



KA CLASS NEWSLETTER

TERM 4, 2019



Welcome back to our final term for Kinder. Term 4 holds many new experiences and learning opportunities for our students. Our integrated unit this term is 'Down on the Farm'. As part of this unit we will be travelling to Alstonville for our excursion to the Summerland House Farm. This is a great day full of fun and learning!

Curriculum Overview Term 4



During Term 4 Kindergarten will be focusing on an integrated unit, 'Down on the Farm'. Students will explore different types of farms and how farms have changed over time from past to present. Students will be looking at old photographs, artefacts, videos, clips and listening to guest speakers share their experiences living on different types of farms in our local area.

The unit will also explore how family roles have changed over time on farms. Specific focus is on cropping and dairy farms where students will learn about different materials used for farming.

Maths: This term we will be consolidating and building upon previously taught Maths concepts. Some of these topics include; 3D shapes, volume and capacity and area. All Kinder children are working towards achieving their individual learning goals in Mathematics.

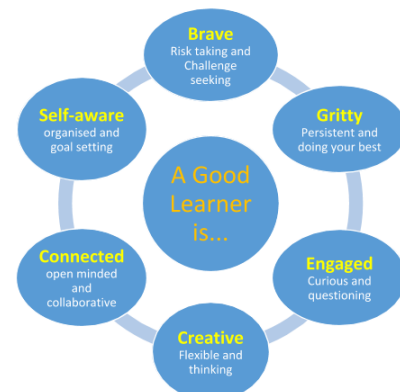
English: Our L3 (Language, Learning and Literacy) program continues in all Kinder classrooms during the morning sessions, providing rich literary experiences to assist all children to become successful readers and writers. Reading and writing activities are differentiated to ensure we are meeting the learning needs of each student. Groupings within our L3 classroom are flexible to reflect the children's varying levels of progress in all elements of English. Synthetic phonics will be explicitly taught at the beginning of each morning session.

Growth Mindset: We will continue developing a Growth Mindset in Kinder by focusing on changing our words to change our mindset. We will be supporting students to keep trying, embrace challenges, take advantage of mistakes made and adopt the 'power of yet!'

In Kinder we will continue exploring the language of learning with a growth mindset and supporting the children to understand the words chosen to describe an effective lifelong learner.

A good learner is:

- brave
- gritty
- engaged
- creative
- connected
- self-aware



Weekly Organisation

Computers: with Mr Platt on Monday (even weeks)
Music: with Mrs Roberts on Monday
Scripture/Ethics: Wednesday afternoons
Library borrowing time: Thursday (odd weeks)
PE/Sport: Tuesday and Friday
Dance: Friday afternoon (odd weeks)
Kindergarten assembly: Friday afternoon (odd weeks)
Whole school assembly: Friday afternoons 2:10-2:50pm in school hall (even weeks) *All parents are welcome to attend this assembly.*
Home Reading and Sight Word Program: All children have been involved in daily Home Reading and our Sight Word Program.
 ➤ Home readers are to be returned every day for daily borrowing.
 ➤ Sight word folders are to be returned every Friday for monitoring and review of where to next.
Spelling Program: This term we will be continuing the Home Spelling Program for those students who have completed their Sight Word Program.
Speaking and Listening: Please refer to the Term 4 Speaking and Listening timetable for updated topics.
We thank you for your continuing support of these home programs.

*'Down on the Farm'
Hook Activity*

In Week 1, all students will participate in a fun morning of farm related learning experiences. They will have the opportunity to milk WRPS virtual cows, plant their vegetable crops, create unique versions of chicken art and put on their chef hat to make the perfect damper!

Excursions



This term we are planning an excursion to Summerland House Farm in Alstonville on **Tuesday, 18 December** as part of our integrated unit, 'Down on the Farm'. Further details will be sent out closer to the date.

Important Dates

'Down on the farm' Hook Activity: Friday 18 October (Week1)
Kinder 2020 Orientation Days: Tuesday 12 November, Tuesday 19 November, Tuesday 26 November, Tuesday 3 December (Weeks 5, 6, 7 and 8)
Whole school step up days: Tuesday 26 November, Tuesday 3 December (this is Kinder's chance to trial Year 1 classrooms and routines in Weeks 7 and 8)
Mini Gold Day: Friday 15 November
Presentation Day: Monday 16 December
Excursion and Gold Day activity: Tuesday 17 December (TBC)
Last day of Kinder 2019: Wednesday 18 December

*Playground
Roster for Kinder
Students*

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Nature Based Playground		Nature Based Playground		Nature Based Playground
Fixed Equipment		Fixed Equipment		Fixed Equipment
Library	Library	Library	Library	Library

This term there will be changes to the playground roster. The table above reflects the additional activities available for Kinders to access during their lunch playtime.

*Equipment
Requirements*

Just a reminder that all equipment needs to be clearly labelled particularly school hats.

School Fees

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:- www.wyrallahrd-p.schools.nsw.edu.au
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.

*Glimpses of
Term 3*

it's okay to
not know.
it's not okay
to not try.





We are looking forward to the last term of Kindergarten with your amazing children. We are so proud of their progress and development in their first year of Kindergarten!

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