



2025 Kindergarten Term 1 Overview

Welcome to
Kindergarten!

Dear 2025 Kindergarten families,

We would like to warmly welcome you all to Meadowbank Public School! We are very much looking forward to working with your child and meeting you all so that we have a great year ahead. Our overview will provide important dates (please check Tuesday's newsletter for upcoming events that may not be listed yet), a brief description of this term's learning programs and other key information. If you have any questions, please contact your class teacher or Mr McCarthy.

KJ: Ms Jones

KM: Miss Muratore

KO: Miss Odetti

KV: Miss Van

KW: Miss Wong

Mr Jake McCarthy (Assistant Principal)

Important dates



- **Tuesday 18 February:** P&C Meeting All welcome - 7:30pm start
- **Wednesday 19 February:** Kindergarten Meet the Teacher Night 5pm-5:45pm
- **Weeks 5-6:** Healthy Harold van visiting
- **Tuesday 18 March:** P&C Meeting All welcome - 7:30pm start
- **Tuesday 25 March:** Iftar Dinner
- **Thursday 27 March:** Harmony Day Expo
- **Friday 11 April:** Easter Hat Parade K-2
- **Friday 11 April:** Last day of Term 1
- **Wednesday 30 April:** First day of Term 2

Parent Communication 2025



Dear families

Our Term Overviews are one of the many ways we provide our families with important information about their child's learning and wellbeing programs for each term. By sharing detailed information about our teaching and learning programs, we aim to foster a strong partnership between teachers and parents. When you are well-informed about the curriculum and learning outcomes, you can better participate in your child's education.

We look forward to working with you and our school community, building strong respectful, positive relationships through communication and collaboration.

Contacting your child's teacher

If you would like to message your child's class teacher, please email the school: meadowbank-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au with a subject (E.g. Attention to Mr McCarthy ...)

The email will be forwarded to your child's teacher.

If the matter is urgent, please call the school: **9809 3648**

Your message will be passed to the teacher.

Sentral Parent Portal

Our school is using the **Sentral Parent Portal** to provide parents one platform to access school information including school newsletters and announcements, permission notes, student academic reports, and student attendance information. Parents can also use the portal to explain student absences.

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Yours sincerely,

Cecilia Parada

Principal

English



Kindergarten will be exploring and developing a wide range of literacy skills this term through the InitialLit program. We will also be reading a variety of quality literature to develop their vocabularies and explore different themes. Students will be learning to:

- hear and identify individual sounds
- retell and create oral stories
- write capital and lower case letters
- read and write simple words

Mathematics



This term we will be focusing on developing number sense with numbers to 10. This will include:

- develop consistent numeral formation
- quantify, organise and represent collections up to 10
- identify and represent part-whole combinations up to 10

We will also engage in daily mathematics activities investigating:

- combining and separating quantities
- simple data displays
- sorting, describing and representing two-dimensional shapes
- copying, creating, and completing repeating patterns
- three-dimensional objects

Library



Students in Kindergarten will be introduced to library expectations and procedures for borrowing. Students will attend the library with their class teacher and the Teacher Librarian, Ms Grassi. Students are strongly encouraged to bring a library bag for borrowing books each week.

Students in Kindy (Early Stage One) may borrow up to 2 books.

The school library is open during lunch, allowing students to return and borrow books outside of their designated library lesson.

Library days are:

Tuesdays - KJ, KM & KO

Wednesday - KV & KW

Premier's Reading Challenge

The Premier's Reading Challenge (PRC) opens on Monday 24th February, 2025. Students in K-2 will be completing the Challenge during library lessons.

Creative Arts



This term students will participate in Visual Arts lessons where they will learn to appreciate and create artworks.

Students will:

- learn about important artists in history
- create a self-portrait
- compose artworks from a range of mediums

History



In history, students will study a unit titled 'Aboriginal Peoples are connected to Country'. This topic provides students with the opportunity to learn about the ways that Aboriginal People connect with Country, Culture and Community. The unit identifies the importance of and difference between a Welcome to Country and Acknowledgement of Country with regard to respect. The unit goes on to identify ways local Aboriginal Peoples connect to Country by engaging with Aboriginal Dreaming Stories, artefacts and oral Histories, including oral traditions of passing along Cultural Knowledge and Dreaming Stories through art, symbolism, dance song and ceremony. The unit concludes by engaging with cultural objects to identify information about the past in the present.

History will be taught by Mr Watts.

- KJ Tuesday
- KM Tuesday
- KO Thursday
- KV Thursday

- KW Wednesday

Personal Development and Health:



This term in PDH, students will be preparing for the Healthy Harold Bus visit by learning about the importance of creating safe and healthy habits. This will include choosing healthy foods for a balanced diet, the importance of personal hygiene and the benefits of physical activity and sleep.

Physical Education and Sport:

This term in PE lessons, students will be participating in a variety of fun activities designed to be fun and keep them moving! They will be learning fundamental movement skills such as static balance, sprint running, and vertical jumping. Later in the term students will develop their hand-eye coordination with a focus on throwing and catching.

Please check the list below to see which day your child needs to wear their sports uniform:

- KJ: Monday and Thursday
- KM: Thursday
- KO: Tuesday and Thursday
- KV: Monday and Wednesday

- KJ: Monday and Wednesday

Science and Technology



In Science this term, students will learn about how push and pull forces create movement and how they are essential in the world. They will be introduced to basic principles of scientific investigation. Students will also be designing and making their own moving toy.

Homework



Homework for first term is for parents! Please read to your child every night. It is important to read with your child for at least 10-15 minutes every day. Part of the reading process is talking about what you have read so that children develop their vocabularies and deepen their understandings of the world around them. You are more than welcome to read to them in a language other than English. Please record these texts in the Home Reading Diary. **These will be handed out in the children's home reading folders in Week 5. Each class' home reading folder and diary are due on Mondays. New homework will then be sent home every Tuesday afternoon.**

News: each week students will be given a different topic to prepare a talk on for their news. The topics and your child's news day were sent out in your child's home reading folder in Week 5.

Other reminders



- Morning drop-off is between 8.15-8.45am. Students **must** arrive by **8:45am**. Afternoon pick-up is at **2:45**. For drop-off in the morning and pick-up in the afternoon, students need to be seated in their class lines under the hall COLA. If you are running late in the afternoon or unable to pick up your child, please make alternative arrangements as **the teachers do not provide supervision after this time**.
- Kiss and Ride is for **drop-off only** (not pick-up in the afternoon).
- You can book your child in for **before and after school care** with our providers, **TheirCare**. Please go to the following link for further information: <https://meadowbank-p.schools.nsw.gov.au/supporting-our-students/before-and-after-school-care.html>

- Students must be wearing the correct **summer uniform**. Jewelry and other accessories should not be worn.
- Students need to bring their **school hat to school everyday**. Students will not be allowed to play in the sun if they do not bring hats.
- Lost property is located near the Canteen if students have misplaced any items.
- Please pack a small piece of fruit or vegetables for Crunch n Sip everyday. This should be packed separately to your child's lunchbox and be in a small container. Please ensure fruit/vegetables are cut up and easy for your child to eat.
- Please pack a variety of **healthy food and snacks for recess and lunch**.
- Student lunchboxes should have a handle or strap so that they can carry them up and down the many flights of stairs to our playground.
- Students **must bring a water bottle**.
- Ensure **all items are CLEARLY labelled** with your child's name especially after a few washes!
- You may wish to bring in a paint smock to avoid paint getting on your child's clothing during visual art lessons.
- A spare pair of undies and shorts (to be kept in their bags for emergencies) is recommended.
- As part of our whole school approach to a healthy lifestyle, and due to a growing number of students with allergies/anaphylaxis, we ask parents not to bring in food for student birthdays. If you would like to celebrate your child's birthday at school, you can donate a book to the class library that we can use throughout the year and read together on your child's birthday. This is not compulsory.
- If your child is absent from school, you will need to inform the school. Please let us know via one of the following methods: the Sentral parent portal, emailing the school or calling the office
- Notes for the office need to be returned in the black post box near the library/office (below the Level 1 staircase on ground level)
- Please read the school newsletter every week as it contains important information about upcoming events. You can find past editions of the newsletter via the following link: <https://meadowbank-p.schools.nsw.gov.au/newsletter.html>

- If you need to contact your child's classroom teacher, please email the school with your message: meadowbank-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au **or call the office** 02 9809 3648 to make an appointment. Please provide a brief reason about the meeting so we can address your needs appropriately.