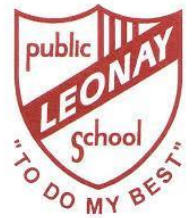




Leonay Public School

Kindergarten Newsletter Term 1, 2024



Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Welcome Kindergarten parents and carers! We are so thrilled that you chose Leonay Public School for your child's education. We have spent the last week getting to know your child and what knowledge and skills they have so that we will be able to start our learning journey ASAP. The beginning of Kindergarten is a busy time; learning how big school works and all the new routines. We are experienced Kindergarten teachers and are happy to answer any questions you have. Staff teaching on the team are Mrs Demuth (Monday-Wednesday), Mrs Devine (Wednesday-Friday) and Mrs Davies (Monday-Friday).

- Uniform

As the year begins, it is extremely important to ensure that all students have the correct uniform. Please make sure that all students have black shoes (with no other colours on them and black laces). As part of this, students need to wear grey, black or white socks, not multi-coloured or with logos. Bike shorts are not part of the uniform for girls unless they are worn under the tunic, shorts or skorts. Leonay PS hats must be worn at all times. These are available to purchase from the office anytime. Students who do not have a hat will be on hard surfaces undercover during play times. Wearing the correct uniform is a way of showing pride in our school.

- Leo Legend

In order to recognise safe, respectful behaviour on the playground, we have initiated Leo Legend tokens. These tokens will be given to students who teachers see on the playground using STAND, playing safely and interacting with others respectfully. At each assembly all token holders will have the opportunity to win a \$2 canteen voucher.

- Communication

Leonay Public School communicates with parents through Compass. Compass is a school management system that streamlines administration tasks within schools. It has the backing of the Department of Education, and it is utilised by many schools in our area. Please ensure you have the Compass app to keep up to date with notes, events and school information.

Thank you for supporting Leonay Public School and your child to receive the best education possible. We are here to support you also so please do not hesitate to come and see us if you have any concerns or queries or phone the office and we will get back to you as soon as we can.

Yours in Education,

Mrs Demuth, Mrs Devine and Mrs Davies

Up Coming Events

- **Leonay PS is turning 50!!!**

More information about events throughout the year will follow.

- Dental Clinic starts on Friday 16 February
- Scripture starts Thursday 29 February
- Easter Hat Parade will be on Wednesday 27 March
- Getting to know you parent meetings will occur the week beginning Monday 4 March
- Harmony Day celebrations on Tuesday 19 March
- Kindergarten excursion to the Calmsley Hill City Farm is Wednesday 21 August



Important Regular Events

Assemblies

Assemblies will occur most odd weeks throughout the term. The first assembly will be on Friday 16 February. During assemblies, important information will be shared, student achievement and success will be celebrated, and classes will perform an item. Information on when your child's assembly item will occur will be provided closer to the date of the performance.

Important Weekly Events

Library

Kindergarten will have a library lesson with Mrs Garbutt-Young every Friday. Library lessons are an important opportunity for children to explore a variety of texts and foster a love of reading. It is important for students to use this valuable time every week to strengthen their ever-growing reading skills. All children will borrow a book to read at home. Please ensure they have their library bag on Fridays. Every time your child borrows from the library, they complete a 'borrowing ticket' that enters them into a termly prize draw.

We will complete the Premier's Reading Challenge at school this year. You do not need to implement anything at home.

Whilst it is important to read every day, it is also important to talk to your child about what they are reading and how this relates to their world. Please ensure that your child returns their books weekly, if they have not finished reading them, they can always reborrow.



Sport Day – This will continue to be Tuesday each week. Your child will need to wear sport uniform and sport shoes. They will also need their hat and a water bottle.

The Importance of Homework

In Kindergarten, the following items will be sent home for homework:

News – News this term will involve a variety of topics for students to prepare at home. We encourage parents and caregivers to assist their child with practising their presentation. They are not required to write or record anything. Students may wish to bring in photos or objects to assist their presentation.

Home Reading – Home reading will start in Week 6. This year students will change their home readers on their News Day. Reading to your child is extremely important to foster a love of reading and learning. Leading up to the start of home readers coming home, please regularly read books to your child and then have a conversation about what happened in the story, the characters and their favourite part. This will set up a good routine for when your child brings home a reader that they can read to you!

Magic 100 – Your child will bring home Magic 100 words they are learning to read and write. It is important to complete this daily as it helps with their fast reading and writing. This will be distributed in the coming weeks.



Term 1 Learning Focuses

English –

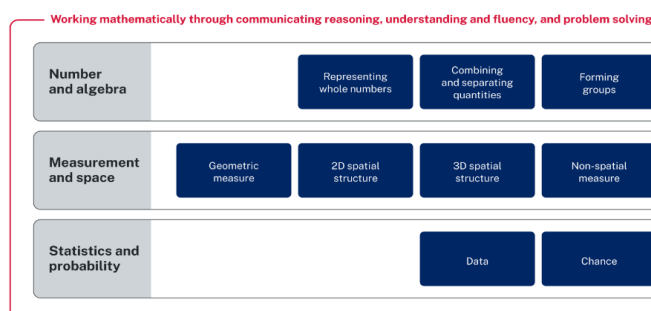
KD and KL will be implementing the K-2 syllabus units that align with the new NSW English Syllabus documents. The key focus areas for K-2 English are- Oral language and communication, Vocabulary, Phonological awareness, print conventions, phonic knowledge, reading fluency, reading comprehension, creating written texts, spelling, handwriting and understanding and responding to literature. If you would like more information on the new K-2 Syllabus you can find it here-

<https://curriculum.nsw.edu.au/syllabuses/english-k-10-2022>

- Speaking & Listening – Students will begin news this term where they share a personal event and about their family to their peers. They will also share news with their peers where they can bring in an item from home to share.
- Reading/Comprehension – Students will be exposed to quality texts throughout the syllabus documents. They will participate in literacy groups regularly throughout the week to practise their phonic knowledge.
- Writing/Handwriting – Students will be given the opportunity to start writing through using their own individual whiteboard. They will practise writing their name, individual letters with correct letter formation, simple words and sight words.
- Spelling – Students will learn specific letters and the sound that the specific letter makes through explicit instruction. This will be used to teach the skills of

Mathematics

Kindergarten will also be utilising the new K-2 Mathematics Syllabus Units. Working Mathematically is now embedded throughout all units and the areas of focus are Number and Algebra, Measurement and Space, Statistics and Probability.



If you would like further information about the new NSW Maths Syllabus you can find it here-
<https://curriculum.nsw.edu.au/syllabuses/mathematics-k-10-2022>

blending (reading) and segmenting (spelling) to assist students with their reading and writing.

The anticipated Kindergarten phonics sequence for Term 1 is at follows:

Set 1 – b, s, a, t, p

Set 2 – i, m, c, n, f

Set 3 – d, o, r, g, k

Set 4 – h, l, v, e, u

Set 5 – x, y, x, j, w

Set 6 – ck, qu, adding s for plurals

Set 7 – ll, ss, ff, zz

Set 8 – Words with more than 3 sounds

History – Exploring Families (Personal and Family Histories)

Students will investigate their own family heritage to examine change and continuities that have taken place in their lifetime. They will identify and discuss differences and similarities between their classmates and that of their own families.



Physical Education - Refining Fundamental Movement Skills

Students will continue to develop their ability to perform the fundamental movement skills relevant to their stage of learning in a variety of contexts. Early Stage 1 students this term will be given the opportunity to be involved in gross motor activities and working together as part of a team.



Science - Physical World Unit - Toys

Students will learn about the physical characteristics of objects and the effects of these on how they move. They will investigate how push and pull forces create movement and the fundamental concepts of force and motion are introduced.



Personal Development – Things That Make Me Special and What I Need to Do to Be Safe at School.

Students will explore changes associated with starting school and learn about responsibilities and rights (class rules and expectations). They will develop an awareness of similarities and differences between themselves and others. Students will learn about strengths and qualities of themselves and others. They are also introduced to STAND.

Creative Arts – Drama & Music

Students will be given the opportunity to perform music through singing, actions and body percussion, playing instruments and moving to songs. They will listen to and respond to a variety of music. They will use their imagination to create roles and communicate through improvisation, movement, mime and storytelling.



Stay Calm



Try to Ignore



Ask to Stop



Never Fight



Duty Teacher

