

Terrigal Public School - Kindergarten Information Night 2023.



Introduction of the Kindergarten Team

Mrs Brooke Walkaden (Assistant Principal)	KD- Mr Henry Devine	KH- Mrs Kat Hurrell	KJ – Miss Jo Taylor
KS –Mrs Dimity Sharpe	KP – Miss Courtney Page	KR- Miss Gabby Ralphs	K-2J – Mrs Cindy Martin (Support Unit Class)

Support Staff

Library – Mrs Nari Foster	Library Mrs Molly Castro	RFF – Mrs Irene Diamandaras	SLSO – Ms Kate Booth Ms Kylie Abbott
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Support unit

- The support unit students are part of our mainstream activities.
- Support students integrate into our school.

Independence

- Students need to be able to open and close their own lunch boxes and open own snacks.
- Label EVERYTHING
- Water breaks are provided for students several times a day. We encourage all students to bring in their own refillable drink bottle clearly labelled with their name.
- Zipper bags are provided for all students to hold notes and communication between school and home. Students need to be able to be responsible for this zipper bag and its contents. They need to be returned to school each day.
- Language- please encourage your child to speak in full sentences, articulating sounds and practise conversations and vocabulary regularly.

New Curriculum

- New K-2 Mathematics and English Curriculum
- Changes to the way both reading and writing is taught
- Mathematics is based on the connectionist approach
- 4 other Key Learning areas
 - HSIE (History and Geography)
 - Science
 - Creative Arts
 - PDHPE
- Release from face-to-face teaching (RFF) taught by the Library teachers and Mrs Diamandaras

Term Overview

- Refer to each week to see what your child has been learning
- The News topics for each week are also on this document for easy reference.

Kindergarten Sport

- Weekly sport starts in week 5 – Thursday 23rd February
- Our sport session will be after recess each week.
- You should have received your child's house colour
- The 4 houses are Landy (Yellow), Konrad (Red), Newcombe (Green) and Mackay (White).
- Children are expected to wear their sports shirt and sport shorts with joggers on Thursdays.
- If students do not wear or bring a hat they will play a sport activity in the shade

Arrival and Dismissal

- Kinder teachers at the Front gate each morning for a few more weeks.
- In the morning from 8.30am – Children put their bags outside their classroom and go up to the top playground to play
- Top gate and Ena St gate will be locked at 8.55am. Any late arrivals must enter through the front gate and get a late note from the office on their way to class.
- Students finish at 2.55pm from Monday 20th February. Please fill out the 'How do I get home?' form online. The link will be sent out this Friday via Class Dojo.
- After School Care – children are escorted from the COLA to After School Care as a group with a teacher.
- Bus – please let us know if your child is catching the bus so we can organise a buddy to assist them, especially if there is no older sibling.

Lunch boxes

- We have numerous snack breaks throughout the day please bring Fruit, Recess, Lunch and a water bottle
- We have 'Waste free Wednesday' each week where students are encouraged to bring a lunch box that doesn't have any waste.

Canteen

- Please let teachers know through Class Dojo when your child has a recess or lunch order so we can ensure they have them each time (Especially early in the year when children are getting used to everything!!)
- There are no over the counter purchases. All pre orders are made through flexi schools or via cash payment before school.
- All canteen purchases are for your child ONLY and not to be shared with others (Allergies etc.)
- We are always looking for more volunteers, please contact Lynne in the canteen if you can help out.
- Busy days are always Fridays, consider another day for a lunch order.

Best Start Assessments

- Assessments were completed in week 1 before school started.
- Data has been entered and is being reviewed. Parents will receive written feedback over the next couple of weeks. Information from assessment provides teachers with a starting point. Parents are welcome to discuss the information that they receive with their child's class teacher.

Book Packs

- Thank you to those who have already paid
- \$50 can be paid online via the link on the school website – Make A payment link. Online payment is the preferred payment method.
- Covers stationery/books and classroom equipment and online subscriptions for your child in classroom
- Delivered straight to classroom.

Homework

- Our program cover all areas of learning to read
- News-important part of our Oral Language program, prepare each week with your child on each specific topic.
- Phonics- Decodable readers (2 books per week, read at last twice)
- Read to - Library book with comprehension questions (1 quality text borrowed per week)
- Fluency lists will also be send home later in the term
- Homework will begin in Week 8

Uniforms

- All children are expected to wear full school uniform, every day. Sports uniform to be worn on Thursday 23rd February. Please ensure all belongings are labelled with first and last name.
- School Hats are required for recess, lunch, PE lessons and Sport. We have a 'no hat, play in the shade' policy.
- Our uniform shop is open every Wednesday mornings from 8:30am – 9.30am. Orders can be placed through flexischools or by filling out a uniform purchase order form.

Communication

- You can receive the school newsletter via email.
- Whole school Dojo messages
- TPS Official School Facebook page
- Paper notes- Zipper bags

Class Dojo

- Our ClassDojo app is a VERY Important form of 2-way communication. Teachers may also share work samples and class, small group or individual photos.
- This is checked at least once daily by classroom teacher.
- Urgent messages during the day need to go through the office. DO NOT use ClassDojo as the teacher may not see the message.
- Teachers also have quiet hours set. They are not expected to answer messages during this time.

Wellbeing

- We have a number of wellbeing programs ran in our school such as; Seasons for Growth, Kidsmatter, You Can Do It and our weekly social skills program.
- Lunch Club- is a place for respite from the loud and busy playground. Students can attend Lunch Club on referral from their classroom teacher.
- Wellbeing dog- we are trialing a well-being dog program in our school.

Birthdays

- Due to current times we cannot share food from home for a birthday treat.
- Individually wrapped treats
- Iceblocks are popular to order from the canteen. Let class teacher know through Class Dojo please.
- Canteen needs a couple of days' notice to ensure they have enough ice blocks frozen

Allergies

Anaphylaxis – nuts, dairy, tuna and fish. Nut and dairy allergy / residue in the school.

- To ensure the safety of all students Kindergarten students are washing hands and do not share food.

Classrooms

- Each teacher and classroom have their own reward system.
- Consistent management of negative behaviour. After several instances persistent inappropriate behaviour is communicated with the AP where strategies are further discussed to help improve their behaviour.
- Deputy Principals (DP's) are involved if serious behaviour continues.
- You will be notified of small incidents via ClassDojo or a phone call may be necessary if the behaviour continues.

Reminders

- Please fill out the student information online form ASAP
- Look out for the 'How do I get Home form?' on Friday
- The staff carpark is for staff and parents from the Support Unit who have a parking pass.
- Let you child's teacher know about Lunch orders/birthday orders
- If you would like to talk individually about your child with the class teacher please make a time for another day.

Thank you so much for all of your support. We look forward to a fantastic first year of school for all students and families. Please don't hesitate to contact me if you have any concerns.

Kind regards,

Brooke Walkaden

Assistant Principal