


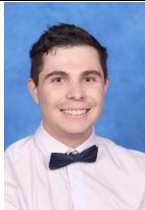







# Kindergarten 2022

						
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Welcome to Kindergarten and what we hope will be an exciting year in 2022! Your teachers have a wonderful year planned with lots of fun learning experiences for all.

**Best Start Assessments:** All Kindergarten children have completed their Best Start Assessments. A letter will be sent home in a few weeks outlining what your child is able to do and ways to support your child.

**Academic Programs:** The following programs will be embedded within all Kindergarten classes -

**Phonological Awareness:** Students will be taught the skills to hear and manipulate the sounds in words verbally. After students are proficient in this they will begin reading, writing and spelling programs.

**Mathematics:** As part of the numeracy program, teachers will implement 'Number Talks', a whole class program which focuses on improving numeracy language, reasoning and critical thinking skills for students in the infants years to ensure grade benchmarks are achieved.

**SLSO support:** This year, each Kindergarten class will have an SLSO/teacher's aide for a session to provide additional support to students in acquiring literacy skills.

**Homework:** Homework is a tool which can aid in the consolidation of work completed in the classroom. We encourage students to complete their homework as part of their nightly routine, however it is not compulsory. Homework will go home each Monday and is to be returned to class on Fridays. Official homework will commence from Term 2. This year we are moving towards online homework and will be utilising Mathletics and Decodable Readers Online. More information will come home with students about this in Term 2.

**Home reading:** The home reading program will start in Term 2. In the meantime we encourage you to continue enjoying reading books to your child as modelling positive reading behaviours has been proven to enhance academic growth. A note about the home reading program will be sent home closer to the date.

**Sport:** Kindergarten sport provides students with the opportunity to gain social skills and fundamental movement skills. Students can wear joggers, their polo shirt or coloured house shirt and shorts/pants. Kindergarten sport day will be weekly on Friday and will commence in week 4.

**Library:** Students will attend the school library to listen to stories and develop their love of reading. Students are encouraged to bring their library bag each Thursday to borrow. When they borrow 5 times they earn a Library award. Earn 3 library awards then return them to the office to receive a free book to keep.

**Excursion:** Students will have the opportunity to go on an Excursion later in the year Covid depending to support their learning in Science. This year the excursion will be based on the unit 'Paddock to Plate, where students learn about where our food comes from.



**Seesaw App:** A digital portfolio which documents your child's day at school. It is a way for teachers to share with you what's happening in the classroom and students to showcase their learning. You will receive notifications when new photos or messages are uploaded. Parents will only have access to their own child's photos. Please make sure you log onto the family account so that you can message directly to your classroom teacher. If you would like to know more about the app please see your child's teacher.

**Food:** It is important that students are provided with enough healthy food each day to help them concentrate and learn. Students have supervised eating time in the classroom every day.

**Crunch and Sip:** Every class will include a short Crunch and Sip time. Students are encouraged to pack a piece of fresh fruit or vegetables to eat during this time. Fresh fruit, vegetables and water only are allowed during this time

**Nut Aware:** We have several children in Kindergarten who are anaphylactic or have allergies to food, and any contact with nut, or products containing nuts, could be potentially life threatening. Parents are reminded to ensure students' lunches are free from nuts (e.g. peanut butter and Nutella).

**Canteen:** Lunch orders can be ordered online via the following link: <http://www.rosemeadow-p.schools.nsw.edu.au/our-school/canteen>

**Behaviour:** All classrooms have their own behaviour management strategies to create safe and conducive environments for learning. In addition to these strategies; Positive Behaviour for Learning (PBL) lessons occur weekly school wide and teach students school rules, resilience, values and safe behaviours within the school and wider community.

As with all grades at Rosemeadow P.S. we expect the very best in behaviour of all students in Kindergarten at ALL times. Inappropriate behaviour of any kind will not be tolerated. Behaviour will be closely monitored and tracked with the school's welfare tracking program. Teachers will endeavour to communicate all issues with parents at the earliest convenience. We encourage open communication with all issues. Please contact your child's teacher if any issues arise, as soon as possible, before they escalate into something major.



Our current award system will continue to celebrate students' successes and their hard work. Awards, ribbons, banners and medallions are achievable for all students. In week 10 of each term, medallions and PBL nominations will be presented at an school assembly under the K-6 shelter Covid depending.

**Assembly:** Assemblies are a time to celebrate student successes. Merit awards, banners and medallions will be handed out during assemblies. This year, Kindergarten assemblies will be held in the hall fortnightly in a Covid safe way.

**Attendance:** It is important that students are at school before 9:00am. If your child arrives after 9:00am, they need to go to the office to receive a late note before heading to class. When your child is sick or absent from school it is a legal requirement that parents provide an explanation. This can be done by either phoning the office or Seesaw app, providing a written note/doctor's certificate to the office or class teacher.

**Uniforms:** The standards we set and the pride we take in our school is largely reflected in the way we wear our uniform. It is important that all students wear their full school uniform everyday, including a school hat. Students will be expected to wear black shoes each day, except for Friday when we have sport. Please ensure all uniform items are clearly labelled with your child's name. If lost items are found in the playground they will be returned as soon as possible.

**School Photos:** School photos will take place this year on Monday 14<sup>th</sup> of March.



**Birthdays:** Due to COVID restrictions, we ask that if you want to send your child to school with cake, that it must be store bought and in individual portions (such as cupcakes). Alternatively, you can arrange with the canteen to have cupcakes made and delivered to the classroom.

The Kindergarten teachers are excited to work alongside you. If you would like to discuss your child's learning or any concerns you may have please organise a time to meet with your child's class teacher.

Thank you,  
Kindergarten Team