



# KPP CLASSROOM NEWS

TERM 4 WEEK 1, 2023

**WELCOME BACK TO SCHOOL FOR THE LAST TERM OF THE YEAR!**

**Literacy:** Literacy time will continue with our spelling activities, shared books, reading activities and handwriting lessons. Pre-primaries are really coming along with their early reading skills, and spelling activities are becoming a little more formal in preparation for Year 1. Kindies have just about learned all their sounds already and are keen to continue to practise blending and segmenting words through games and sensory activities. All students will continue to develop early writing skills, with Pre-primaries focussing on incorporating their learned spelling sounds, sight words and simple punctuation. With their developing letter and sound knowledge, Kindies are excited to be having a go at writing also!

Shared books will focus particularly on retelling fiction stories and gathering information from non-fiction books.

**Religion:** We will begin the term with the unit of Reconciliation in Religion lessons, where the students will explore their family, Jesus and His family, and when and how to show forgiveness.

**Maths:** The students are currently enjoying the new structure of our maths lessons where we begin with a warm up activity and our short daily maths rotations where they work in small ability groups to consolidate number concepts. This may include activities such as identifying, ordering, manipulating and writing numbers through sensory mediums, manipulatives and technology. This is then followed by the explicit whole class maths focus for the day and then small group tasks tailored to the students' needs and abilities. We will start the term with an explicit focus on addition and subtraction stories and statistics and probability.

**HASS/Inquiry:** This term, we will continue with our Geography focus to explore our big question, "Who can help us in Pemberton?" We will visit the Pemberton Medical Centre and Police Station and enjoy visits from our local hairdresser and ambulance officers. Students will choose their own community helper to 'research' and present an oral report to their peers. More information about the excursion will follow soon.

**Health:** For the next few weeks in Health, students will be focussing on Strategies for Keeping Safe. This will include playing activities to help remember important information in order to support students when reporting unsafe situations. We will also focus on how to say 'no' when someone is asking you to do something that makes you feel unsafe.

**Gross Motor Skills/Sport:** We will be practising sports carnival team games with a passion this term! The carnival is on Friday 10th November! More details will be sent out in the coming weeks.



## MUSIC

On Tuesday afternoons, the students will continue to explore beat, loud/soft and fast/slow while playing games and singing songs. We will also explore high and low sounds and ways of moving to music.

During PP-Yr 3 lessons on Thursday afternoons, Pre-primaries will continue to explore elements of timbre (sound type and quality) and pitch by playing tuned and untuned instruments while singing.

## SCIENCE & SPORT WITH MISS MOYNIHAN!

This term in Science, we are delving into the Earth and Space Sciences. Students will observe and explore how daily and seasonal changes affect our lives. They'll study how people, animals, and plants adapt to different times of the day and seasons, as well as investigate which materials provide shelter and protection from changing weather.

In Sport this term, we will continue to hone our fundamental movement skills. Students will take part in games involving equipment and those without, and they will also develop their ability to cooperate with others in various activities in preparation for the Athletics Carnival.





## WHAT'S UP IN THE LOFT?

The loft has moved, once again, to accommodate our hospital! The students are excited to be role-playing emergency services and workers such as Ambulance Officers, Doctors and Nurses. Feel free to drop by to have your temperature checked or a bandage applied by our very enthusiastic medical community workers.



## OUTDOOR

The weather is now warming up and outdoor play will be a fun and learning focus this term. The flowers and herbs will be explored and perhaps used in some tasty mud cakes, the puppet theatre will be abuzz with dramatic and entertaining story retells and our sensory path and repaired rocky river will add a new dimension of play and exploration to our front playground.

## PP HOMEWORK

Pre-primary homework is really helping to reinforce the skills and concepts we are learning at school. Reading the short, repetitive books and practising sight words each night should only take about 10 minutes. Please remember to return homework folders every Friday. Thank you for your support with your child's homework!!

## NEW WEDNESDAY NEWS

Oral language skills will be an important area to continue to develop this term, however, Wednesday news sessions will have a new focus! We will continue to develop important speaking and listening skills through **recounting an event** that the children have experienced. For example, a place visited, a party or a special outing. Students do not need to bring an item from home to show as they will choose their mystery topic on the day. Each child will be encouraged to share details such as what happened, where, when, who and why in relation to their event-based news through illustrations, sentence writing and speaking.



## PORTFOLIOS

We hope your child enjoyed sharing their wonderful portfolio work with you. Could you please return their book to school.



## SAVE THE DATE!

**Music Assembly:** Friday 3rd Nov  
**Athletics Carnival:** Fri 10th Nov  
**KPP Liturgy:** Monday 13th Nov

## REMINDERS

**Library:** Monday afternoon  
**Sport Days:** Wednesday & Friday

**Illness:** Please let us know, via the school office, if your child is unwell or if you are keeping them home, and follow up with a signed note. **Thank you!**