

Welcome to Term 4, Year 1 2022



Dear Parents/Carers,

We hope you had a relaxing holiday break! We are very excited for Term 4!

School values

Each class has set expectations based on our school values. These have been negotiated by both students and teachers and reflect our school welfare guidelines. These three values underpin our day to day interactions as members of Randwick Public School.

- Be Responsible
- Be Respectful
- Be a Learner

Parents as Partners

The best way to encourage children to value education is to show them that you value it too. You can do this by ensuring your child:

- Attends school every day, unless sick;
- Arrives at and is collected from school on time;
- Has full school uniform including their school broad brimmed hat and is well groomed;
- Has a sufficient amount of nutritious food and water every day.

Communication with the Teacher

If you need to speak with your teacher regarding your child's learning or welfare, please feel free to contact them directly via SeeSaw (1B, 1L, 1K, 1R, 1O) or via email if your child has more than one class teacher (1CF, 1AB). Please understand that it may take a day or two to return your message. Student work and class/grade announcements will be shared via Seesaw. Messages that need to be communicated to the whole school community will also be shared via SeeSaw. If you have an urgent message that needs to be shared with the class teacher or your child (e.g. change of afternoon pick up arrangements) please call the school office on (02) 9398 6022.

Class Supplies

Some classes are running low on tissues, soap, hand sanitiser and whiteboard markers. If you would like to donate supplies to your child's class, it would be greatly appreciated. Year 1 teachers have noticed that some students' headphones are no longer working. Teachers will be sending home these headphones and we kindly request that new headphones are brought to school so students can use them for learning tasks.

Homework

Homework will be issued every Friday from Week 1, Term 4 (14th October 2022). It is to be returned to class every Thursday morning. Homework should take approximately 20 – 30 minutes per day, no more. Homework will include a grid with a variety of activities from different Key Learning Areas.

Homework Routines will include:

1. Daily reading for 10-15 minutes from the student's Home Reading Book. This includes discussing the book with your child. 4 books will come home on Thursday to read. Parents should sign and date the Home Reader Log Book. Home reading should be easy and enjoyable. Students are regularly tested in class and the level of home readers changed as appropriate.
2. Fortnightly activity grid, with students choosing activities from different subject areas.
3. Maths Mentals set in a textbook.
4. Online homework such as Mathseeds and Reading Eggs is optional.

Please mark your child's homework as they complete it. Instant feedback is one of the keys to successful learning.

Attendance

If your child is absent from school please email (randwick-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au) or call the school (02 9398 6022) as soon as you can. If your child is booked in to attend Randwick After School Care and they are absent from school, please alert the Care Centre.

Birthdays

We love celebrating birthdays in class. Sadly we are not currently allowed to share food, given COVID19 restrictions. If you wish to send in something to celebrate your child's birthday please send something individually packaged such as ice blocks from the school canteen. These can be pre-ordered via Flexischools.

Key Learning Areas

The six key learning areas in primary school are: English, Mathematics, History and Geography (HSIE), Science/STEM, Personal Development, Health and Physical Education (PDHPE) and Creative Arts.

English

The three English strands are: Reading & Comprehension; Writing & Representing; and Speaking & Listening. Learning in Reading & Comprehension is supported by daily InitialLit phonics lessons, weekly reading groups activities and explicit comprehension and vocabulary lessons using quality children's literature. In Term 4, students will be learning to write descriptive, imaginative texts about characters and places. In Speaking & Listening, students will continue to deliver oral presentations.

Mathematics

The three Mathematics strands are: Number & Algebra, Measurement & Geometry and Statistics & Probability. In Term 4, students engage in learning activities in all strands. These include working with whole numbers - adding, subtracting, multiplying and dividing. Students will also learn how to calculate the value of money and the volume and capacity of objects. They will learn how to read data and create their own graphs as well as tell the time.

Geography

Students will gain inquiry skills, learning how to read and interpret maps. Students will investigate Australia's location in relation to the rest of the world. They will also learn to identify important features on a map of Australia, including locating its states and territories.

Science and Technology

Students will continue to investigate Earth and Space by looking at observable changes occurring in the sky, including changes in the weather. Students will also learn about the water cycle. Classes will learn the skills to create their own digital ebooks with the focus on communicating the importance of conserving water.

Creative Arts

Creative Arts includes Visual Arts, Dance, Music and Music. In Term 4 students will be experimenting with a range of different mediums and techniques to produce an artwork that communicates a message about the importance of environmental sustainability. Weekly Music lessons will continue to be taught by our specialist Music teacher, Mr Brown.

PD/H/PE

Fundamental movement skills will continue to be taught in weekly Physical Education (PE) sessions this term. Students will practise their skills whilst engaging in structured paired or team games. In Personal Development and Health (PD/H) lessons students will be learning to identify and explain the qualities of positive friendships and healthy relationships.

Assembly

Assembly will be held fortnightly on Friday from 11.40am-12:20pm in the Hall during odd school weeks (Weeks 3, 5, 7, 9). Your class teacher will communicate with you via Seesaw about attending assembly when your child's class is hosting.

Class	Hosting Week
1K	Week 3 (28th October)
1CF	Week 5 (11th November)
1L	Week 7 (25th November)
1O	Week 9 (9th December)

Important Dates in Term 3:

Event	Date
Art Event	Friday, 2nd December (Week 8)
P&C End of Year BBQ (Summer Fair)	Friday, 2nd December (Week 8)
Colour Run	Thursday 8th December (Week 9)
Kindergarten and Year 1 Picnic	Thursday 15th December (Week 10)
Last Day of Term	Monday 19th December (Week 11)

Newsletters

Please keep updated via the **fortnightly School Newsletter** for more information related to whole school activities.

Please ensure your **email contact details** are up to date with the school office. Copies of the School Newsletter are available via Seesaw or on the school website: <http://www.randwickpublicschool.com.au/>

Throughout the school year, please remember:

- Ensure students arrive on time to school each day;
- Ensure students personal and health details are kept up to date and that any medication details are always kept at the front office and are up to date on CareMonkey;
- Ensure all homework is completed promptly.
- Small toys and valuable items are NOT to be brought to school.
- Ensure that your child wears the full school uniform including the school broad brimmed hat.
- Label ALL your child's items of clothing, hats, food and drink containers.

Pick Up Arrangements

Please collect your child from the Silver Seats at 3pm each afternoon, unless they are going to OOSH. If it is raining, you can collect your child from the basketball court next to the AMS Cola. If you would like your child to go to Kiss&Go with an older sibling or by themselves, you must communicate this to the class teacher in writing.

Thank you very much, your support is greatly appreciated. We look forward to a wonderful term of fun and learning with you and your child!

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(Year 1 Assistant Principals)