



KPP Class Newsletter

Term 1, 2024

Welcome to our 2024 Kindy-Primary Class!

We are very excited to welcome back Zoe, Harrison and Austin as our Pre-primaries and Reggie, Aurora, Moana, Jacob and Frankie as our new Kindies. The students have all settled in very well and are certainly ready for lots of fun and learning! Here is a snapshot of our learning over the next few weeks;

Religion: Our first Religion unit will explore how every person is unique and that God's special family is the church.

English: Our Literacy activities will be based on the themes of starting school and 'I am special'. During shared book sessions, we will focus on oral language, pre-literacy skills and concepts of print. Students will be retelling stories, sequencing events and describing characters. During Spelling sessions, Kindy students will be learning to demonstrate syllables in words and to recognise their name. Pre-primaries will be working on segmenting and blending 3 letter cvc words and letter formation.

Maths: We will begin with learning to sort objects, describing attributes and reasons for grouping in different ways. Kindies will also explore early counting skills while Pre-primaries will begin with practising counting forwards and backwards to 20 and beyond and forming numbers correctly.

Fine-motor: Integrated into all our learning experiences will be opportunities for the students to develop fine-motor skills such as hand strength, correct pencil grip and pressure, cutting and gluing skills.

Gross Motor: Our daily obstacle course and weekly sports sessions will aim to develop balance, core strength, climbing and locomotor skills.

Upcoming Events

Parent Information Night: 6th Feb @ 5.30
P&F Big Bash Event: 9th Feb
Shrove Tuesday: 13th Feb
Ash Wednesday Mass: 14th Feb
Commissioning Mass: 25th Feb



Library

On Wednesday afternoons, Mrs Gandy & Miss Cybula will take the students to the library to share a story and choose a book to take home and keep for the week. Please assist your child to remember to bring their library bag and book every Wednesday.

Fruit time @ Storytime

During our morning story time, the students will be encouraged to enjoy a healthy pre-cut fruit or vege snack. Could you please send this in a small separate container so they don't need to bring their whole recess/lunch box to the mat. Thank you!



Specialist Subjects

Music: KP Mrs Ellis: In Music this term we will be learning to sing our favourite Nursery Rhymes and singing games. We will explore the different sounds our bodies can make and how we can follow the beat of a song. We will also have fun playing various percussion instruments.

Sport: KP Mrs Kristo: Students will develop fundamental movement skills through lots of fun games.

Health: P1 Mrs Ellis: We will identify ways that we can feel safe and happy at school before moving on to the Keeping Safe Program, which begins with exploring different feelings.

Science: P1 Mrs Ellis: Biology will be our first topic which will explore the needs and features of living things

HASS: Mrs Gandy: In HASS we are learning about our families. We will explore who is in our family and how our families can be similar or different. To begin our unit, it would be great if each student could share a photo of their family with the class. This photo can either be brought in and we can make a copy, otherwise if you could email a copy to katrina.gandy@cewa.edu.au that would be greatly appreciated. Throughout this unit we will also explore different names we may use to name our grandparents and ways that our families celebrate special events.

Technologies: Mrs Gandy: All aboard... in Design and Technology this term we are going to splash into some learning experiences about boats! To begin our unit we will learn all about what boats are used for, different types of boats and how they are designed to float. Later in the term we will then have a go at designing and making a boat that floats. The students will learn about materials that float or sink and will have to critically choose materials for their boat design.

Sun Safety

While at school, each child is expected to wear their own St Joseph's school hat during outdoor activities. These hats will remain at school throughout the term and then sent home to be washed.

On days with a high UV rating, the children will also apply (with supervision) sunscreen before going outdoors. If your child has an allergy to regular sunscreen, please provide an alternative for them to use.



Clothing

On most days, the children will be involved in lots of movement activities including climbing over the daily obstacle course, playing outdoors and enjoying sport sessions with Mrs Kristo. Sport days for our class are Monday and Friday and we would like to request that your child is dressed in their sports uniform or suitable clothes with running shoes to enable them to participate comfortably in these sessions. On other days, shoes that can be easily removed such as sandals can be worn.

Canteen

On Tuesdays the school offers a canteen service. A menu and pricelist will be sent home shortly along with a supply of lunch bags for writing orders on. The children place their lunch order bag in our basket in the morning as they arrive and lunches are delivered to our classroom at lunchtime. We recommend ordering 1 main meal choice and just 1 treat or drink to allow time for both eating and playing.

Parent/Teacher Interviews

Towards the end of the term (week 7), we will conduct parent/teacher interviews. These are a great opportunity to touch base with each students' parents to chat about how they are progressing. More information and a time schedule will be sent out later in the term.

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