



Narrabeen Lakes Public School



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2024 Kindergarten Term 4 Newsletter

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to our final term of Kindergarten! We hope you had a refreshing holiday and are ready for a term full of learning ahead. Term 4 is always a busy and exciting term and we are looking forward to all of the exciting things coming up.

THE SOUNDS OF THE WEEK

This term we will be learning these sounds: split diagraph (or magic 'e' like in gate or bite), ai /ay (as in play), oy/oi (as in soil), ou/ow (as in flour), ea/ee (as in sheep). We will be focusing on the sounds that these letter combinations make in words and how to use them when reading and writing. Students will also be introduced to a number of Tricky Words throughout the term.

NEWS

Kindergarten will continue to present their news the same as previous terms. Please see the separate news note for more information about the topics for this term.

HOME READING

Our home reading program will continue in Term 4. Books are exchanged on Fridays, please ensure your child's maroon reading bag is packed in their bags every Friday. You will also receive a Home Reading booklet, please refer to the information on the front of this booklet for information on how it can be used. The booklet includes the Tricky Word sheets that should be practised each week throughout the term.

Reading at home should be a successful and positive experience. Children need a lot of practice to develop their reading skills to the point of fluency. 10 minutes of daily reading at home with a supportive adult can make all the difference. This will enable the students to demonstrate how to apply their letter-sound knowledge to reading simple texts. Guessing words from a picture or from context should not be encouraged. When your child gets stuck on a word, please encourage them to sound out an unknown word. Books can be read several times to build confidence and fluency.

HOME READING LOG

Please keep recording your child's reading in their Reading Log. The log should be kept in the maroon reading bag. If your Home Reading Log has been misplaced, just let us know.

CLASSROOM ROUTINES

Monday KB – STEM
 KW – STEM

Wednesday KB- Music and Library
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Friday Home reader swapping - All Kindergarten classes
 Sport (please wear sports uniform)

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

13/11 - School Mini Fete (run by Year 6)
04/12 - Kindergarten Music Performance
10/12 - Presentation Day
18/12 - Last day of Kindergarten

END OF YEAR ACTIVITY

On the last day of term, K-2 students will be participating in a fun, sports games morning. This will be organised by the 'Be Skilled, Be Fit' company who ran the 'Olympics Day' in Term 3. This will be held at school, during normal school hours. Students need to wear sports uniform.

SCHOOL UNIFORMS

In Term 4 we move back into our summer uniform. Please ensure that all uniform items are clearly labeled with your child's full name. This includes school hats which are worn whenever the children are outside. Please note that without a hat, your child will play under our shade structures. If your child is unable to wear the correct uniform please write a note for the teacher. School uniforms can be purchased directly from the school uniform shop or online at <https://www.narrabeenlakesuniformshop.com.au/>.

REMINDERS

- The playground is supervised in the morning from 8:40am. If your child is regularly coming before this time they should be enrolled in Before School Care. Please see the office for information.
- The area outside the Kindy classes is OUT OF BOUNDS in the morning. We are very close to Pittwater Road, and it is unsafe for children to be near this area, even with their parents. It is NOT supervised by teachers. Please take your children to the main playground to find and play with a friend.
- Dogs are not permitted in the school at any time. Please leave them tied up outside the school fence.

We look forward to a fantastic final term in Kindergarten at NLPS and look forward to celebrating all of the learning successes your child has had this year with you.

Warm regards,

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