



Kindergarten Term 3 Newsletter

Welcome to Term Three! We have a busy and exciting term ahead.

English

Writing remains an important focus and the students will continue to write about their weekend on Mondays, and about various stories read in class.

Mathematics

In all aspects of mathematics, emphasis is on conceptual understanding, language and practical activities that enable children to explore numbers and their relationships. We will look closely at representing whole numbers, forming groups (multiplication and division), three-dimensional objects, volume and mass.

Geography

Students explore the places they live in and belong to. They develop an understanding of what makes a place special and how this may differ for different people. Students learn about the importance of looking after places. They will explore how the location of places can be represented.

Science: Living Things

The Living World strand focuses on living things, their characteristics, needs, behaviours, and the environment in which they live. Students will explore how plants and animals satisfy our needs by providing us with the resources for the production of food and fibre. Within this topic, students are introduced to and begin to practise the science skills of observing, questioning, predicting and communicating.

We will culminate this unit with an excursion to Calmsley Hill Farm on Monday, 12 August (Week 4).

PD/H/PE

Dance lessons will be taught with an external provider called 'Footsteps'. This will take place each week in the hall. All students are required to wear their full sports uniform. Kindergarten students will attend on **Mondays** (no longer on Thursdays).

HHPS School NAIDOC Week: Week 1

HHPS will commemorate NAIDOC Week during the first week back. Throughout the week students will engage with a range of different activities and lessons. On Thursday, 25 August, students will participate in hands-on activities including sport, art, music and food. We will also have a whole school assembly that morning from 11:40am -12:10pm. Parents and families are welcome to attend.

Kindergarten 100 Days of School: Week 2 Monday, 29 July

Kindergarten will be celebrating 100 days of school this term. There will be a range of fun activities in class, and the students are encouraged to dress up as a 100 year old!



Crazy Hair/Hat Day: Week 2 Thursday, 1 August

The P&C are throwing a 'Crazy Hair/Hat' day to raise funds in preparation for the HHPS Family Fun Afternoon in Week 10 on Friday, 27 September. More information to follow.

Education Week Activities: Week 3 Wednesday, 7 August

Grandparents and families are invited to HHPS for our annual Education Week. This event will include a classroom visit to see the students' amazing work from throughout the year, an 'Art trail' through the school, a Grandparents and Friends morning tea in the Figtree playground and our annual Book Fair. Families are encouraged to bring a picnic rug and treats. The event will begin at 10:00am.

K-2 Gala Sport Afternoon: Week 8 Wednesday, 11 September.

All students are to come to school dressed in their sports uniform. More information regarding this event will be provided closer to the date.

Teddy Bears' Picnic: Week 9 Wednesday, 18 September

KX and KJ will be hosting a Teddy Bears' Picnic with the preschool students starting at HHPS next year. Further information will be provided closer to the date.

Equipment

As most equipment from Semester One has run out, would you please provide:

- whiteboard markers (set of 2 or 4 for your child)
- 2 black Sharpie permanent markers
- pencil sharpener with catcher

Thank you to all parents for your continued support. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact the school. We look forward to a great term!

Regards,

S. Jansz (KJ teacher), E. Xenos (KX teacher) S. Richardson (Assistant Principal K-2)

NEWS TOPICS TERM 3 2023

Included in the table below are news topics for Term 3. The topics selected are linked to the literacy, geography and science themes for the term.

It is very important that students are prepared for their news presentation each week.

Please take the time to discuss the topic with your child and give them a chance to practise. Students may use pictures and photos to assist with their presentation, however, please refrain from the use of technological devices eg. PowerPoint or USB. Thank you.

WEEK	TOPIC	SUGGESTIONS
1	My Holiday	Students talk about two things they enjoyed doing in the holidays and explain why they enjoyed them.
2	My Special Place	Students are to talk about a place that is special to them. This could be a holiday house, their cubby house or a place in their home. Why is this place special? How do you feel being there? Draw and label it.
3	Living Things: Feathers, Fur, Scales and Fins	Feathers, fur, scales and fins: Choose an animal from one of these categories and describe its appearance, diet and habitat.
4	My Favourite Farm Animal	Students talk about their favourite farm animal. Describe its special characteristics, food it eats, name of its 'home'. What food/products come from this animal?
5	Design Your Own Farm	Students create their own farm (diorama or bird's eye view map drawing) and describe why they put things in particular places e.g. consider what living things need to survive.
6	Free Choice	This can be a book, toy, special photo, etc. Why did you choose to share this with the class? Why is it special? Who gave it to you?
7	My Healthy Meal	Students bring a photo or draw a plate of their favourite healthy meal. Discuss what makes it healthy and why it is important to eat healthy.
8	Pocket Surprise	Students give clues about an object they have in their pocket.
9	My Favourite Plant	Name your favourite plant. What does it look like? When does it grow? Does it flower? What can it be used for? Eg Is it edible? Does it give shade?
10	Free Choice	This can be a book, toy, special photo, etc. Why did you choose to share this with the class? Why is it special? Who gave it to you?