and check the calendar..... lots of ideas to keep you going.



Science and Technology. The unit 'Backyard to Bush' investigates the differences between living and non-living things, the needs of living things, similarities and differences of living things and the types of living things in our area. The Farm excursion is a vital part of our learning.

Personal Development Health (PDH) and Physical Education (PE).

Children will continue their PE and gross motor programs this term. Mrs Latham's and/or Mrs Del Duca's specialist lesson is 1 hour each week with the focus being gross motor skills (big movement skills). In PDH they will be learning about *Me and My Friends*. Children will have opportunities to learn about caring for each other, expressing feelings, needs and wants in appropriate ways and enjoy a sense of belonging.

Creative Arts. Children will continue to have opportunities to develop skills in music, dance, visual arts and drama. Miss Touzell's, Mrs Saliba's or Mrs Burnett's specialist lesson is 1 hour each week this term with music as the focus. Visual Arts will be linked to what the children are learning in English, Science and Religious Education. Students will explore animals and their environments in a range of art forms including drawing, rubbing, painting, printing and sculpting.



REMINDER - ART SMOCKS/PAINT SHIRTS SHOULD ALWAYS BE IN YOUR CHILD'S BAG AS WE MAY NEED IT ON MORE THAN 1 DAY IN A WEEK.



Homework. Homework continues this term and should take no longer than about 10 minutes each night. Homework is revision of work completed in class and should be non-stressful for everyone. If you have any difficulties with the homework, please speak with your child's class teacher.

Sport Uniform. This term your child will need to wear their sports uniform **2 days a week** as indicated below.

| | Gross Motor & PE – Please wear Sports Uniform both days |
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| KB | Tuesdays and Thursdays |
| KG | Tuesdays and Thursdays |
| KR | Tuesdays and Wednesdays |
| KW | Tuesdays and Wednesdays |

As we are now experiencing cooler mornings, most children are wearing jackets. The days can be quite warm and the children take their jackets off so please check that your child's school jacket is **CLEARLY** labelled with a name. These items are expensive and we don't want anybody getting cold because they can't find their jacket.

As you know, daily attendance at school is **VERY** important. If your child is absent from school due to sickness, please send a note with your child the day he/she returns. Keep family holidays to school holiday breaks to ensure your child has everyday at school. We also have a 100% attendance award this term, so come everyday!



We are looking forward to an exciting and fun-filled term with the children.

If you have any questions or problems during the term, please arrange a time to chat with your child's class teacher. If you don't have time to meet face to face, letters or phonecalls can be arranged.

Thank you for your continued support!
The Kindergarten Team