



Kindergarten - Early Stage 1 Term 2 Overview

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to school! We hope you had a wonderful break.

Homework

Kindergarten students will continue with their word wall practise and home readers. This term, your child will receive decodable books that build their skills in sounding out. Please continue to read books to your child for enjoyment, to build their understanding of concepts of print and build their vocabulary. The *Reading Eggs* program will continue and support students in consolidating their learning.

Please find information below on Term 2:

Investigative Learning

Students look forward to and enjoy Investigative Learning. During Investigations, students will practise and consolidate content and skills from all Key Learning Areas and work creatively together through open ended learning experiences.

We appreciate any donations of small boxes, bottle lids or other recycled materials for Investigative Learning construction activities.

Literacy

Speaking and Listening

Kindergarten students will continue to participate in a variety of social/emotional and language development activities. These activities are integrated in our investigative learning program, which works to develop public speaking skills. Students will also develop these skills across all Key Learning Areas.



Reading and Viewing

Students will participate in modelled, guided and independent learning experiences, on a daily basis. To consolidate this learning, students will be asked to read their home readers and practice their word walls. Readers will be changed every Monday and Thursday. Word walls will be changed upon parental feedback and teacher assessment.

Writing and Representing

Kindergarten students will participate in the *Sound Waves* writing program to develop their phoneme (sound) and grapheme (letters to represent the sound) knowledge. Students will continue to develop their letter formation skills in handwriting lessons and continue to learn about sentence structure.

Numeracy

Students will continue to take part in mathematics learning activities to develop their mathematical thinking and problem-solving skills.

This term the content we are focusing on in Mathematics lessons includes:

- Addition and subtraction
- Patterns & Algebra
- Ordinal numbers
- Time
- Length
- Area
- Position
- Data
- 2D Shape

Physical Education, Health, Personal Development

Kindergarten sport will take place on Monday and fitness will take place on Friday. Students will participate in a variety of fitness activities and cooperative games to build their fundamental movement skills. Your child is encouraged to wear comfortable sports shoes and ensure that they have a hat and water bottle.

Grow Your Mind

The 'Grow Your Mind' mental health program will continue to be implemented and is integrated with our *Positive Behaviour for Learning (PB4L)* program. Students are acknowledged at weekly assemblies on Friday.

Crunch & Sip

Crunch & Sip will continue to take place every morning. Please ensure that your child's fruit or vegetables is cut into manageable pieces.



Geography

Students will continue to study the unit, 'Places they Live in and Belong to'. Throughout this unit, they will learn about what makes a place special and how this may differ for different people. Students will learn about the importance of looking after places and develop their skills in map reading and drawing.

Science

Kindergarten students will continue their exploration of how digital technologies are used in everyday life. They will begin to investigate living things and what they need to survive.

STEAM will continue to be taught by Ms Macdonald.

Creative Arts

In Visual Arts, students will continue their exploration of line, colour and shape. They will also begin their major work for our art show with Ms Bowman (specialist art teacher).

In Music lessons, students will be singing and dancing to a wide range of material with Ms Macdonald.

Library

Library lessons take place fortnightly with Ms Whelan. Kindergarten students will have the opportunity to borrow books to take home and return the following fortnight. If your child brings their book on the alternate week, Library monitors will collect these books to return to the library.

Students may also visit and borrow from the library at 8:30am in the morning.



Weekly Timetable

This term, the below lessons will take place fortnightly odd and even weeks.

Lesson (Fortnightly)	KG	KB
Music	Thursday (Odd)	Monday (Even)
Visual Arts	Wednesday (Odd)	Thursday (Odd)
STEAM	Thursday (Even)	Wednesday (Odd)
Library	Wednesday (Even)	Thursday (Even)

Please remind your child to bring their black reading bags to school **every day**. These will be used for notes, readers and sending work home.

As you can see, we have an exciting term ahead. We look forward to working with you and sharing in your child's learning.

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The Kindergarten Team, 2022