



3 May 2024

Dear parents and carers

## **KINDERGARTEN TERM 2 OVERVIEW 2024**

### **ENGLISH**

This term students will explore CVC (consonant, vowel, consonant) words, word families, and short vowel sounds. Further support will be given to students who do not yet know all the letters of the alphabet. Our writing workshops and author studies will explicitly teach evidence-based writing strategies. We will continue to utilise quality children's literature in our reading program to build vocabulary. During guided reading, our guided readers will be used for practising strategies such as blending, segmenting, and chunking.

### **HOME READING PROGRAM**

Each Friday we will continue to return and borrow:

- a quality text from the kindergarten library
- a text of personal choice from the school library (kept in the clear pouch for easy borrowing)
- 1-2 readers that may or may not be independently read by your child

We encourage:

- daily reading at home
- alphabet and Magic Word recognition
- discussions with your child about the books read and any new words in the text
- taking care of the books borrowed from school
- Reading Eggs (please ask for your child's account information if needed)

### **ORAL LANGUAGE**

Oral language skills will continue to be nurtured in kindergarten. This term, students will have opportunities to continue to share their family celebrations and we will introduce the mystery bag for news time. A range of whole group and small group experiences will support increased expressive language and active listening skills.

### **MATHEMATICS**

We will play a range of mathematical games with a focus on:

- teen numbers and how they can be represented
- ordinal numbers
- collecting and analysing data
- making patterns
- parts of the day
- sorting objects by shape and size

### **INQUIRY**

Kindergarten students will continue to develop their skills in being researchers, self-managers, collaborators, thinkers and communicators. We will explore properties of materials through play and various guided experiments. We will transfer our knowledge about the properties of materials to build a blow car.

### **BUSHKIDS PARENT SESSION - PLEASE SAVE THE DATE**

Next term, kindergarten students will experience self-directed learning in the natural environment during our Bushkids program. Bushkids is a once per week, 8-week outdoor education program to Cooleman Ridge which takes place in all-weather. Students do not wear their school uniform and must have adequate clothing for weather conditions. More detailed information and permission forms will be sent home with students closer to the beginning of the program. Please use the coming weeks to source warm and waterproof clothing (including shoes) for this program.

A Parent information evening will be held in our classrooms on **Wednesday 20 June at 5:00 pm**. Information will include more detailed information about the program and the requirements for volunteers to accompany us on our visits. The Volunteers and Visitors in Schools Policy and process will be outlined at the information evening as well as a volunteer induction for those wishing to join us.

### **SOCIAL EMOTIONAL LEARNING**

Kindergarten will continue to explore the *zones of regulation* and gain the skills to recognise and respond appropriately to emotions. We will continue to work through the *mind-up* program and learn about our brains. Through this program we will explore the parts that make up 'Our Amazing Brain' and how it responds to things that happen.



### **POSITIVE BEHAVIOURS FOR LEARNING**

Kindergarten students will learn about being safe, responsible and respectful learners in all areas of our school. They will explore these concepts through discussion, written responses and role play.

### **P.E**

Students will continue to perform fundamental movement skills with a focus on running and kicking, with soccer the main sporting focus. Students will apply movement concepts in a range of different physical activities. Kindergarten students will be learning the cross-country course and which will be held on Friday 17 May 17 at 11:00 am.

### **MUSIC**

This term we will learn about different note values and rhythms and begin to read rhythms while playing untuned percussion instruments. We will add to our song and chant repertoire and start singing simple two-part rounds. Movement games focusing on beat using ribbons, scarves and beanbags will be enjoyed, as will partner dances. We will have a performance from Musica Viva called 'Game Day!' in week 2. The Phoenix Collective is an Australian string quartet who will share different musical styles through the ages with a fun focus.

### **INDONESIAN**

Students will learn about numbers and counting in Indonesian, through interactive play with objects. They will develop the skills to respond to the question *Berapa?* with numbers (up to ten). Students will learn that Indonesian and English numerals are written the same, but said differently (e.g. 1 as a numeral, with *one* and *satu* as the words).

### **TECHNOLOGY**

Kindergarten will be learning how to log on to our school Chromebooks. They will be learning about keeping their password safe. Kindergarten students will be learning how to navigate Google Classroom and start using a program called Typing Club to develop their speed and accuracy in finding letters on a keyboard.

### **IMPORTANT DATES FOR TERM 2**

- Friday 17 May Cross Country
- Thursday 20 June at 5:00 pm Bushkids information evening in the kindergarten classrooms
- Thursday the 4 July Kindergarten Birrigai Excursion:
- Monday 27 May Reconciliation day (Public Holiday):
- Monday 10 June Sovereign's Birthday (Public Holiday):

### **CONTACTING TEACHERS**

If you wish to discuss your child's progress, please email and arrange a time to talk about any matters that may concern you about your child's learning. Please allow 3 working days for email responses. If you wish to volunteer your time helping in the classroom, you are welcome to email your child's teacher with your expression of interest (including the times that you are available).

**Email contact** - [firstname.lastname@ed.act.edu.au](mailto:firstname.lastname@ed.act.edu.au)

We look forward to a great term, Belinda Bacon (Executive), Libby Emerson, Charlotte Miller, Tanya Duggan and Alicia Norris.