

Kindergarten Overview Term Two 2021

English

Writing, Talking & Listening - The types of texts for this term are Recount, Literary Descriptions of characters from stories and Literary Recounts. The children will participate in a variety of writing, reading, speaking and listening activities, to develop the focus language features.

- Journal writing.
- Weekly news for each student. Topics will be provided.

Reading - Shared reading with big books and following stories on the interactive whiteboard.

- Guided reading groups with leveled texts

Spelling - Letter and sound identification and recognition of basic sight words.

Handwriting - Correct pencil grip, fine motor activities and Foundation handwriting

Religious Education

Unit K.3 Bible: Introducing God's Story

The children learn about the Bible being a collection of stories and writings about God and God's people. The Old and The New Testaments are explored. The children will engage with a variety of scriptures in different ways such as listening to, retelling and sharing liturgy.

Unit K.5 Friends with Jesus

This unit focus is upon Jesus' model of friendship including his relationship with his apostles and those in society who were sick or left out. The children will learn about how we are called to build relationships with our special friends but also to reach out to those who are left out in our own circles and in society as a whole.

History

Personal and Family Histories

The children will communicate stories of their own family heritage and the heritage of others. The children will communicate an understanding of change and continuity in family life using appropriate historical terms. The children will identify celebrations and commemorations of significant events in Australia and the world.

Mathematics

Number and algebra

Whole Number
Fractions and Decimals
Multiplication and Division

Measurement & Geometry

3D Shapes

Measurement

Time, Mass, Volume and Capacity,
Position

Personal Development, Health and Physical Education

The Leader In Me

Children will look at

'What is a leader?'

'What are the qualities of a leader?'

What are the 7 habits that make me a more effective person at home and at school?

PDH: About Me

P.E

Let's Play Games, Gross Motor Skills and Athletics carnival preparation

Other Key Learning Areas

STEAM- Every second Monday

Physical Education: Tuesday and Thursday (PE Uniform)

Music and Drama: Thursday

Library: Borrowing Tuesday

Creative & Practical Arts

Integrated with History-Aboriginal Art.

RE- illustrating scripture stories and important people from the Bible.

English- Creating artworks and scenes from stories

General Information

- **Library borrowing is on Tuesdays. This will be the only day for borrowing.** Please bring a library bag. Books need to be returned each week. Children will require a library bag or a plastic bag for borrowing.
- Please ensure that all items are clearly labelled.
- **A note** is required when your child is absent from school. It should have the date and the reason for your child's absence on that particular day/s.
- **Please send in a paint shirt if you have not already.**
- **No nuts please.**

How can you help at home?

- Learn basic sight words by playing games with them.
- Reinforce letters and sounds and encourage your child to have a go at sounding out words when writing.
- When your child is reading encourage them to use different strategies for decoding an unknown word- eg what would make sense in the story, look closely at the letters at the beginning and end of the word and check that the word fits into the structure of the sentence.
- Practise counting forwards and backwards to at least 20.
- Identify numbers in the environment.
- Ensure Homework is handed in on Thursdays.
- Reading: - **Read** with your child **EVERY NIGHT**. Share their library book with them.
 - Take your child to the library.
 - Ensure they have access to a variety of reading materials.

Looking forward to a wonderful term.
Kind regards,
Caroline Findlay

Computer Education

- The children will use the class computers/iPad during literacy groups and numeracy lessons. They will also be used to support learning in the other curriculum areas.

Term 2 Important dates

- **Friday 7th May:** Mother's Day in KG (9.15) followed by Morning Tea.
- **Friday 7th May:** Mother's Day Liturgy (11.15)
- **Monday 14th June:** Public Holiday
- **Thursday 27th May:** Athletics Carnival
- **Last 2 weeks of the term:** Parent teacher interviews and reports.

Homework Procedures

- Homework and readers are distributed each **Friday** and should be completed and returned on **Thursday**. If they are not returned on Thursday, I do not have the opportunity to mark them before Friday.
- All writing should be completed in **lead pencil**. **Please encourage your child to do their best work.**