

# A Message from Kindergarten

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After our break we are back and ready for our second term in Kindergarten.

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

## **MATHEMATICS**

In mathematics this term we are focusing on recognising numbers above ten as nearly all of us know them now. We do get stuck on some of the teen numbers sometimes but we will keep practising! Other areas we are working on are:

- The features of 2D shapes
- Measuring the area of spaces
- Describing the position of objects
- Halving shapes and groups of objects
- Comparing the volumes of objects

We will still be working in our Count me in Too groups. Many of us have moved groups because we are learning so much! It is very exciting getting to visit other teachers.

## **PUBLIC SPEAKING**

Later on this term we will all be writing and presenting a speech to our class. We get to choose the topic which is going to be fun. The top Public Speakers from our class will read their speeches at our assembly and they might even go to represent our school. We will find out lots more about what we need to do as the date gets closer.

## **HOMEWORK**

Our homework has changed a bit this term. Last term we only had to learn our sight words but this term we have some maths and handwriting! We all still love doing our home reading every night and all of the sight words we know make it so much easier when we read.

## **SPORT**

This term we are doing Gross Motor groups for sport on Friday. Some of our mums and dads are going to come and help us. We will get to practise skills like balancing, throwing, and catching.

## **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 what makes us special and how important people can help us.

## **COMPUTERS**

When we go to the computer labs this term we are mostly learning how to use Microsoft Word. We are learning to do things like typing sentences, changing the font, the colour and size of the text and how to put in pictures. Lots of us already know how to do some of these things.

## PEER SUPPRT

On Thursdays we get to have fun in our Peer Support Groups. We are all in different groups with kids from Kinder up to Year Six. We have a leader from Year Six that teaches us how we are special, how to make friends, and who can help us at school. We all get to go to other classrooms so it is nice to meet the other teachers too.

Lastly, we would like to say thank you to all our parents who have been helping us with our learning at home. We love spending time with you and showing you how much we have learnt already.

From Kindergarten

## Message from Mrs Cameron

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Well here we are at the start of another term. It was great to come back to so many smiling faces and well rested children.

There are a few events coming up this term that will involve Kindergarten and their parents.

Our public Speaking competition is this term. All students are expected to participate though we understand that some students are more comfortable speaking in front of a group. When they do speak, it is in the place of news so it is very relaxed. All students in Kindergarten now have news each week so I don't feel that it will be a concern for this group. Guidelines will be sent home outlining the expectations as we get closer. Kindergarten speeches usually go for one minute and they talk about something familiar to them. We have had finalists that have received awards at a district level in Kindergarten in previous years. I will pass on information as soon as it becomes available to me.

As you would have realised the homework format has changed this term to become slightly more structured. It should still take very little time to complete.

There are still some students who are unable to recognise numbers to ten or are unable to recognise the letterland sounds. This is a higher priority than the homework sheet. If your student is having difficulty in these areas please continue to work with them at home rather than complete this sheet.

I would like to remind parents that it is important that you continue to do home reading every night with your child. Students who read at home each night are moving a lot faster than those who are not reading regularly.

There is no news yet on who will be taking over as Kindergarten teacher when I go on maternity leave. As soon as we are able to give you a definite name I will do so. Rest assured, I will be working very closely with the teacher that takes over to ensure they are fully aware of each child's needs and abilities and the overall running of the classroom routine.

Our school has registered in the Premier's Reading Challenge again this year. For more information visit <https://products.schools.nsw.edu.au/prc/home.html>. I will be reading many of the books at school with kindergarten and adding them to your child's reading record online. If you would like to complete the challenge with your child go to the link above have your child log in (they should know their log in from when they log on to the school computers) and follow the instructions to add books. Students that read 30 books receive a certificate at the end of year presentation assembly.

Your child's first report card will be going home at the end this term. Many assessments are completed in the lead up to report writing to ensure that you are given accurate information about your child. This includes readministering the Best Start Assessment completed at the beginning of this year to see exactly how much progress has been made.

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.

Mrs Roxanne Cameron

## Photos of Our First Cross Country

