

12 February 2021

Kindergarten Parent Information

Dear Parents,

This year the Kindergarten teachers are Miss Copland (K Red), Miss Bray (K Blue), and Miss H (K White). The Kindergarten classes will be learning together this year.

Curriculum

Kindergarten students will be participating in activities across the Key Learning Areas of Literacy, Numeracy, Science and Technology, Geography, History, Creative and Performing Arts and Personal Development, Health and Physical Education.

English	Students will engage in reading and viewing, writing, spelling, grammar, handwriting and speaking and listening tasks. English is taught using the L3 teaching pedagogy (Language, Learning & Literacy).
Mathematics	Students will be investigating a range of mathematical concepts including number and algebra, measurement and geometry, and statistics and probability. They will be encouraged to ask questions and use known facts to explore mathematical problems.
Science	Students will cover a new topic within Science lessons every term. These include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Term 1 - Material World (identifying that objects are made of materials that have observable properties) ➤ Term 2 - Living World (exploring the characteristics, needs and uses of living things) ➤ Term 3 - Physical World (observing the way objects move and relates changes in motion to push and pull forces) ➤ Term 4 - Earth and Space (identifying how daily and seasonal changes in the environment affect humans and other living things)
History	The History unit 'Personal and Family Histories' will be taught in Semester 1.
Geography	The Geography unit 'People Live in Places' will be taught in Semester 2.
Creative Arts	Kindergarten will enjoy a range of Visual Arts, Dance, Music and Drama activities throughout the year.
Personal Development, Health and Physical Education	Weekly P.E. activities will include ball skills, fundamental movement skills, fitness and games. Kindergarten students will participate in sport on Tuesdays and Fridays. Please ensure your child is wearing appropriate sport shoes on these days.

Routines

- Kindergarten will attend the library. Please bring a library bag (clearly labelled with your child's name) to borrow a book on their library day.
 - K Red – Thursday
 - K Blue – Wednesday
 - K White – Wednesday
- Bags, hats, jumpers, lunchboxes and drink bottles should be clearly labelled with your child's name.
- Any money and notes should be placed in a zip-lock bag clearly labeled with your child's name and class. This is to be given to the teacher during roll call or to the front office prior to school.
- Attendance will be marked at 9.00am. Students arriving at school after this time **MUST** be signed in by a parent at the front office.
- 'Fruit Break' will occur at 10:00am each morning. Students can snack on fruit/vegetables **ONLY** in class at this time.
- **Parents and Citizens Meetings** are held via Zoom or in the Library on Tuesday at 5:30pm in Weeks 3 and 7 of each term. All parents and interested community members are welcome to attend. Please follow the Queanbeyan East P&C facebook page for more details.

Important

Our school is a nut aware school. Please **do not send any type of nuts** as snacks or lunches made with nut products (such as peanut butter and Nutella). We also have an anaphylactic student that is allergic to kiwi fruit, **please do not send kiwi fruit** to school.

Positive Behaviour Program

At Queanbeyan East we encourage and recognise students who display our 3R's - Resilience, Respect and Responsibility. There are 3 Blue awards to collect, followed by a Red award. The completion of our behaviour system and highest accolade is a School Pennant.

Communication

We encourage parents to contact us through the Class Dojo app or through the office to arrange a suitable time should you wish to discuss your child's learning. While we are happy to answer any quick questions during the day, we encourage you to make an appointment to ensure you have our undivided attention.

- **Class Dojo** – Through this app you can connect to your child's learning and communicate with their class teacher.
- **Facebook** – If you would like to stay connected with the latest news and information, we have a Facebook page you can follow. Search for Queanbeyan East Public School on Facebook.
- **School Website** – Our school website contains lots of information regarding our school. You can also locate electronic copies of notes and permission notes on our website. If you misplace a note or do not have internet access at home, we also have copies at the front office for you to collect. The address is <https://queanbeyae-p.schools.nsw.gov.au/>
- **Sentral** – Our school has a free app available to download for Apple and Android devices. The Sentral Parent Portal app contains important information and sends alerts regarding our school. Notes, permission notes and newsletters can also be accessed via this app.
- **Absences** – All absences must be explained as soon as possible. If your child is absent from school, please either phone the office on 6297 2619 or email queanbeyae-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au with an explanation or submit an absentee via the Sentral Parent Portal app.

We look forward to an engaging and successful year with Kindergarten 2021.

Kind regards,

The Kindergarten Team
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