Kindergarten Newsletter Term 1, 2023

Welcome

Welcome to Term 1! Our Kindergarten students have settled into school routines and are excited to learn and make new friends. We are looking forward to a very busy term full of exciting learning experiences. Please check the Skoolbag App regularly for information and event details.

Important Reminder: As the weather is warm and sunny, please ensure your child has a hat in their bag every day. Students need a hat to play on the grass areas and on the equipment. School hats can be purchased from the uniform shop or the office. **Please label hats with your child's full name.**

Weekly Events

This term students will participate in weekly music, Italian, Korean and library lessons. They will need a **library bag** to borrow books. Scripture/ethics will be every Tuesday.

	Italian	Library	Music	Korean
KM	Friday	Thursday	Thursday	Friday
KG	Tuesday	Monday	Wednesday	Friday
KB	Friday	Thursday	Tuesday	Friday

Homework

Instead of formal homework, this term children should practise their sight words each night, until they recall them automatically. Please send in an art shirt, library bag, box of tissues, 2 rolls of paper towel, a bottle of liquid soap and a packet of disinfectant wipes. **LABEL** all of your child's items.

Important Dates

K-2 ASSEMBLY 2PM
1ST MARCH
HOSTED BY 2/1K

K-2 ASSEMBLY 2PM
15TH MARCH
HOSTED BY 2/1E

HARMONY DAY
21ST MARCH

RIDE TO SCHOOL DAY
24TH MARCH

K-2 ASSEMBLY
29TH MARCH
HOSTED BY 2/1G

SCHOOL PHOTO DAY
30TH MARCH

PARENT/TEACHER INTERVIEWS
WEEK 11
APRIL 3RD-6TH

LAST DAY OF SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS
THURSDAY, 6TH APRIL

Term 1 Learning Overview

English

This term students will be learning to speak, read and write in English. They will be building their knowledge of sounds and using these skills to help them to decode simple words. All students will participate in reading groups targeted to their individual needs. Kindergarten will be learning to use their growing knowledge of sounds to write simple words.

Maths

Students will be developing skills in working mathematically and continue to develop effective early numeracy strategies and understandings. Our topics for Term 1 are:

Representing Whole Numbers: Subitising	Two-Dimensional Spatial Structure: 2D Shapes	Forming Groups: Patterns	Geometric Measure: Length
Geometric Measure: Position	Representing Whole Numbers: Counting Forwards & Backwards to 30	Representing Whole Numbers: Teen and Ten numbers	Representing Whole Numbers: Number Before & After

Other Key Learning Areas

History: Students will learn about their own family heritage and the heritage of others. We are examining the way story-telling teaches us about families in the past and the present.

Science: Students will be looking at the seasons and how seasonal changes affect our environment.

Creative Arts: Students will participate in visual arts lessons, building their skills in drawing, painting and collage. Kindergarten attend weekly music lessons, learning simple songs and body percussion.

Personal Development: This term students will be learning about keeping safe at school and following rules. We will be focusing on our school values: **I Am Safe, I Am Respectful, I Am Responsible, I Am A Learner** with a series of lessons aimed at developing engaged, safe and responsible learners.

Physical Education: Students will be participating in daily fitness activities, including yoga and dance. Kindergarten sport lessons will focus on developing teamwork, turn-taking and basic movement skills.

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Helping Your Child at Home

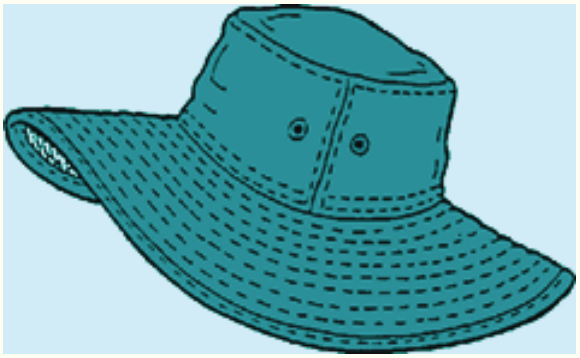
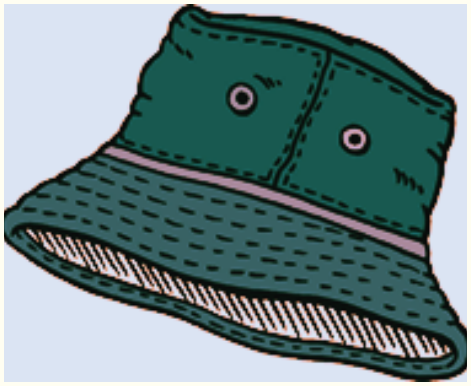
Sight Words

All Kindergarten students will start on Gold words. Your child will bring home a new sight words list when they can read every word on their list quickly and accurately. They must also be able to read these words in books and other texts as well as from flash cards. Sight words should be read automatically without hesitation or "sounding out".

Home Reading

Each child will be given a clear plastic document folder for Home Reading and notes etc.
Teachers will send home reading books or passages to practise in the coming weeks.

Maths

Sun Safety

Encouraging children and young people to practise sun safety is a shared responsibility. Whether in the school playground, backyard or on the beach, children and young people should wear a sun safe hat and sunscreen. By practising sun safety at home, parents and carers reinforce the messages taught at school about sun safety. Children and young people will come to appreciate the importance of sun protection not only during their schooling, but also throughout their lives.
Sun-safe hats include broad-brimmed and bucket styles.
Concord West Public School uniform shop sells these styles of sun-safe hats.
Please LABEL your child's hat.