



Kindergarten Newsletter

Term One 2020

DATES TO REMEMBER

- 13th February – Meet the Teacher Evening
- 24th February – Scripture begins
- 4th March – Kindergarten Cake Stall (Information to follow)
- 12th March – Welcome Evening (Information to follow)
- 26th March – School Photos
- 6th April – Parent Teacher Interviews
- 8th April – Easter Happening
- 9th April – Last day for students

WELCOME TO KINDERGARTEN

Welcome to an exciting year of Kindergarten at Rooty Hill Public School! Kindergarten students have spent the last 2 weeks getting to know each other and the Kindergarten teachers, and have recently been placed in their formal classes for the year. Below are the classes, classroom teachers and their rooms for 2020.

- KD – Mrs Dollin: Room 2
- K/1N – Mrs Daguio: Room 3
- KA – Miss Allen: Room 5
- KH - Miss Hughes: Room 1
- KJ - Miss Ong: Room 4

If you need to speak to your child’s teacher or with Mrs Dollin (Grade Supervisor), please make an appointment at the school office, or you can catch us in our classrooms **BEFORE** 8:55am and **AFTER** 2:55pm.

KINDERGARTEN DANCE

In Kindergarten, students are given many opportunities to perform in dance activities throughout the year. These include, class dances performed during Education Week and local shopping centre performances for Public Education Week. We can’t wait to shine on stage!



REMINDER

Please remember to label **ALL** of your child’s belongings with your child’s **FIRST** name, **LAST** name and their class. These may include hats, jumpers/jackets, lunch boxes and drink bottles. If your child does happen to lose something, the Lost Property stand is located outside Miss Salvador’s classroom.



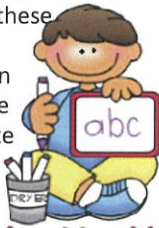
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ATTENDANCE

School commences at 8:55am each morning. Arriving at school on time every day is extremely important. When students arrive late to school, they can miss out on valuable information about their day. Arriving late can also disrupt the whole class. Unless your child is sick or has a really good reason it is expected that they attend school every day. When students are absent from school they miss many key concepts that have been delivered and this can make it difficult for them to have a deep understanding of what is being taught. A note providing a reason of absence needs to be given to your child's class teacher when they return to school.

UNIFORM

It is important that students come to school dressed in their **full school summer uniform**. Uniform items can be purchased from the school's uniform shop. Please also ensure your child has their **school hat every day**. If your child does not have a school hat these can be purchased from the uniform shop or the canteen for \$10. Students are unable to play outside or participate in sport without their school hat.



PACKING YOUR CHILD'S LUNCH BOX

Throughout the school day your child will have 3 breaks for food: Crunch & Sip, Recess and Lunch.

Please ensure your child has something to eat for each of these breaks to help them concentrate in class. Some suggestions are listed below.

Crunch & Sip: Apple, banana, strawberries, carrot and cucumber.

Recess: Yoghurt, jelly, muesli bars, biscuits and fruit or vegetables.

Lunch: Sandwich, rice, pasta, wrap, chicken and noodles.



WHAT WE WILL BE LEARNING ABOUT

Term 1 is a very busy term and will include lots of great whole-school and in-class activities and learning experiences.

Literacy: Literacy lessons will involve Phonemic Awareness which aims to teach your child phonics, letter and sound relations, and reading and writing strategies in small groups. Our sight word and nursery rhyme program will begin in week 4. Students receive explicit instruction, with the opportunity to work one to one with the teacher. It also involves students working in small groups to engage in reading and writing activities.

Mathematics: Kindergarten will be learning about numbers by connecting number names, numerals and quantities to 10. They will begin to acquire skills in patterns, shapes and measurement.

Sport: For sport this term, we will be taking part in a range of activities aimed at developing coordination, motor skills and participation. Some skills include: dancing and movement, running and following instructions. This term we have specialist staff delivering a sports program focusing on gymnastics and fundamental skills.

Whole School Program: Peer Support- this program gives our Kindergarten students the opportunity to build relationships with students across the school to help build social skills and co-operative play.



HOMEWORK

Homework will start on **Monday of Week 5 (24th February)**. Homework is handed out on Monday and is due on Friday. It is based around what we are focusing on in class each week. This includes sight words, the letter or sound we are learning and the number we are focusing on for the week. We encourage you to spend **10 minutes** each night on Homework. We wish to stress just how beneficial the additional practise of sight words is to your child's reading and writing ability. Revision of counting forwards, backwards to/from 10, and numeral recognition is also very important.

HOME READING

Home Reading is a part of Kindergarten's weekly homework and a new book will be brought home each week. It is important that you make some time each day for your child to read to you. As it is so early in the year, you may need to help your child read a chosen book. Remember to write down the books you read on your reading log. Please return classroom books and your reading log on Friday when homework is due.

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI
HOMEWORK GOES HOME	SCHOOL BANKING	SCRIPTURE KINDER SPORT		HOMEWORK DUE

