

Kinder Term 3 Overview

Term Three 2017

Dear Parents/Caregivers,

Welcome back to Term 3. The students have returned with enthusiasm for learning and have settled quickly into their class routines. We are all very excited about celebrating one hundred days of Kinder on Friday and are looking forward to having you visit our classrooms for the Student-Led Exhibitions of Learning in week 2. The exhibitions are a chance for your child to show you a selection of their work and lead a discussion about their learning.

It is important for children to arrive promptly by 8.55am so they are ready for line up outside the library. Students arriving after this time are required to go to the front office to receive a late note and will be marked on the roll as a partial absence.

COMMUNICATION

Please feel free to make an appointment to see your child's teacher to discuss any concerns. Please keep a regular lookout in our school newsletter for information regarding special events. You may also contact your child's teacher by email. At the end of this letter there is a comprehensive list of email addresses.

We greatly appreciate assistance from parents in our classroom. If you wish to assist in any way in the classroom or at home, please speak to your child's teacher.

LUNCH ORDERS

The canteen is open **Monday to Friday**. A lunch order must be written on a paper bag with the money inside. Please also indicate your child's name and class. Lunch orders can also be ordered **online** via the following website: www.flexischools.com.au *Fees apply

CLOTHING

Please label all of your child's belongings so they do not get lost. This includes hats, jumpers, bags, lunch boxes and drink bottles. Please provide a change of clothes in a plastic bag with your child's name on it in their school bag in case of accidents.

ABSENCES

As a legal requirement, all student absences require a **written notification** (handwritten or by email to Harrison.Absences@ed.act.edu.au) even if verbal notice has been given.

SUN SMART

Now that we have entered the cooler months, students may wear school or navy beanies to school. This will continue until the end of July. From August please provide your child with a labelled broad brimmed hat. If your child does not have a hat they must play under the green or blue shaded area.

LITERACY

Literacy sessions will take place 5 days a week from 9-10-50, except for Assembly days. The sessions will be a combination of Reading, Writing and Speaking and Listening.

Each class uses a big book as a focus to target a range of sounds, word families and high frequency words to use in Reading and Writing. Children also participate in guided reading during the morning sessions. If you would like to help in the classroom, please talk with your child's classroom teacher.

The children will continue to practise listening and speaking across the day. News, along with sessions linked to the integrated inquiry focus, provide opportunities for children to further explore the conventions of asking and answering questions. To support literacy at home, please read to, and with your child as much as you can.

NUMERACY

In Term 3 the focus is:

Number - count to and from 20 and order small collections. Practical situations to model addition and subtraction to 20.

Measurement - use appropriate language to describe location and compare objects using mass.

Statistics - answer simple questions to collect information and make inferences.

INTEGRATED INQUIRY FOCUS

This term we are developing students' understanding of Human and Social Science and Geography, "What special places are there in our community? Where are they and why are they special?"

Music: Kieryn Khan

In Semester 2: KYJ, KRB, KKD and KSW will participate in the music program once a week.

Music this year in Kindergarten begins with a strong focus on beat, as children use a range of instruments and marching games to keep the beat across various musical styles. Students will be introduced to music notation concepts, counting the beat in playful rhymes and representing it with drawing materials and manipulatives.

Drama: Nicole Zimmer

In Semester 2: KNM, KAJ, KKL and KKN will participate in the drama program once a week.

Term 3 will see students make and present drama using the elements of role, situation and focus in dramatic play and improvisation.

EAL/D

In their EAL/D group this term, students will continue to practise both reading and writing through the use of big books to introduce grammatically correct sentences and positional language.

HEALTH AND PHYSICAL EDUCATION

On Monday, the students participate in a P.E session and are encouraged to wear their house colour shirt on this day. Please ensure that your child is wearing appropriate clothing, for example, tracksuit pants and suitable footwear for climbing, balancing and running.

READING AND HOME LEARNING

The readers your children bring home are different levels and chosen by your child. Depending on the difficulty and in consultation with your child, you can decide whether it is read to, read with or read by your child. Books can be returned when needed.

Home Learning will be sent via email or as a paper copy. This will also include students spending time on their 'online' free Mathletics and Reading Eggs accounts. The main aim of Home Learning and Readers is for parents and carers to enjoy spending some quality time with their children as they practise and refine new knowledge or skills and to foster a pleasure in lifelong learning.

Yours sincerely, **The Kinder Team**

TIMES OF THE WEEK TO REMEMBER

P-4 ASSEMBLY Wednesdays - 9.15-10.00am in weeks 1, 3, 7 and 9

WHOLE SCHOOL ASSEMBLY Wednesday Weeks 5 and 10 from 9:15am - 10:00am

PHYSICAL EDUCATION (P.E.) Mondays

100 DAY PARTY -, Week 1, Friday 21st July

Exhibitions of Learning - Week 2, Tuesday 25th July 3:30- 5:30pm and Thursday 27th July 4:30-6:30pm

Kindergarten Health Checks. Week 2

Book Parade for Book Week, come dressed as your favourite book character. Week 6

Fathers' Day stall and Football Colours Breakfast. Week 7

Please regularly check our Harrison School online calendar for upcoming events.

http://www.harrison.act.edu.au/our_community/calendar2

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