Welcome to Kindergarten 2016

Kindergarten Staff

KB- Mrs Deb Bowey (M, T, W) and Mrs Anne Collins (Th, F)
KH- Miss Emma Hislop
KI- Mr Andrew Ivanov
KM- Miss Jessica McElhinney
KS- Miss Michelle Sutton

(Assistant Principal, Relieving)

Additional Classes and Teachers

Music- Ms Brown
Physical Education (PE)- Mrs Morrow, Ms Brown and Miss Hawkins
Library- Mrs Pike and Mrs deSilva
Mandarin- Ms Lau and Ms Leung
Korean – Ms Yeom
English as a Second Language (ESL)- Mrs Bowey (Th, F)

Planned Learning for Term 1

English

– Oral language activities to develop awareness of the sounds in the English language and key vocabulary.
– Opportunities for students to speak with and to their peers about familiar topics to develop communication skills and confidence.
– Modelled and shared reading of story books looking at how pictures and words convey meaning, answering questions about characters and sequencing key plot events.
– Fine motor and handwriting activities to develop students’ pencil grip and letter formation.
– Guided writing and journal entries.

Mathematics

– Counting forwards and backwards from any given number to 30.
– Sorting, classifying, comparing, grouping, matching objects one to one
– Basic shapes

Science and Technology

– Weather

History

– Personal and family histories

Creative Arts

– Using different media (pencils, crayons, paint, collage) to create artworks.
– Music lessons: Singing, dancing, learning about different musical instruments and playing basic percussion.
– Dramatic play and enacting scenes from familiar stories.
Personal Development, Health and Physical Education (PDHPE)
- Hat and drink bottle every day
- Sports uniform on sport days (including Thursdays for Gross Motor)
- Regular vigorous exercise increases the brain's capacity to learn.
- In PE the students are taught skills they can use in many different sports including throwing, hitting, kicking and movement skills.
- In Health lessons students also learn about hygiene, medicine and sun safety.

Communication
- Absent note – bring on child’s return
- Late arrival (pink) and early leave (yellow) notes in School Office.
- Parent and Teacher interviews will be scheduled for all students at the end of Term 1.
- Write a note to your class teacher or send an email to the school at: eastwood-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au
- Remind app: @eps-kinder
- School website and newsletter at www.eastwood.nsw.edu.au

Making Life Easier for your Child at School
- Please ensure your child wears their name badge every day.
- Label ALL belongings.
- Due to allergies/anaphylaxis, there is a firm ‘no sharing’ rule for student food.
- We do not recommend sending money for Kindergarten to spend at the canteen during Term 1.
- Lunch orders can be placed at the canteen before school.

Helping Your Child at Home
- Show interest in your child’s work. Encourage them to take pride in their work and praise their efforts.
- Read to and with your child. Share a variety of books.
- Practice writing their name
- Play games together to build cooperative and communication skills
- Visit the local library or other exhibition of interest (aquarium, museum).
- Assign your child simple jobs to help at home and establish organisation routines.

Special Event Dates Term 1

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