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Kindergarten—Term 3 Overview, 2017

Dear Parents,

Welcome back for Term 3! We hope you had a safe and relaxing holiday, and are looking forward to another term full of wonderful learning experiences. There are a couple of noteworthy occasions this term:

Education Week

Education Week is a major event on the NSW public schools calendar and this year will be held in Week 3, Term 3 (Monday 31st July – Friday 4th August). On Tuesday 1st August, Eastwood Public School will hold an Open Day for parents to come and visit classrooms as well as see some wonderful class performances. A more detailed note about Open Day has been distributed (please see your class teacher if you require a copy) and further information will be provided closer to the date.

Art Exhibition and Auction

The bi-annual Eastwood Public School Art Exhibition is on again this year in Week 3, with the official viewing and auctioning being held on Thursday 3rd August from 5pm. Everyone is welcome to view the artworks, which will be on display in the school hall, throughout Education Week. Students in Kindergarten, and across the school, have been working very hard to create some beautiful artworks, so please come and make a bid on one of the fabulous pieces. The auction of the artworks will begin promptly after the viewing on Thursday 3rd August at 6:30pm.

Transform Us

In Term 3, Kindergarten will be participating in the Transform Us sport program every Thursday. This 8 week program has been created by Transform Us to meet aspects of the PDHPE syllabus requirements and teaches students a range of gross motor skills. Students will need to wear sports uniform every Thursday in Term 3 for the Transform Us sessions. The cost for this program has been included in the Term 3 Costs. A permission note about Transform Us has been distributed (please see your class teacher if you require a copy).

To help you keep up-to-date with what is happening in classrooms, the information below is a summary of some of the planned learning for students during Term 3.

English

In English lessons this term, students will continue key literacy skills including decoding the sounds in words and writing simple sentences. Students will be supported to make regular oral presentations to the class on familiar topics. They will read a variety of texts, fictional and factual, in small groups and as stories shared with the class. Students will have many opportunities to respond to the ideas, characters and themes in stories they read through discussion and creative writing.

How can you help at home?

As always, continue to read a variety of books with and to your child. Talk about the characters, stories, or information that they discover.

Practise and review sight words. These key words, that often cannot be represented with a picture or phonetically "sounded out", are very useful for students to possess in their vocabulary as they read and write these words frequently. For words that your child does not yet recognise or understand fluently, additional practise recognising and using these words in sentences will be highly valuable.

Mathematics

Mathematics this term will continue to develop key numeracy understandings and skills. As well as key ideas in Number, students will identify length, area, volume, capacity and mass, and compare and arrange objects according to these attributes. They will manipulate, sort and represent three-dimensional objects and describe them using everyday language. Students will use money in play contexts and start to tell the time on the hour.

How can you help at home?

Find 3D objects in everyday contexts that are examples of or resemble simple 3D shapes (cubes, spheres, cones, cylinders). Practise using money when shopping. Look at different types of clocks and talk about the types of activities that usually happen at different hours of the day.

Science

Our Science unit this term is 'Staying Alive'. Students will be learning about the different needs of living creatures including plants, animals and humans. Our learning in this unit will be supported by our visit to Field of Mars in Term 4 (further information will be provided closer to the date). Students will have many opportunities to engage in hands-on activities to develop their scientific observation and investigation skills. They will be designing a model shelter for an animal at the end of our unit.

How can you help at home?

If you (or a friend or relative) have a pet, talk to your child about the different ways they are cared for (food, water, shelter, veterinary care). Read stories or factual texts about animals and plants, talk about where foods come from when eating or shopping, share past experiences of visiting a farm.

Geography

Our Geography unit this term is 'People Live in Places'. Students will be learning to identify familiar places and recognise why some places are special or important to people and how they care for them. Students will be taught a range of mapping skills and learn to recognise that places can be represented on maps.

How can you help at home?

Look at and create simple maps. Talk about places that are special or important to your family and how you take care of them.

Creative Arts

This term, students will continue to develop skills and concepts of music during their weekly Music lesson with Ms Brown or Mrs Forster. Drama and Visual Arts lessons will support and enhance other areas of learning as well as develop specific dramatic and artistic skills.

How can you help at home?

Listen to folk music from a range of cultural backgrounds, act out a favourite story using character voices and props (e.g. masks, dress up clothes).

Important dates to remember

Tuesday 1 st August	Education Week Open Day
Thursday 3 rd August	Art Exhibition & Auction
Saturday 26 th August	Eastwood PS Spring Fair

Please make sure you visit the school website <http://www.eastwood.nsw.edu.au> and read the school newsletter regularly to keep up to date with school events.

We will continue to use the Remind app this term. You can download the app <https://www.remind.com/apps> and the class code is: [@eps-kinder](#)

Thank you for your continued support,

Mrs Krystal Webb

on behalf of all the

Eastwood Kindergarten Teachers