

Additional Information

Crunch and Sip and Water

We have fruit break first thing each morning. Please send one piece of fresh fruit or pre-cut vegetables to school with your child. Only fresh fruit and vegetables will be allowed and no other snack foods. The students will also be encouraged to drink water. It is expected that all children bring a bottle of water to school. During the hot months we encourage the children to bring their bottles into the classroom and refill it when empty, to re-hydrate them after play and sport time.



Class Dojos

Class Dojos provides an easy and effective means of communication between parents and the classroom teacher. You can simply message via class dojo once you join. We will also use this to provide whole class messages and reminders of upcoming events. Your free dojo activation code will be sent home early in the year.



Behaviour

In Kindergarten we have discussed the school and class rules to keep the children happy and safe. There is an emphasis on being responsible for actions, safety and caring for others. We are a PBL (Positive Behaviour for Learning) School, and our three core values are 'Be Safe, Be Fair, Be a Learner'. There is a classroom discipline procedure in place within our classrooms, which aims to remind students of the appropriate behaviour and reward positive behaviours. Dojo awards will be given for those students who have met the class and school expectations. Students are awarded certificates for:

Bronze: 25 dojos

Silver: 50 dojos

Gold: 85 dojos

Principal Award: 100 dojos

Class dojos will reset after each semester.



Medical

Please keep us updated with any existing or new health concerns or medical information for your child, e.g: asthma, allergies etc. We suggest that you discuss with your child, the importance of not sharing food or money due to children having allergies.

Excursions

During the year, your child will be involved in local and wider community excursions. Please ensure you have ticked the box on the general permission note for your child to participate in local walking excursions. All other excursions will be communicated to you throughout the year.

Literacy and Numeracy

Reading

Students will engage in learning to read through the Australian Decodables online program. They will progress at their own individual pace throughout the year, building on their skills and strategies.

Handwriting

Students will focus on individual letters, using correct New South Wales formation and direction. Each letter will be assessed throughout the year.

Sound Waves Phonics Program

Students will be introduced to and learn new sounds each week. It is important that your child knows the letter name as well as the sound for each letter.

Counting

Students will engage in daily counting activities. They are focusing on counting forwards from 1-30 and backwards from 20-1, consistently with the correct pronunciation of 'teen' and 'ty' numbers e.g. '13' as opposed to '30'. This focus will change according to the needs of each individual student. We encourage daily forwards and backwards counting at home or in the car.

Writing

Students will begin writing their names then extend into sight words, sentences, and short stories.

Speaking and Listening

We encourage all students to participate in a short (roughly 2 minutes) oral news presentation once a week on their set news day. Each teacher will send home a news topic roster. Your child may bring in something to share but please ensure it is not their most loved or valuable item as it may get lost or broken. This item will only be for showing during news time and will not be played with at lunch or recess.

Numerical Recognition and Writing

There is a key daily focus on numeral recognition and writing using correct NSW foundation font. A variety of resources, songs and fun hands-on tasks are used to ensure high levels of student engagement and active participation in learning.

At Home Activities Overview

Online Programs

Reading Eggs passwords will be sent home with your child. The laminated copies are for you to keep at home. We encourage students to learn how to independently login and to access these engaging programs as they provide a great resource for revision and consolidation of concepts being taught in the classroom.

