

A Message from Kindergarten

We have had a fantastic start to our first year of school! All of Kindergarten has settled into our school routines quickly and easily and we are having a great time.

Here are some things that we are learning about this term.

Mathematics

In mathematics this term we started by revising our numbers one to ten. Many students already knew these! We have also been looking at:

- Counting past 30
- The features of 3D objects
- Adding and subtracting small groups of objects
- Creating and reading graphs
- Making equal groups
- Days of the week, seasons and telling time on the hour
- Measuring the length of objects.

We have also been put into Count Me In Too groups where we work at our own specific level in number. This means that some of us even go visit other teachers to do extension maths.

English

We started reading groups straight away this year. Already we can all point to each word as we read! The sight words we take home for homework are helping us a lot and some of us have already moved up reading levels. All the help our mums and Dads give us at home with our sight words and home reading is making a huge difference to our reading.

Everyone in Kindergarten is writing sentences by themselves. It doesn't matter if we don't spell words right just yet, as long as we try to write the sounds we can hear. We try hard not to forget the capitals and full stops!

Letterland

We love learning about our friends from Letterland. We quickly met all of our friends in the first two weeks and now we are learning more about each one (For more information visit www.letterland.com.au). Kindergarten can't wait until we can dress up for Letterland Day on March 31st! I wonder what Mrs Cameron will dress up as...

Sport

This term we are doing Sports in Schools on Fridays. Guy and Joe are our teachers and they are lots of fun. They bring lots of cool equipment that we can play with while we get fit.

Dance

Every Wednesday we go to the hall with Year One and Year Two and have fun learning new dances. Sometimes we even get to go on stage to help the teachers!

Mrs Shaw

On Thursdays we get to visit Mrs Shaw in her room. This term she is teaching us all about being healthy. She always has a fun craft for us to do!

Computers

We get to use computers a lot at Wadalba. We use them in reading groups to learn more about Letterland, we use them in maths where we play games that help us practise what we have been learning in class, and on Tuesdays we even go to the computer labs in the high school! Year Five come and help us log on but we are getting better at doing it ourselves.

There are lots of other fun and exciting things that we are doing at Wadalba but there are far too many to list! We will keep you updated with new information as it happens.

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Message from Mrs Cameron

I would like to say thank you to the parents of all the children in my class this year. I have been given a very beautiful class who are keen to learn and have fun. We were able to get into a steady routine quite quickly which has helped greatly.

Thank you to all the parents who have offered to help in the classroom for home reading. It's fantastic that students can get that extra one on one time.

There are also parents who help around the school in other areas such as the canteen, banking, and making costumes for the dance groups. You are invaluable!

I would like to remind parents that it is important that you continue to do home reading every night with your child. I understand that whilst they are reading such low levels it can get frustrating but it makes such a difference.

The sight words that are being sent home for homework this term are known as the 'First 30 Words'. If your child knows these words it will help your child in moving quickly up the reading levels. Please remember to go over these each night. Already the progress being made with some children is marvellous!

If you would like to speak to me about any issues please feel free to make an appointment so I can give you the time you need without distractions. I do ask that unless there is something extremely important that you hold any quick questions until the afternoon. Teachers use the time before school to prepare for the day and once the bell goes it is very difficult to talk whilst children are trying to settle. I appreciate your co-operation.

Kindergarten of 2010 has made a great start and you should all be proud of your children and what they have achieved so far.

Mrs Roxanne Cameron

