



KINDERGARTEN OVERVIEW - TERM 4 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

Only one term left before our annual break! We will continue to prepare the students for transition into Year 1. We want the students to gain increased independence, especially in regards to routines, procedures and looking after their own belongings. Home routines are also important and allowing them to pack their bags in the morning or the night before, and be responsible for their belongings, should also help them to progress.

Excursions / Events - No-one currently permitted on site - more information to come about the events below.

Grandparents Day

Friday 28 October

Botanic Gardens Excursion

Friday 4 November

Gymnastics (in-school)

Tuesday Weeks 6-9

Kindy Presentation Assembly

Wednesday 30 November

End of Year BBQ & Art Event

Friday 2 December

Colour Run (in-school)

Thursday 8 December

Kindy Graduation

Tuesday 13 December

K-1 Picnic Day

Thursday 15 December

Students' Last Day

Monday 19 December

Assemblies

Assembly will be held in the hall from 2:20 – 3:00pm on Fridays starting in Week 2. The families of students **presenting** are invited to watch the assembly.

- Week 2, Friday 21 October- presented by KC
- Week 6, Friday 18 November - presented by KP
- Week 8, Friday 2 December - presented by KM

Homework

Students should be practising recognising the **sight words** that are given out throughout the term, as well as continuing to practise sight words that have been previously sent home. About 25% of all texts we read are made up of these high frequency words, so it is important that there is confident, automatic recognition. It's good to play lots of memory and matching games and have them visually evident on the fridge or around the house.

Here are some websites that may help to revise sight words:

- For generating bingo or flash cards: www.sightwords.com
- For digital sight word games, like memory or spin the wheel: www.wordwall.net

Home reading should be completed Friday - Wednesday and should be easy and enjoyable. We read regularly with students in class and the home reader level is changed as appropriate; we monitor reading accuracy, fluency and comprehension before adjusting levels. All home reading should be recorded in the reading log.

Engaging in **Reading Eggs** and **Maths Seeds** activities is optional.

A reminder that homework is collected on a Thursday and returned to students on a Friday. This provides you with the opportunity to complete homework over the weekend if you choose.



Key Learning Areas

English

Reading & Responding: The following sounds will be taught throughout the term: long a, long e, long o, long i, long u. Consolidation of sight words and learnt sounds, as well as new sounds, will be taught throughout the term in class and in Literacy Groups. We will also be learning strategies to comprehend a variety of texts, including 'Alexander's Outing'.

Writing: The focus will be on descriptive writing and punctuation. Students are encouraged to use conjunctions such as and, so and because to add detail to their sentences.

Speaking & Listening: As of Week 2 (starting October 17) we will be resuming **Talking Time**. Each week there will be a **different topic** that your child will need to discuss with you at home and plan something that they would like to say on their **Talking Time day** (see schedule below). Please refer to the '**Talking Time**' **topic sheet** below so that you can assist your child in brainstorming ideas.

Mathematics

In readiness for Year 1, Kindergarten students will be working on increased skills in mental computations and problem solving skills using addition, subtraction, multiplication and division (sharing and understanding repeated addition and a 'fair share'). Students will also be working on graphing, ordinal numbers, money, giving directions and describing area.

Geography

We will continue our unit, 'People Live in Places'. Students will explore how the location of places can be represented by viewing, discussing and creating a variety of maps. Students will experiment with bird's eye view and using a key to represent landmarks.

Science/STEM

Students have been learning about different materials and their properties in the unit, 'Playground Design'. We are exploring why different materials are used to create a variety of playground equipment and students are drawing upon their knowledge to design play equipment. Students will use concrete materials, such as lego and blocks, to create a model of their playground equipment.

Personal Development, Health and Physical Education (PDHPE)

Kindergarten students will participate in the program 'Me and My Body', which explores their identity, growth and self-management skills. Students will identify how people grow and change, and develop a number of skills and strategies to stay safe.

The gymnastics program begins in Term 4, equipping students with a range of skills. Additional gymnastics lessons will be run by SportsPro during Weeks 6-9 of Term 4.

Creative Arts

We will continue exploring a variety of sounds, instruments and simple traditional notation with Mr Brown and Ms Kooper in Music. In visual arts, students will explore and appreciate the different aspects of a variety of artworks. Students will explore a variety of different mediums and techniques, culminating in the creation of a beautiful artwork which will be displayed for purchase at the end of year BBQ on Friday 2 December.



General Information

Reports

Semester Two reports will be available for viewing at the end of Term 4. It is a comprehensive written report outlining student achievement in all 6 Key Learning Areas and specialist programs across the school. Throughout the Semester, teachers have been assessing and monitoring students to gain information on their achievements.

Grandparents Day

Grandparents day will be celebrated at Randwick Public School on Friday 28 October from 9-10am. Grandparents, or older role models, are invited into the classroom to engage with students, share stories and participate in a simple activity. Kindergarten will host a short assembly to celebrate our grandparents and share some songs that they have been learning with them.

Kindergarten Annual Presentation Day

The Kindergarten Annual Presentation Day will be held on Wednesday 30 November. On this day, we reflect on the school year and acknowledge the achievements of many of our Kindergarten students. Parents are invited to attend the assembly; more information will come later in the term.

Kindergarten Graduation

On Tuesday 13 December, a 'Kindergarten Graduation' presentation will be held in your child's classroom at 2:30pm. Parents are invited to attend this informal event, where we will reflect on the year that was, share memories and celebrate one year of school!

Staying in touch

Interviews

If you wish to discuss your child's progress please arrange an appointment by emailing your child's classroom teacher and they will be more than happy to discuss your child over the phone or face to face at a mutually convenient time.

Newsletters / Communication

The Randwick School Newsletter is available fortnightly and contains information related to school activities. It is available via **Seesaw** and on the school website. Skoolbag is our main form of mass communication to families, install the app on your phone or tablet to stay up to date. Permission notes will continue to be sent via **Operoo**. We will also continue to communicate, post to our journals and send out reminders for Kindergarten parents via **Seesaw**.

A reminder that urgent messages should be called through to the office. Concerns regarding academic progress or student wellbeing should be raised via email or in person. These methods of communication are fantastic, as are conversations between teachers and students. Please encourage your child to speak directly to their teacher about simple concerns such as taking turns, minor friendship problems, lunch orders and lost property.

Notes / Attendance

Students who are unwell or showing cold/flu symptoms should **not** attend school. If they are unwell at school, you will be called to pick them up from the school office. Report your child's absence directly to the school office on the same day by phoning the office or emailing randwick-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au.



Unexplained absences will be followed up by a phone call/email.

If your child is booked in to attend Randwick After School Care and they are absent, please alert the Care Centre (Ph. 9398 7653).

We look forward to a happy and productive last term with your children and thank you for your continued support.

Kind regards,

Kindergarten Teachers

Term 4 Talking Time

Week	Week Beginning	Topic
2	October 17	If you could have a super power, what would it be and why?
3	October 24	Talk about someone old and special in your life, eg. grandparents, family friends.
4	October 31	If you had a pet monster what would it look like? What would they do and say?
5	November 7	If I could design a new type of playground equipment, what would it be?
6	November 14	Bring in something you are proud of. Tell us how you got it and why you are proud of it.
7	November 21	Bring in your favourite story book. Tell us about the characters and what happens in the story.
8	November 28	What has been your favourite part of Kindergarten? What is your most special memory?
9	December 5	What are you looking forward to in Year 1 and what do you think it will be like?
10	December 12	Free choice.