



KPP Class Newsletter

Week 6, Term 1, 2024

What's happening for the rest of the term?

We hope you had a lovely long weekend break! Here is a snapshot of our learning over the next few weeks;

Religion: With Easter approaching, we will begin our Lent unit of work in Religious Education lessons.

English: Over the next few weeks, we will continue with a strong focus on oral language, pre-literacy skills and concepts of print. Through sharing books from the series, Eddie and the Bear by the author Jez Alborough, students will develop the skills to retell stories, sequence events and describe characters while learning about how important it is to be a kind friend to everyone. During Spelling sessions, Kindy students will soon move from demonstrating syllables in words to identifying beginning sounds. Kindies are great at recognising and ordering the letters of their names now and will move on to developing pre-writing skills to develop correct pencil grip and pressure to prepare for name writing. Pre-primaries have been exploring word families and rhyming words and are ready to move on to spelling and reading words with digraph letter patterns such as th, sh and ch. They will continue working on correct letter formation and adding simple punctuation to their sentence writing.

Maths: Our number work has been coming along nicely with Kindies working on counting to 10 and matching collections and numerals. We will take a break from all that counting for a couple of weeks and work on our 2D shape knowledge. We will learn to sort, name and describe the most common shapes.

Fine-motor: Cutting and gluing skills are developing very nicely with everyone trying so hard to have a go and do their best! Playdough and plasticine 'listen and make' activities are really helping to develop hand strength and coordination, while learning to listen and follow instructions and include specific features in their creations.

Gross Motor: The students are really enjoying our daily obstacle course and sport sessions and are developing so well in their strength and coordination.

Upcoming Events

Parent/Teacher interviews: Week 7

Little Joeys: 15th & 22nd March 9-10.30am

St Joseph's Day KPP Liturgy: 9am,
19th March (Week 8)

End of term: 8th March



Library

Thank you for assisting your child to bring their library book back every Wednesday. The children are really enjoying choosing their book and reading with their older student buddies during library time.

What's up in the Loft?

This term, the students have enjoyed playing socially in our beautiful loft. The ice-cream shop was a hit with its own cinema on the second story. Then it transformed into a huge ship where receptionists issued and stamped tickets, stewards prepared delicious Japanese meals in the restaurant and captains sailed the ship past icebergs and mountains around the world. Hmmm, I wonder what it will be next - perhaps a bear cave?



Specialist Subjects

Music: KP Mrs Ellis: In Music this term, we will continue to learn to sing our favourite Nursery Rhymes and singing games, and explore body percussion. While playing various percussion instruments, the students will learn how to follow the beat of a song.

Sport: KP Mrs Kristo: Students will continue to develop fundamental movement skills through games.

Health: P1 Mrs Ellis: The students have explored different feelings and emotions and are now currently learning to identify when they feel safe and unsafe and the strategies to assist them in these situations.

Science: P1 Mrs Ellis: The students have been wondering why there are so many wasps around the school and community. They have investigated the needs and physical features of these insects and will investigate how these needs are met from their environment and how their physical features assist them.

HASS: Mrs Gandy: In HASS, we have been learning all about our families and it has been wonderful to see the students excited to share with their class members all about who is in their family and how our families are similar and different to one another. As the term progresses, we will begin to explore different ways that our families celebrate special events. We can't wait to hear all about your family traditions.

Technologies: Mrs Gandy: In Design and Technology so far, we have been developing our knowledge of boats and how they float! In the coming weeks we will be designing and making a boat that floats. We will read the Gingerbread Man and challenge the students to design a boat that will cross the gingerbread man from one side of the river to the other. We wonder if they are up to the task – or will we end up with some soggy ginger bread men!

Little Joeys

Our Little Joeys Programme begins this term on Friday, 15th March from 9.00- 10.30am. This year, Mrs Clare Omodei will be leading the sessions in the KPP classroom. Kindy students and younger siblings are most welcome to attend the sessions and please feel welcome to invite friends with young children to come along too.



Clothing

Thank you for sending your child in comfortable clothes for work and play. They are becoming very independent in removing and putting on their shoes too! Please remember to place a spare set of clothes in your child's bag for 'just in case'.



Outdoor Play

The students have been enjoying taking on various dramatic play roles and creating beautiful and 'tasty' masterpieces in the outdoor kitchen this term. This play provides great opportunities to develop oral language and social skills and over the next few weeks we hope to extend this play through adding dress ups and other props to further develop their creativity and imagination.

Parent/Teacher Interviews

Next week (week 7), we will conduct parent/teacher interviews. These are a great opportunity to touch base with all students' parents to chat about how they are progressing. More information and a time schedule will be sent out this week.

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