



# WELCOME TO KJ

Class Newsletter Term 2, 2019



*It was wonderful to see the children return with happy, smiling faces and to hear them greet each other with such excitement. Term 2 holds many new and varied experiences for our Kinders. We have our first Athletics Carnival and an excursion by bus into our local community. Some Kinder classes will be presenting their class item on stage at the whole school assembly. This is always such a proud moment for the children, teachers and parents so be sure not to miss this event. We are ready for loads of learning and lots of fun!*

## Curriculum Overview Term 2



During Term 2 Kindergarten will be focusing on an integrated unit of work, 'Rainforest Safari'. This involves students developing an understanding of local places and using geographical tools to explore features of rainforests and the water cycle. They will learn about the features and characteristics of rainforests and have the opportunity to participate in an excursion to Rocky Creek Dam.

**Maths:** Students will be exploring telling the time on the hour, describing and naming 2D shapes (circles, triangles, rectangles and squares) in the environment, sorting and describing 3D shapes (cube, sphere, cone and prism) and measuring the volume of different objects.

**English:** Students begin their day with explicit teaching of synthetic phonics. Our L3 (Language, Learning and Literacy) program continues throughout the morning session in all Kinder classrooms, providing rich literacy experiences to assist all children to become successful readers and writers. Students participate in reading and writing lessons in small groups, designed to meet their specific learning needs. It provides rich literacy experiences through systematic and explicit teaching. They also engage in short periods of independent, individual or group tasks to practice and consolidate their current literacy learning. L3 responds to the learning needs of students as they progress in the acquisition of literacy skills.

## Excursions Visiting Performances

This term we are planning a walking excursion to Wade Park Friday, 3 May and an excursion to Rocky Creek Dam on Thursday, 9 May as part of our integrated unit, 'Rainforest Safari'. Further details and permission notes have been sent out this week.



<p><i>Weekly Organisation</i></p>	<p><b>Music:</b> Mondays (even weeks) Tuesdays (odd weeks)  <b>Library borrowing day:</b> Mondays (odd weeks)  <b>PE/Sport:</b> Friday  <b>Dance:</b> Friday afternoon (odd weeks)  <b>Kindergarten assembly:</b> Friday afternoon (odd weeks)  <b>Whole school assembly:</b> Friday afternoons 2:10-2:50pm in school hall (even weeks)  <i>All parents are welcome to attend this assembly.</i>  <b>Home Reading and Sight Word Program:</b> All children have been involved in daily home reading and our sight word program. We hope that parents are as proud and delighted as we are to observe their development as beginning readers. Keep up the great work!  <b>Speaking and Listening:</b> Thank you for your support in preparing your child for their weekly speaking activity, which continues this term. Our Term 2 Speaking and Listening timetable is attached.  <b>Scripture:</b> Every Wednesday afternoon.</p>
<p><i>Important Dates</i></p>	<p><b>Kindergarten walk to Wade Park:</b> Friday, 3 May (Week 1)  <b>WRPS Cross Country:</b> Monday, 6 May (Week 2)  <b>Rocky Creek Dam excursion:</b> Thursday, 9 May (Week 2)  <b>Mother's Day Stall:</b> Thursday and Friday, 9-10 May (Week 2)  <b>Walk Safely to School Day:</b> Friday, 17 May (Week 3)  <b>Class Item for Whole School Assembly:</b>  <b>Junior Athletics Carnival:</b> Thursday, 27 June (Week 9)  <b>WRPS NAIDOC Day: Tuesday-Wednesday, 2 and 3 July (Week 10)</b>  <b>Town NAIDOC Day: Thursday, 4 July (Week 10)</b>  <b>Gold Day:</b> Friday, 5 July (Week 10)</p>
<p><i>Equipment Requirements</i></p>	<p>All equipment needs to be clearly labelled particularly school jumpers as the cooler weather approaches.</p>
<p><i>School Fees</i></p>	<p>This is a reminder that school fees can still be paid through our online payment portal. This is a secure payment page hosted by Westpac.          Log onto our school site at:- <a href="http://www.wyrallahrd-p.schools.nsw.edu.au">www.wyrallahrd-p.schools.nsw.edu.au</a>          Click on "Make a Payment" and follow the prompts to make a payment via Visa or MasterCard. You can find more information about online payments on our website. Although voluntary, school fees are a vital part of our budget each year and pay for essential items in classrooms.          At WRPS our voluntary fees are \$55 per student, \$100 for two children or \$130 for a family of 3 or more children.          If paying online does not suit, you can also pay in person at the front office (EFTPOS or cash) or write a cheque made out to Wyrallah Road Public School.          Thank you to the parents that have already paid these fees, your contribution is appreciated.</p>

*Kind regards,*

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