



WERRINGTON PUBLIC SCHOOL

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Kindergarten Parent Information - Term 1 2019

Dear Parents/Caregivers,

Welcome to Kindergarten (Early Stage 1) at Werrington Public School. We are looking forward to a wonderful year working with you and your child, as well as forming and maintaining productive home-school partnerships. We extend a warm welcome to all our new Werrington Public School students and families.

The Kindergarten team consists of:

KC	Miss Clark - AP	KM	Ms March
KD	Mr Dawson	K/1GK	Ms Gill and Mrs Kilbourne

Our specialist teachers working with Kindergarten are:

EALD: Mrs Tucker and Mrs Khan

LaST: Mrs Brandies

RFF: Ms Bendt, Mrs Khan, Mrs Kilbourne, Mrs Marin

Library: Mrs Buchan

TEACHING AND LEARNING OVERVIEW

English	<p>This term, the main focus in English lessons will be on the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Exposing all students to good quality literature as a model of the English language.▪ Developing active listening skills.▪ Learning many letters of the alphabet and their sounds.▪ Learning about letters, words and sentences.▪ Beginning to develop a bank of high frequency words to read and write.▪ Learning how to compose and record ideas in simple sentences reinforcing, 'What I think I can say; what I say I can write; what I write I can read.'▪ Participating in guided reading groups where students will learn basic reading strategies such as one to one correspondence and concepts of print.▪ Learning to communicate effectively in a range of contexts and participating in the 'Language for Learning' program.▪ Beginning to develop handwriting using NSW Foundation Style handwriting.
Mathematics	<p>During Mathematics, students will be learning about the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ <i>Number and Algebra</i> – Students will count, order, read and write one digit and two-digit numbers and begin learning about numeracy strategies and recording methods. They will use concrete materials to add and subtract small numbers and amounts. Students will make, describe and continue simple patterns.▪ <i>Measurement and Geometry</i> – Students will estimate, measure, compare and record using informal units. They will begin to identify the date and name and order the days of the week. They will identify, describe, sort and model two-dimensional shapes such as squares, circles, triangles and rectangles.▪ <i>Working Mathematically</i> - Students will begin to develop knowledge, skills and understanding through inquiry and the application of basic problem-solving strategies including the selection and use of appropriate technology, communication, reasoning and reflection.
Science and Technology	<p>The Science and Technology topic for this term is Material World. Students will learn about:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• how the properties of material things affect their use;• some of the observable properties of materials;• how following steps helps to achieve a goal; and• litter, through participation in the Penrith City Council 'EnviroMentors' program.

HSIE	<p>The HSIE topic for this term is School Days. Students will learn about:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • school rules and classroom rules, and practise implementing them; • the school environment and the facilities in the school; • people who help us at school; • students in their class and ways to engage socially at school; and • being a safe, respectful learner.
Creative Arts	The strands for Creative Arts include: visual arts, music, drama and dance. These will be covered throughout the course of the year.
PDHPE	This term, kindergarten students will be explicitly taught fundamental movement skills such as static balance, vertical jump, catch, hop, skip, kick and throw. These fundamental movement skills are necessary for children to be able to play many games and sports. Students will also learn about the importance of healthy eating through their participation in the 'Crunch and Sip' program.
ICT	Students will use the computer lab and computers in their classrooms and library to create multimedia work that reflects class content.
Homework	Kindergarten will begin receiving homework in the week beginning 25 th February. The homework will reflect what the children are learning in class. Homework is given on Mondays and collected on Fridays. Later in the term, there will be an afternoon parent information session about home reading, and children will be able to take readers home from this time. Please see the class teacher if you have any questions.
Additional Information	<p>Late Arrivals/Early Pick up: Please see our Administration staff if your child has arrived late at school or is being picked up early.</p> <p>Crunch and Sip: Daily at 10:50am. Please pack fresh fruit or vegetables and a bottle of water.</p> <p>Birthdays are a special time. Your child may like to bring cupcakes, fruit or party bags to share with the class. Party bags may include pencils, sharpeners, small novelty toys and a small amount of individually wrapped lollies. Please do not send large cakes, balloons or party poppers.</p> <p>Nuts: Please avoid sending nut products, such as peanut butter, Nutella and nut mixes to school with your child, as several students in the school have allergies to nut products.</p>
Websites	<p>School Website: http://www.Werrington-p.schools.nsw.edu.au https://readingeggs.com.au/ http://au.mathletics.com/</p> <p><i>The students' 'Reading Eggs' and 'Mathletics' logins and passwords will be sent home shortly.</i></p>

Class Information

	KC	KD	KM	K/1GK
Library	Monday	Thursday	Thursday	Monday
RFF	Friday	Tuesday	Thursday	Wednesday
RFF Computers	Monday	Wednesday	Wednesday	Wednesday
Sports Day	Friday			
Scripture	Tuesday			
K-2 Assembly	Every 2 nd Wednesday at 2:05pm from 27 th February			

Should you have any questions or queries about your child please make an appointment with your child's teacher so the matter can be discussed at an appropriate time. If you have any further queries, please make an appointment to see Miss Clark (Assistant Principal - Kindergarten). Please be reassured that teachers will contact you if there are any concerns or questions about your child. For this reason and in case of an emergency, we ask that you ensure your contact information is up to date at the office.

We look forward to your ongoing support throughout the year.

Mrs Avery
Principal

Miss Clark
Assistant Principal