



Dear Parents and Carers

Welcome back to another term of Kindergarten! We hope everyone had a relaxing break after a very busy Term 2. It is great to see that children have settled back into their school routines with ease. 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 still being cold in the mornings, please make sure that all of your child's belongings (beanies, gloves, jackets etc) are very clearly labelled as the children remove extra items of clothing as the day heats up or when they are inside. From the 1 August, we ask that the children wear a broadbrimmed hat while playing outside. Please remind your child to pack and wear their hats .

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
- Different ways to represent number
- Counting forwards and backwards
- Data and probability
- Making and identifying 3D objects
- Subitising (instantly recognising small collections of numbers)
- Direction and location



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 letter/sound knowledge, environmental print and sight words when writing and reading
- listen to, read and respond to a variety of fiction stories including Fairy Tales
- have guided reading activities every day
- learn about the structure of a simple sentence (capital letter and full stops)
- engage in oral language activities to practise speaking and listening skills

Science

'Fantastic Forces'

This term we will be looking at forces such as push and pull. This science inquiry will support the children to:

- investigate different objects and the way they move
- use toy provocation boxes; water play; technology, push and pull, and sound and light
- have opportunities to discuss and record their findings about what forces are involved to make them move.

Physical Education & Health

Our regular P.E. sessions throughout the week will focus on developing the fundamental motor skills. Students will also continue to attend a lesson on Tuesdays with Bethany Taylor as a part of their specialist rotations.

Spanish Language and Culture

In Spanish this term for we will be learning and revisiting Spanish basics, such as counting, using songs, stories, rhymes and pictures. Kindergarten children will be participating in the National Day of Uruguay activities with the Embassy of Uruguay on the 11th of September.

Reports and Portfolios

Last term your child received their portfolio. Please return your child's portfolio to their classroom teacher as soon as possible so that we can begin to add the learning samples for this semester.

Learning Journey

We look forward to seeing you at our Learning Journey in week 9, where your child will proudly showcase their learning.



Investigations

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, sequins, buttons etc
- tools – screwdrivers, pliers
- dramatic play prompts – hard hats, costumes, play food, crockery etc
- typewriters
- plastic animals
- Outdoor toys– trucks, buckets, spades etc.

Visual Arts

Kindergarten students will participate in visual art lessons. They will make and respond to art and use different visual art techniques including line, texture, colour and composition to create artworks using a variety of mediums. They will produce a quality art piece for the Macgregor Art Show.

Library

Kindergarten children will continue to participate in a library lesson with Norma John. Library lessons are scheduled for:

- KRB and KLO - Friday mornings
 - KMG and KEB - Wednesday afternoons.
- Please encourage your children to bring a library bag to school on these days.

The Arts

Kindergarten will continue to participate in visual arts, drama, dance and media arts lessons throughout the term to further develop a variety of skills that will help children express themselves creatively such as using movement to tell and express emotions.

Dates to Remember

- 16th August – Kenny Kola and Junior Assembly (hosted by Kindergarten)
- 23rd August – Book Week Assembly/Dress up
- 29th and 30th August – Father's Day Stall
- 30th August – Whole School Assembly (hosted by Kindergarten)
- 6th September – Junior Assembly
- 16th – 20th September – Book Fair
- 18th September – Learning Journey
- 20th September – Whole School Assembly

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W@M

Our W@M lessons will focus on;

- ways to demonstrate the Macgregor BRICK values
- learning different ways to solve problems on the playground.

