



# Maribyrnong Primary School

## Kindergarten Overview- Term 1



### Term 1 Learning

Welcome to *The Desert Dreamers*, the Kindergarten unit. For the start of term, while students are settling into Kindergarten, classes will remain fluid. On Monday week two, you will receive an email from the school confirming your child's teacher and class name.

This term we will be engaging in the inquiry unit 'My Family' which will focus on exploring:

- How they, their families and friends know about their past.
- What events are important to them.
- How they celebrate special occasions.

Literacy will focus on:

- The Sounds-Write program which teaches that letters are symbols for sounds.
- Learning the sounds in a structured order, on a fortnightly basis.
- Daily reading where they will view, listen to and enjoy texts that entertain and inform.
- Fine motor development to support early writing.

Mathematics will focus on:

- Developing early number sense including making connections between number names, numerals and quantities to 10 and beyond.
- Counting in sequence, continuing patterns and classifying and sorting objects.
- Posing and answering questions and collecting information.

### Food and Belongings

Each day students will have three eating times; Fruit break, B1 and B2. A fruit break mid-morning supports student engagement and learning. As such, please ensure your child has a fruit or vegetable snack to eat during our morning session in addition to lunch and an afternoon snack. As we are an 'Allergy Aware School', we ask that you do not include nut products or eggs in your child's lunchbox. Please ensure your child comes to school each day with a labelled water bottle, lunch box, SunSmart hat and appropriate enclosed footwear. Please pack a spare pair of clothes in a plastic bag. We discourage students bringing toys to school as they often get lost or damaged.

### Specialist Classes

#### Tuesday/ Wednesday – Library

Please send a library bag labelled with your child's name.

**Tuesday – Music, PE**

### How you can support learning

Develop your child's love of reading by reading with, or to them in both their first language and/or English.

Talk about the days of the week, the sequence of events, the time of day and the length of time events take.

Identify numbers in the environment such as on street signs and when at the supermarket and count or sort household items.

Develop oral language by playing card games and board games together.

Involve your child in cooking and shopping.

### Important Dates for Kindergarten

Week 2 - Welcome BBQ (Monday)

Week 3 – *Getting to Know You* Interviews.

Weeks 3-4 – Students will participate in a teacher guided online assessment (BASE).

Week 5 – Water Fun Afternoon (Friday March 1<sup>st</sup>)

Week 10 – Cross Country (Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> April)

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