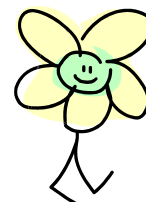


Welcome to Term Two



As part of our Literacy program this term, the children will begin working on their Sound Waves books. Sound Waves is a word study program designed to develop spelling, reading and writing skills using the phonemic approach. The Sound Waves Foundation Program is divided into two main phases: Exploring Sounds and Discovering Graphemes. Children will be experience Exploring Sounds in Kindy before moving onto Discovering Graphemes in Pre Primary.

"News" sessions will continue, starting in week 2 (weekly topics attached). News session are an ideal way for children to develop their speaking and listening skills as well as their confidence, therefore it is important that you take the time, each week, to help your child to find an item that they feel confident discussing in front of a small group.

This term we will be encouraging the children to write their own name as much as possible. We will continue to focus on fine motor skills such as pencil grip and use of scissors for cutting. If you have not already done so, please take some time at home to help your child practice writing his/her name, including correct pencil grip and use of scissors. It is important that skills learned at school are practiced at home.

As part of our Mathematics program, we will be focusing on number. The children will be engaged in various counting and number activities in order to develop their ability to count to 5, recognise and correctly order numbers 1 to 5 and demonstrate an understanding of one-to-one correspondence. You can help your child by encouraging them to count at home e.g. setting the table or shopping.

Buddies has proved to be very successful and rewarding for both Kindy children and the Year 2 students. We will continue these sessions in Term 2 and for the rest of the school year.

On the 2nd of May, the children will participate in an Incursion entitled "Ocean Magic". This is a Science based incursion which includes storytelling and songs. Later in the term, we will have two more visits from Funky Fitness.

Parent roster will begin in week two and run on Monday mornings from 9.00am to 11.00am. We ask for three parents per session to assist with sporting stations/activities and then a simple classroom activity. The roster will also run in term three and four so there will be more opportunities for parents to participate throughout the rest of the year. We are very appreciative of any support and participation parents can provide.

Reminders:

Please do not send unwell children to school as bugs spread very quickly in Kindy. Even if your child wants to come to school, please refrain from sending them as children who feel unwell are not able to enjoy or participate fully in the program.

Please insure children are delivered to Kindy by 8.50am and then picked up promptly at 2.50pm. Children coming in late can be disruptive to the mat session and may unsettle children who've had difficulty separating. Children left waiting at home time often become upset and this can lead to future anxiety during the day.

Please return your child's cushion.

No nut products of any kind.

Ensure shoulder length hair is tied back.

If you have any questions or concerns please let us know.

Thank you for your support

Annamarie, Claire, Bernadette and Sandra

News Topics Term 2

Week 2 Favourite family photo.

Week 3 Something collected e.g. shells, feathers or bird's nest.

Week 4 Something beginning with "T".

Week 5 Favourite piece of clothing e.g. dress or shirt.

Week 6 A drawing, painting or piece of art/craft.

Week 7 Favourite book.

Week 8 Favourite pet photo or picture of a pet they would like to own.

Week 9 Favourite holiday souvenir.

Week 10 Free choice