

Term 3, 2017 Overview - Senior Kindergarten

Mrs Neale and Mrs Exzil

Academic Learning

On Monday and Tuesday, all Kindergarten children will continue to explore colours, shapes, patterns, sequencing, number value and matching at a more in-depth level. Effective questioning and a range of teaching strategies are used during these play-based situations to help students form their own deeper understanding.

We are going to have a lot of fun with nursery rhymes, fairy tales and authors such as Lynley Dodd and Dr Seuss, distinguishing between characters and events that are real or imaginary. Some of our craft, literacy, numeracy and creative play will relate to stories and rhymes. Activities for Term 3 include:

- Dressing up to represent characters and to help identify the events and meaning of stories.
- Identifying rhyming words and repeated phrases in stories and nursery rhymes.
- Counting and using objects to match the required number of objects from the story.
- Making bowls out of play dough to show Father Bear's bowl in comparison to Baby Bear's bowl, using 'smaller than' and 'larger than' language.

We will regularly dance and sing along to music ranging from nursery rhymes, to *Just Dance* clips and some educational songs.



Within our number studies there will be a focus on subitising. Subitising is the ability to identify how many objects are in a small collection without having to count them. It is the next step for the children, and I will send some information home in the near future to explain the concept and why it is important to their number awareness.

This term, we will be complementing the celebrations of Independence Day through artwork. We will also explore Papua New Guinea and neighbouring countries in a general sense. Each child will have an opportunity to tell some family history and to share photos and experiences of their lives inside and outside of P.N.G.

STEM - Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (Academic Learning cont'd)

Students will experience the picture book *Who Sank the Boat* by Pamela Allen from a variety of angles this term. Firstly, we will read the book for enjoyment. Then we will re-read it and discuss the events to determine which animal really did sink the boat? We will complete 'sink and float' experiments from a scientific viewpoint and look at size and mass in mathematics.

Routines

I will continue to share the daily news with family members at 12:10. I value this opportunity for you to be informed on a daily basis of what the children have focussed on each day. If you can make it to this discussion it gives you enough information to ask your child questions in order to connect with them, and what they have learnt. As I have other teaching duties to attend to at 12:15 I am required to promptly wrap up my kindy teaching role at 12:15. Therefore, if parents are late Mrs Exzil will be the teacher dismissing the children.

Tuesday is library day. Please return your child's library book each Monday in preparation for their lesson the next day. We will begin library in week 2.

General News

Our assembly is on Friday of week 4. I look forward to seeing you there for another entertaining performance from our youngsters. As usual, all Senior Kindy parents are invited to the Kindy Room after assembly for an activity and some fun. I hope you can join us and see more of what your child has been doing at Kindergarten.

'Swimming and Pool Awareness' is continuing this term and will start in week 2. It is important that all children have swimwear, a towel and slip on shoes. Please ensure that your child's name is clearly marked on all pieces of clothing and swimming items to help return misplaced items to the correct child.

Throughout the term we will continue our alphabet focus. A lot of craft will be built around our letter of the fortnight. We plan to have some more 'Letter Party Days'. I will inform you when these special events occur. Later in the term, there will be an opportunity for parents to view a PowerPoint that features our fun learning parties.

Mrs Exzil and I look forward to a term filled with lots of fun and storytelling.

Thank you,

The Kindy Team

If you require further information or have any questions please contact me. I am available to speak with you anytime.