

Kariong Public School

Stage 1 Newsletter



Term 2 2022

Welcome to Term 2 2022

We hope that everyone had an enjoyable break and are refreshed and ready for a new term of learning! Each term this Stage 1 Newsletter will be sent home with information about the term ahead, including relevant information involving excursions, resources and topics being learned.

At any time, parents are encouraged to contact their child's teacher if there are any concerns. This can be done by phoning the office, emailing your child's class teacher or sending a note with your child to organise a mutually convenient time to meet.

Attendance and Punctuality

At Kariong Public School, students follow a sequential program of learning which begins promptly at the start of each day. Absences and late arrival at school can impact on your child's learning. Arrival at school by 8:55am is essential and allows your child to start the day on a positive note, as the day's routines are outlined, and the first lesson begins immediately. If your child arrives late, or is required to leave early, please make sure you collect a late arrival or early departure slip from the school office. Absence notes should be sent to the class teacher or absences can be notified via the school office. Any unexplained absences will be followed up with a phone call from your child's class teacher on the second day of absence as part of our Attendance Policy.

Homework

Homework is designed to develop the whole child. Stage 1 students should have been completing homework and home reading during Term 1. Students should read daily and may change their home reader as frequently as they wish. Last term, all students were provided with their login details for PM online readers and these can be recorded as a home reader. Students will also bring home spelling words to practice for Homework.

Assembly

Stage 1 will have their assembly on Tuesday afternoons in the school hall. This assembly is for students only, however, parents are welcome to attend the Monday and Friday morning assemblies from 8:55am in the courtyard.

Health Care Plans, asthma and allergies

Please advise us immediately of any medical conditions including asthma. We are currently updating any students already with a Health Care Plan.

Several of our students have been identified as having an allergy to nuts (including peanuts) and nut products. This allergy can be life threatening so we are requesting your support to help us to keep our students safe.

External Providers

If your child requires support from an external provider, such as a speech therapist or occupational therapist and this must happen during school hours, please contact the office for a request form.

PBL

Our discipline and student wellbeing approach are based on the PBL framework which promotes a positive, safe, calm and consistent environment. We aim to have clearly defined expectations, which fall under our school values of RESPECT, RESPONSIBILITY and PERSONAL BEST. Expectations, routines and procedures are explicitly taught to all students and encouraged through the use of rewards and a consistent discipline system. Throughout the term Stage 1 students will be rewarded with Lori tickets for demonstrating our schools core values. At the end of the term students can trade these tickets in to participate in our Lori Rewards Day.

SEL

SEL – Our Social and Emotional Learning program known as Bounce Back, encourages the connections your child makes with others, increases your child's sense of belonging, wellbeing and encourages resilience.

Excursions

We have some exciting excursions planned for Stage 1 this year.

This term all Stage 1 students will participate in a 'Ranger Jamie' Geography incursion at school. The cost will be \$18.50. A note for this incursion will be sent home very soon.

In Term 3 Stage 1 will be visiting the Hunter Valley Zoo and in Term 4 we will be visiting the Sydney Tramway. More details about these excursions will be provided later.

Teaching and Learning Programs

This term the teaching and learning programs include:

English

Teachers will be focusing on teaching students' strategies to read and how to comprehend what they have read. In Writing the focus will be on writing simple and complex sentences and using correct grammar and punctuation.

Mathematics

Across the term, students will be developing their mathematical knowledge, skills and understanding through learning experiences in Number and Algebra, Measurement and Geometry and Statistics and Probability. There will be a key focus on whole number, addition and subtraction and multiplication.

Science and Technology

This term, students in Stage will be learning about Living World. All Stage 1 classes will have Mrs Britt for Science, and we will begin using technology in Science this term.

Creative Arts and Performing Arts

Students will make pictures and other artworks using various media and materials, representing both real and imagined situations. They appreciate that artists make artworks, and they begin to describe some aspects of artworks. Students will sing, play and move to a range of music. They will experiment with sounds and begin to organise them into basic structures. Students will listen and respond to a variety of music.

Geography

This term, students in Stage 1 will be learning about People and Places and as part of our Geography unit we will be having an Incursion Day.

PDHPE

This term the focus in Personal Development and Health will be safe and active lifestyles and Social and Emotional Development. As part of the Physical Education Program students in Year 1 will participate in Gymnastics each week on Monday's. Year 1 students should wear their sports uniform to school on Monday's.

Dojo

We will be using Class Dojo to track our daily PBL point. Parents have been provided with a code to join and you can view your child's points. Students earn their daily PBL point in order to attend our Diamond PBL Day at the end of the year.

Communication

If you need to contact your child's class teacher, please email them or phone the office to make an appointment. If the matter is serious or you feel you would like to speak to someone other than your child's class teacher, please phone the office and speak to Mrs Rayner. Our school website, and Facebook page are regularly updated to keep parents informed of school, stage, and class events. We strongly encourage you to read the weekly newsletter that is emailed to all parents every Friday afternoon. If you have not been receiving the newsletter via email, please contact the office to update your details.

We look forward to another great term of learning and we look forward to meeting with all of our Stage 1 parents during Parent Teacher meetings which will take place from May 2nd through to May 13th.

Kind regards,

*Mrs Kerry Rayner Stage 1 Supervisor,
Stage 1 Teachers*