

KINDERGARTEN CLASS NEWSLETTER

TERM 4, 2024



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 'Rainforest Safari'. As part of this unit, we will be visiting Wade Park and Rocky Creek Dam. These trips will be full of fun and learning!

Curriculum Overview Term 4




Integrated Unit: During Term 4, Kindergarten will be focusing on an integrated unit, 'Rainforest Safari'. Students will develop an understanding of local places and use geographical tools to explore features of rainforests and the water cycle. They will learn about the features and characteristics of rainforests and what makes a rainforest important. Learning experiences will focus on the different levels of the rainforest which includes the leaf litter, understory and canopy, and how changes in the environment might have an effect. Students will develop an understanding of the importance of rainforests and local places to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples and traditional ways they interacted with rainforests.

English: The literacy block begins with a daily review of taught phonemes and graphemes. This term, students will be introduced to additional consonant digraphs and will begin to decode and blend words containing these. We will then apply this phonic knowledge when reading texts. During spelling lessons, students will segment and encode words containing consonant digraphs e.g. ch, sh, th, wh, ph and experiment with suffixes e.g. s, ed, ing. Students will engage with imaginative and informative texts to form personal opinions. They will explore the language and structural features of texts that inform and entertain. Students will build on their understanding of narrative structures and features. They will experiment with compound sentences, specific vocabulary and creating texts with two related ideas. Students will compose narratives, fairytales and poems using creative language and structural features.

Maths: Mathematics lessons aim to develop confident users of Mathematics. We will learn the language of Mathematics to communicate clearly, solve mathematical problems and make connections within Mathematics and with the world around them.

Students will develop knowledge, understanding and skills to:

- combine, compare and separate quantities
- use comparative language to describe length
- identify and compare the area of similar shapes
- compare internal volume
- predict, identify and compare mass by hefting
- communicate their thinking to others
- collect, sort and organise data into displays
- name, describe and represent 2D shapes and explore 3D objects
- solve problems by combining, separating and forming groups
- sequence and identify the duration of events
- read hour time on analog clocks.

<p><i>Weekly Organisation</i></p>	<p>Students will continue to participate in specialist programs including Music, Drama and Technology. We will also continue to visit the library for your child to borrow two books each week. Please ensure your child has their library bag with them every week so they can return and borrow.</p> <p>KW: Tuesday KB: Thursday K/1M: Thursday</p> <p>Scripture will continue to occur weekly on Wednesday afternoons.</p> <p>Whole school assembly: Friday afternoons 2:10-2:50pm in school hall on the even weeks 2-8. There is no whole school assembly in Week 10. All parents are warmly invited to attend whole school assemblies.</p> <p>Kindergarten children have the following homework components:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Home Reading Program • Dictated sentence and number sense activity (sheet provided) <p>We hope that parents are as proud and delighted as we are to observe their development as beginning readers, writers and mathematicians. Keep up the great work!</p> <p><i>We would like to thank all parents and carers for their support and involvement in these programs.</i></p>
<p><i>Excursions and Incursions</i></p>	 <p>In Week 1, we will be travelling to Rocky Creek Dam and working with staff from Dorroughby Environmental Education Centre to learn about rainforests, the local wildlife and Rocky Creek Dam.</p> <p>In Week 2, students will have the opportunity to walk to Wade Park and discuss special places.</p>
<p><i>Important Dates</i></p>	<p>Rocky Creek Dam Excursion: Friday, 18 October (Week 1) Wade Park Incursion: Tuesday, 22 October (Week 2) P&C Art Show: Wednesday, 20 November (Week 6) Presentation Day: Monday, 16 December (Week 10) End of year activity: Tuesday, 17 December (Week 10) Last day of Kinder 2024: Wednesday, 18 December (Week 10)</p>
<p><i>Equipment Requirements</i></p>	<p>Just a reminder that all equipment needs to be clearly labelled particularly school hats.</p> <p>A friendly reminder to please ensure that all toys and special items stay at home.</p>
<p><i>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 school!</i></p> <p>Warm regards, Kindergarten Team</p> <p style="text-align: right;">School office hours: 8:30-3:30 6621 3363</p>	