



Kindergarten Term 4 2019



Dear Parents and Carers



Welcome back to our final term of Kindergarten! We hope everyone had a relaxing break and we are very excited to leap into term 4. This letter is a brief outline of what your child will be learning this term. Please continue to support your child's learning at home by reading with them every night and practising their Macgregor Sight Words regularly. With the weather getting warmer, please make sure that all of your child's belongings, especially hats, jumpers and water bottles are very clearly labelled as the children remove extra items of clothing as the day heats up. Please encourage your child to pack a SunSmart hat every day.

Our specialist classes (Art, PE, Spanish and Library) are scheduled for Tuesday 12 midday to 3pm

Mathematics

This term, students will be given many hands-on opportunities to understand and explore:

- addition to 20 and beyond
- Sharing
- different ways to represent number
- counting forwards and backwards
- statistics, answering yes/no questions
- making and identifying 3D shapes
- continue exploration of the 'counting on' strategy



English

The children will continue to be involved in a wide variety of specific activities to develop their skills in reading, writing, viewing and oral language. Children will:

- use personal experiences to write information texts using simple sentences
- use letter/sound knowledge, environmental print and sight words when writing and reading.
- listen to and write short non-fiction and fiction texts about living things
- participate in structured reading sessions and literacy activities
- continue to practise the structure of a simple sentence (capital letter and full stops)

Integrated Inquiry Unit

'Staying Alive'

This term we have begun looking at living things. This science based unit will see the children observing plants and animals to determine what they need to survive and grow. By the end of this unit students will understand:

- the basic survival needs of plants and animals
- the life cycles of a frog, plants and other insects

Student will:

- participate in student questions and research based inquiry
- observe the changes in tadpoles and plants, recording their findings.

Physical Education & Health

Kindergarten students will be;

- consolidating catching and throwing skills through stations and fun team based games
- learning the key skills surrounding kicking. This includes kicking the ball on the inside part of their foot and trapping the ball with their feet.

Spanish

Kindergarten students will be learning to;

- use visual and non-verbal cues such as gestures and facial expressions
- reproduce distinctive sounds of the Spanish language
- sing popular Spanish rhymes.
- write simple written texts in Spanish.

Reports and Portfolios

At the end of this term we will be sending home two reporting tools which showcases your child's learning progress throughout the year. One is an end of year report which gives an indication of how your child has progressed academically. A portfolio will also be sent home, allowing your child to share with you the evidence of their learning throughout the Kindergarten year.



Investigations/Play

Our play based learning philosophy will continue to be supported through investigation experiences which align with the concepts being taught in class. During Investigations, there is always a buzz coming from the Kindergarten rooms as the children are talking, questioning and learning. To provide a wider range of exciting and engaging activities we are asking you for some help in the form of donations. Our wish list:

- craft items; boxes, feathers, leaves, se quins, buttons, magazines etc
- typewriters
- plastic animals
- Outdoor toys- trucks, etc.

Library

Kindergarten children will continue to participate in a library lesson with Norma John and their classroom teachers. Students will view and respond to a variety of fiction and non-fiction texts. See allocated library days below;

- KMG and KEB—Wednesday
- KLO and KBN—Thursday

Please encourage your children to bring a library bag to school as they will require one in order to borrow books.



The Arts

Kindergarten children will continue to participate in The Arts through;

- daily singing activities
- Scientific drawing activities
- experimenting with the element of colour
- weekly activities focussing on art terminology

Dates to Remember

- PIPS Testing (Week 2 and 3)
 - Whole School Growth Assembly (Week 3)
 - Junior Assembly hosted by Kindergarten and CSIRO Excursion (Week 4)
 - Twilight fete and Art Show (Week 5)
 - Whole School Concert (Week 9)
 - Reports and portfolios sent home (Week 9)
- For specific dates please refer to the Macgregor School Calendar via the website.

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