



Kindergarten - Early Stage 1 Term 3 Overview

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to Term 3! We hope you had a fantastic break.

Homework

Kindergarten students will continue with their word wall practice and home readers. This term, your child will continue to receive decodable books that build their skills in sounding out. Please also 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 to support students in consolidating their learning.

Please find information below on Term 3:

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 (KLAs) and work creatively together through open ended learning experiences. This semester, students are applying their literacy skills to plan, record and reflect on their work.

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 all KLAs and the Investigative Learning program, which works to develop public speaking skills.

Reading and Viewing

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



Writing and Representing

Kindergarten students continue with the *Sound Waves* 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 participate in an author study on Aaron Blabey and Julia Donaldson, exploring quality texts.

Numeracy

Students 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
- Multiplication and division
- Whole number
- Time
- Length
- Area
- Fractions
- Volume and capacity
- 2D Shape

Physical Education, Health, Personal Development

Kindergarten sport will take place on Monday and gymnastics 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 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 are cut into manageable pieces.



History

This term, Kindergarten will explore the 'Personal and Family Histories' unit of work, which will provide students with opportunities to learn about their own history and that of their family.

Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Mathematics (STEAM)

Kindergarten students will begin the 'Earth and Space' unit of work, exploring weather, seasons and the environment. Students will continue to utilise digital technologies.

This term STEAM will be taught by Ms Loxton and the classroom teacher.

Creative Arts

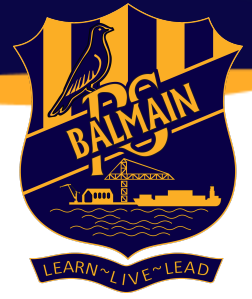
In music lessons, students will be singing and dancing to a wide range of material with Ms MacDonald.

In visual art lessons, students will continue to appreciate and make art using a range of skills as they begin their major work for the Balmain Public School art show with Ms Bowman.

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 (Even)	Thursday (Odd)
Visual Arts	Thursday (Odd)	Friday (Even)
STEAM	Tuesday (Even)	Monday (Even)
Library	Tuesday (Odd)	Wednesday (Odd)

Classroom Communal Items

Optional

If you are in the position to assist, we would appreciate any donations of the below for communal use;

- Tissues
- Baby wipes
- Hand soap

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.

Looking forward to another wonderful term,

Lauren Goodridge and Renae Bonney

The Kindergarten Team, 2022