



## BATEMAN KINDY NEWSLETTER



TERM 2

### Welcome to Term 2

The Kindy students have settled in well in their first week back this term.

We are excited to be starting our **Parent Roster** as of Week 2 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 ☺

Reminder that our **doors now open at 8.30 am** and our **Kindy Program begins at 8.45 am.**

### New Staff

We are excited to have two new staff members joining our Kindy team.

Ms Marilen Sabaria (Miss M) is an Education Assistant joining the Kangaroo group.

Mrs Jasmine Munro is the new Teacher in the Koala group. She will be replacing Mrs Slavin for the remainder of the year while she is on long service leave.

Mrs DeCampo and Mrs Munro will work collaboratively to provide a fun and engaging program for our Kangaroo and Koala students.

### Curriculum Overview

This term we will be continuing with Kidz 'N Sport, Kindermusik and Library. We will be adding three valuable programs to our Kindy curriculum.

- U R STRONG is a whole-school social skills program. It teaches children the skills, language and self-confidence to develop healthy friendships. In Kindy we will be using a Stuffedie (stuffed toy) to assist with our learning. **Please bring in a small, Stuffedie that can be stored in a drawer at school for the duration of the term.** Please ensure it is **not** your child's favourite stuffed toy as it will be kept at sc



- Cracking the Code is a phonological program that focuses on the development of children's oral language skills. This is a crucial area that will provide foundational skills for students' future reading, spelling and writing.
- Talk for Writing 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 for nursery rhymes and 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 writing skills.

## Themes



We are using the following themes to stimulate our early literacy, fine motor, mathematics and play skills and knowledge this term:

- Mother's Day
- Farm animals
- Zoo / Wild animals
- Australian animals / Dreamtime stories
- Aboriginal culture / Noongar Seasons / Naidoc week

## Important Dates

26 April - Anzac Day Public Holiday

12 May - Farmyard on Wheels Incursion (both Kindy classes attend school on the same day)

7 June - WA Day Public Holiday

8 June - Staff Development Day (students do not attend school)

16 June - West Oz Wildlife Incursion (both Kindy classes attend school on the same day)

- A permission note for the Farmyard on Wheels Incursion will be sent home in week 2. Please fill out the permission slip and return it to school along with the payment.

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.

Thank you,

Kindy Kangaroo and Koala staff

