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**Kindergarten Term 1 Overview 2021**

Dear Parents and Carers,

We are excited to begin this learning journey with you. Below you will find specific information about what we will be teaching in Term 1 this year, as well as other important information and dates to put in your calendar. As always, if you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to speak with your class teacher.

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| **Kindergarten Staff****KA:** Mrs Tanya Angel **KB**: Mrs Eleni Boulas**KC**: Miss Carla Alessi**KL:** Ms Cecilia Leung (Mon, Tues, Wed), Mrs Pilar Doval (Thu, Fri)**KP**: Miss Tara Poole**KT**: Miss Adele Turnbull (Mon, Tues, Wed, Fri), Mrs Emily Lee (Thu) | **Additional Classes and Teachers****Music**: Ms Eva Koumi & Mrs Lindsey Forster**Physical Education** (PE): Ms Eva Koumi & Mrs Katrina Morrow**Library**: Mrs Elizabeth Pike**Mandarin**: Ms Sandra Lau & Ms Peggy Leung**Korean**: Ms Ji Yeom**English as an Additional Language/Dialect (EAL/D):** Mrs Karen Sparrow |
| *Early Stage 1 (ES1) Assistant Principal: Miss Adele Turnbull**Deputy Principal K-2: Mrs Sarah Balestriere* |

Kindergarten classes attend Music, Sport and Library lessons each week. On the day of their Sport lesson, they need to wear their sport uniform (white polo shirt, blue shorts and sport shoes). On the day of their Library lesson, they need to bring a library bag to carry their books in. The days for each class are listed below:

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| Class | Sport Day | Library Day |
| KA | Wednesday | Monday |
| KB | Thursday | Tuesday |
| KC | Monday | Tuesday |
| KL | Wednesday | Monday |
| KP | Thursday | Monday |
| KT | Wedneday | Tuesday |

Below is a summary of the what we will be learning during Term 1:

**English**

* Oral language activities to develop awareness of the sounds in the English language and key vocabulary.
* Opportunities for students to speak with and to their peers about familiar topics to develop communication skills and confidence.
* Modelled and shared reading of story books looking at how pictures and words convey meaning, answering questions about characters and sequencing key plot events.
* Fine motor and handwriting activities to develop students’ pencil grip and letter formation.
* Guided writing and journal entries.

**Mathematics**

* Counting forwards and backwards from any given number to 20.
* Sorting, classifying, comparing, grouping, matching objects one to one
* Recognising basic shapes and making simple patterns
* Name and order the days of the week and sequence events in a day (i.e. morning, afternoon, evening)
* Describing the position of objects and following directions

**Science and Technology**

* Weather in my world
* We will hold an incursion for our Science unit in week 9. Permission notes will be sent home closer to the date.

**History**

* Personal and family histories

**Creative Arts**

* Using different media (pencils, crayons, paint, collage) to create artworks.
* Music lessons: Singing, dancing, learning about different musical instruments and playing basic percussion.
* Dramatic play and enacting scenes from familiar stories.

**Personal Development, Health and Physical Education (PDHPE)**

* Daily physical activity.
* Students will be taught fundamental skills they can use in many different sports including throwing, hitting, kicking and movement skills. Sports uniform is to be worn on PE days.
* Healthy eating habits and playing safely.

**Communication**

* Absences – please phone the office or email eastwood-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au . You can also submit student absences through the Eastwood Public School SZ app.
* Late arrivals and early leavers must go to School Office with parents to sign in or out.
* Parent and Teacher interviews will be scheduled for all students at the end of Term 1.
* Write a note to your class teacher or send an email to the school at:
eastwood-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au
* Connect with us on the SZ app – information about how to download this app is located in the office.

**Making Life Easier for your Child at School**

* Please ensure your child wears their name badge every day during Term 1. Replacement badges are available if lost.
* Hat and drink bottle every day – label ALL belongings.
* Pack crunch & Sip (fresh fruit/vegetables and water), recess (small snack), and lunch in labelled containers/packets that are easily opened by your child.
* Due to allergies/anaphylaxis, there is a firm ‘no sharing’ rule for student food.
* We do not recommend sending money for Kindergarten to spend at the canteen during Term 1.
* Lunch orders can be placed at the canteen via QKR app – make sure your child’s name and class are clearly printed on the order. Kindergarten children should not be responsible for placing lunch orders.

**How to Help Your Child at Home**

* Show interest in your child’s work. Encourage them to take pride in their work and praise their efforts.
* Practice opening lunch boxes and individually packaged snacks.
* Read to and with your child. Share a variety of books.
* Practice writing their full name (first and last names).
* Play games together to build cooperative and communication skills.
* Assign your child simple jobs to help at home and establish organisation routines.

**Special Event Dates in Term 1**

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| Thursday 18 February at 5pm | Meet the Teacher Evening |
| Tuesday 23 March | Science Incursion |

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**ES1 Assistant Principal K-2 Deputy Principal**