

**Speaking and Listening - News** This term your child will be invited to give news to their classmates starting Week 5. They are encouraged to bring a small item from home to present to the class. They may choose instead to tell their class something interesting. News days are as follows:

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Esme	Luna	Asha	Cleo	Freya
Evie	Ruby	Chloe	Fynn	Caisen
Ted	Ash	Nate	Opie	Kane
Thomas	Angus	Max	Bodhi	Jack
Ryder	Amari		Ben	

## KINDERGARTEN TIMETABLE

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
	School	Assembly	Scripture & Ethics	Sport
	Banking	1:00-1:40		
	Fitness	K Collier Library	K Donnelly Library	PBL/ BounceBack
			K Macdonald Library	

## ASSEMBLIES

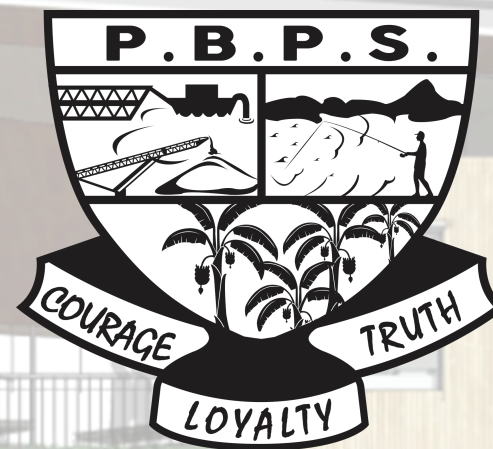
Assemblies will be held on Wednesday at 1:00pm.

	TERM 1	TERM 2	TERM 3	TERM 4
<b>WHOLE SCHOOL</b>	Week 3 Week 10	Week 10	Week 10	Week 10
<b>K-2</b>	Week 7	Week 4 Week 8	Week 4 Week 8	Week 4 Week 8

If you have any further questions about your child's education please don't hesitate to contact me by phoning the school on 66761161, sending a note in their Communication Folder, messaging me on Seesaw or contacting by email at [eleanor.collier@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:eleanor.collier@det.nsw.edu.au)

# PARENT GUIDE

## KINDERGARTEN 2021



**STAGE SUPERVISOR:** Ms Eleanor Collier

### KINDERGARTEN TEACHERS

K Donnelly - Mrs Judy Donnelly  
K Macdonald - Mr Steve MacDonald  
K Collier - Ms Eleanor Collier  
Kinder Support Teacher - Mrs Emma Goulding

### SUPPORT TEACHERS

Mrs Renai Hollis  
Mrs Suzanne Gospage  
Mrs Yula Harris  
Mrs Robyn Rampano

**BEST START.** These assessments have now been completed. All Kinder teachers will continue to update these assessments until Week 5, based on activities we complete in the classroom. The reports will be sent home this term. Please remember that this is only a snapshot of what your child demonstrated on the day and in some classroom activities. Your child may now be able to complete the task asked of them during the assessment. This information was used to support teachers to plan programs to meet individual learning needs.

**BUDDIES.** Our wonderful Year 6 buddies are continuing to support the Kindergarten students' transition into school. We plan to gradually reduce this level of support by Week 6.

**NOTES.** All notes from the teacher/school to home will be placed in a communication folder so it is essential that it is checked, emptied and returned each day. Please place any notes to me or the school and any lunch orders or banking in the communication folder. It is usually checked first thing each morning. On our Parent Portal you can access school information, announcements and absences with the ability to respond.

**SEESAW.** You will receive information on how to log onto Seesaw. Teachers will use this app to share photos of your child's learning experiences in the classroom and as a communication tool. We will upload work samples and photos of different school activities.

**HOME READING.** Your child will bring a home reader each day commencing Week 5-6. An important aspect of home reading is enjoying a book together. Initially your child may experience difficulty reading it independently. In this case, please read it to them. Perhaps you could read a page/sentence and then they could read it. We are concentrating on pointing to each word as we read, reading left to right and learning the difference between what is a word and what is a letter. Please fill in the reading log once each day, although your child should be encouraged to read the book many times.

**LUNCH.** Please pack food containers and packets that your child is able to independently open. A small amount of fruit or vegetable is required for crunch and sip. Orange juice boxes/poppers are often difficult for children to open and too much for them to drink in one sitting and probably best left for afternoon tea at home. All lunch box wrappers and scraps will come home in your child's lunchbox for sorting and recycling. Crunch and sip scraps can be placed in our compost bucket. Please be aware that the canteen is not open on a Monday.

**Bell times.** School starts at 9.00am and concludes at 3.00pm.

**HOME TIME.** If you are picking your child up at the end of the day, please wait outside the front front gates. A Kindergarten teacher will walk students to the gate ready for pick up. A Kindergarten teacher will also walk students down to the Parent Pick up zone ready for pick up. Please let me know if any changes are made to your child's pick up arrangements so we can update this information.

**ASSEMBLIES.** Our Early Stage One and Stage One assemblies will be held on Wednesday afternoons at 1pm. During Term 1 we will have an assembly in Week 7. Due to current restrictions, parents can attend by invitation only. We will let you know in advance which assembly you may like to attend.

**SPORT AND FITNESS.** All Kinder students will participate in sport and fitness on Tuesdays and Fridays and they are able to wear their coloured sport shirt on these days.

In **READING** We have been concentrating on how books work, enjoying stories and digital texts together. We are learning about words, letters, sounds and one to one matching.

In **WRITING** We are concentrating on correct pencil grip, correct pressure and formation of our letters, particularly those in our names. Please refer to the handwriting sheet provided in the orientation bag which outlines the correct formation. Your child is encouraged to use a capital only for their first letter of their name and the rest in lower case letters.

In **MATHEMATICS** We are learning how to read, write and identify numerals to 10. We are learning forward and backwards counting sequences, counting groups of items, identifying and continuing patterns and subitising to six (dot patterns on dice). We are also focusing on the mathematical language associated with our topics listed in our Term 1 overview.

**READING EGGS & MATHSEEDS.** Passwords will be sent home shortly so that you may access this program at home.

Our **LIBRARY** Lessons with Mrs Hollis and Mrs Gospage have started. The students will need their library bag each Wednesday so that they can borrow a book. Students will also be having a **SCIENCE** lesson with Mrs Harris each Wednesday and a **GEOGRAPHY** lesson with Mrs Rampano on Wednesdays. **SCRIPTURE** lessons will be on Thursdays in the afternoon session.