

Kinder Weekly

Week 1, Term 1, 2018

Welcome to the first week of Kindergarten! What an exciting milestone in your child's life and a huge step for you as parents and carers. We are so excited to work in partnership with you to ensure your child has the best possible start to school.

Each **Tuesday**, we will send home a weekly Kinder Newsletter, which will have important information, reminders and dates. This will also be uploaded onto the school website if your child accidentally misplaces their paper copy between school and home (welcome to Kindergarten!). If you ever have any questions, comments or concerns regarding information in our newsletter, we encourage you to send us an email.

Important Dates

Information Evening- Tuesday 6th February. There will be two seatings, one at 6pm and the next at 6:30pm. They will be held in your child's classroom. Please come along with any questions.

Wednesdays for the first 3 weeks- Please ensure you have made an appointment with Emma McAuliffe at the front office for your interview with your classroom teacher. Your child must attend, as we will be undertaking initial testing during the interview. This testing is essential in allowing us to cater for the individual needs of students.

Communication Folders

This afternoon, your child will bring home a plastic communication folder with our Term Overview and a 'For Your Fridge' timetable. Whenever your child brings this folder home, please remove all the contents and put it straight back in their bag. Inside you will often find essential information that may need your prompt response. Please remember to use this folder to send in absent notes and any other documentation. Teachers will ask children to empty it each morning.

As your child will be bringing home many things throughout the term, please make sure that you check your child's bag every day, looking for notes, art work and left-over food (this will help you gauge how much food to send).

Sport Days

Your child will be required to wear their full sports uniform on Wednesdays and Fridays every week for sport. They will participate in Gymnastics and sport with Mr Maloney on Wednesday and Gross Motor on Friday. Kinder Gold please note your Gymnastics is held Tuesdays, so your children will wear sports uniform on Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday.

Library and Music Days

Every Monday your child will go to Library lessons with Mrs Carroll and they will be required to bring their library bag to school on these days. Music with Mrs McFaul will happen on Monday for KB, KG & KR and Thursday for KW. Please see accompanying note 'For your Fridge' to assist you in recalling these days.

Weekly Sounds



Teacher Emails

Please feel free to contact us via email any time regarding non-urgent matters

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Uncooked Play Dough

2 cups of plain flour
4 tablespoons of 'cream of tartar'
2 tablespoons of cooking oil
1 cup of salt
2 cups of boiling water
food colouring

Just pop it all in a mixing bowl and mix! It looks as though it is not going to mix well at first but hang in there and throw it onto the bench to knead and it will come together really nicely.

NB. Do not use too much deep, dark food colouring, as it will stain surfaces and children's fingers.

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Book Covering

Today you have taken a bunch of scrapbooks from your child's desk. Please cover each book and clearly label with your child's name. Please return the covered books as soon as possible, no later than Monday, Week 2.

Helping Out

The more we work together as "family and school", the more we can create wonderful experiences for your child. In Term 1, your child will need to settle in with their classmates and teacher only. You can still help out at home though. Keep an eye on the weekly newsletter to discover some opportunities where you can help out.

Labelling

Please label everything as you purchase it throughout the year. All items of clothing need to be clearly labelled and re-checked on a regular basis, just in case the name has worn off or fallen off. This includes winter garments. Don't forget to clearly label your child's hat, lunchbox, drink bottle and library bag. The children will be taught that it is their responsibility to look after their own property.

Readers

Your child will bring home formal readers by Week 5. In the meantime, please begin to use their sight words that will be sent home at the beginning of the term. They may also bring home simple stories related to the words of the week, as well as stories about school and classroom routines. These stories are for you or older siblings to read to your child. These books are not designed for your child to be reading by themselves, however, you may notice as they grow more confident with their sight words, they may be able to read some pages to you (More about that in coming weeks).

Pick up and drop off

Today, you took your child to the classroom to begin the day. However, from tomorrow onwards, your child will start school at 9am with all the other children. Today we will teach the children how to line up on the 'big side' for morning assembly. We will also show them where to put their bags and how to line up correctly, so that tomorrow morning, they will know exactly what to do. It is important that your children are both dropped off and picked up from the same location to assist us in ensuring your child's safety and to avoid any unnecessary confusion for the children. After morning assembly, it is best that you say goodbye as your child's class leaves; please do not walk with your child to their classroom. If you arrive late or need to pick up your child early, please see Emma at the front office first to sign your child in or out. This is a legal requirement. Thank you for your support.

Classroom Donations

Every year we ask that each family contribute some items to their child's classroom for everybody's use. Below is a list of things we use a lot. If you can donate one or two of these items, we would be really appreciative:

- a box of tissues
- hand soap pump pack
- homemade play dough (a play dough recipe has been included on the previous page if you need it)
- old (appropriate) magazines
- baby wipes

Please feel free to chat with your classroom teacher about any issues to do with your child's development. However, it would be appreciated if you did not approach us while we have the children in our care. Please leave a message at the front office and we will return your calls.

Looking forward to working with you.

Caroline Tanti, Laura Adams, Janessa Docking, Kate Wigg and Jennifer Ferris