



# Welcome to Term Two!

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The Kindy children have settled in well in their first week back at Kindy.

We are very excited to welcome parents/carers back into the classroom each morning. You are welcome to complete puzzles, books and tabletop activities with your child in the morning.

Just a reminder that our doors open at 8:30am and our Kindy Program begins at 8:45am. Our Kindy day concludes at 2:45pm. Please pick up your child promptly after school. Should someone other than the parents be picking up your child, please let their teacher know in writing.

## Parent Help

We are excited to be starting our Parent Roster as of Week 3 and sharing our Kindy experience with you. There is enough room on the roster for each child to have one family representative to attend as helper once this term.

On our notice board is our Parent Helper Roster. Please write your name, along with your child's name on one of the dates for this term.

## Kindy Curriculum

This term, the Kindy themes will include the garden, minibeast and community.

In Literacy, we will focus on comprehension skills (recalling information, retelling stories and Blank Level questions) and continue to consolidate the six pre-writing shapes. We will continue to focus on pre-reading skills including the parts of a book and on developing the children's fine motor skills to get their fingers ready for writing.

This term, we will begin Cracking the Code and Talk4Writing. Cracking the Code is a phonological awareness program that focuses on the development of children's oral language skills. This program will provide the foundational skills for students' future reading, spelling and writing. Talk4Writing is an approach that enables children to read and write independently for a variety of audiences and purposes within different subjects. At a Kindy level, we provide the foundation skills for this program. We create story maps and invent our own stories. We associate pictures and actions to key words in the story to help us retell the story. This approach provides students opportunities to develop crucial early reading and oral language skills.

In Maths, we will focus on measurement comparisons, subitising, patterning, number and counting skills, sorting, shapes and their attributes, positional language and graphing.

We will also continue with Library and Kidz n Sport.

## **Important Dates**

- 6<sup>th</sup> May (Koalas) and 9<sup>th</sup> May (Kangaroos) – Mother's Day Breakfast
- 6<sup>th</sup>/7<sup>th</sup> June: No School (Kangaroos) – Public Holiday and Staff Development Day

If you have any queries, concerns or comments, please feel free to talk to us or send us an email. The best educational journey for your child is one that involves the child, the family and the school all working together to give the best possible outcome. We value being part of your child's first year of school.

The Bateman Kindy Staff