



# Sunshine Bay Public School

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## Kindergarten News!

Dear Parents and Carers,

We would like to welcome you all again to our school and say your children are off to a fantastic start! We have loved getting to know them this week and look forward to spending the rest of the year with them. You will be receiving notes over the next week regarding library and sport days, class requirements etc. We are currently looking at having two kinder classes: KWL taught by Ms Weber and Mrs Lloyd and KG taught by Mrs Grieve. A note with your child's name has gone home today about this.

**Support;** Mrs Bennett (Instructional Leader) Justine (SLSO) and Kylie (SLSO) will be working closely with targeted students in Early Stage One this year to both extend and support students.

**Parent helpers;** We always welcome helpers and visitors at Sunshine Bay. Please inform your child's teacher if you would like to support them in the classroom so a suitable time can be arranged. If you can't commit to a weekly timeslot that's fine! Come and visit for a session when you can. You will require a Working with Children Check and to sign in at the office when you arrive.

**Eyes and ears;** If you haven't had your child's eyes and ears checked so far this year, it is highly recommended that you do so. This should be completed at the start of every school year

**School Photos;** Will be taken **Week 6 Monday the 2<sup>nd</sup> of March**. Don't forget to pack your child's photo envelope with the correct money. These will be sent out over the next few weeks.

**Labels;** Please make sure **everything is labelled** with your child's name including hats, jumpers, lunchboxes/lunchbox lids, drink bottles etc.

**Morning Routine;** For next week, students will arrive at school and sit outside the classroom from 8.25am onwards. From 8.40am, students can then go to the cola area. By the end of Week Two, Kindergarten students will be attending morning assembly with the rest of the school. School officially begins 8.55am. This year, each class in the school will begin with a circle time. It is a chance to share a positive primer (something that engages us and makes us laugh), to think about the values and expectations we bring to the following sessions as well as the learning intentions. It is a chance for any special announcements and to set ourselves up positively for the day. All classes in the school will complete ten lessons in the first six weeks of school developed to enhance student wellbeing and increase consistent language across the school when talking about school rules and relationships with teachers and students.

**Afternoon routine;** Please complete the attached note nominating how your child will leave the school grounds at the end of each day and return it to your child's teacher. From Monday Week Three, normal afternoon procedures will be followed. Students can be picked up from North gate, South gate, or catch a bus home. Students that are picked up will line up under the COLA where a teacher will escort them out to the gates for parents to pick them up.

Please don't hesitate to see the classroom teachers if there is any confusion! If there is any change to how your child is getting home, please send a note or contact the front office. Please send a note to school with any bus details so a buddy can be set up.

**Absences;** If your child is away for any reason, it is important to send a note to school or email us to explain the absence. It is best to do this as soon as they come back to school or if they are away for more than one day, please contact the school to let us know. **Teachers are required to contact a student's parents/carers if they have not been at school for two consecutive days and a notification hasn't been received.**

**Crunch and sip;** Students are given the opportunity to have a 'Nude Food' snack of fruit, salad or vegetables in the middle of our literacy session each morning. This is to give the students who may not have had breakfast or who have had an early breakfast a chance to recharge the batteries and to promote healthy food choices for active brains and bodies. Please no packet foods and can you also make sure students drink bottles are filled with water only.

**Term One literacy activities** are all based on phonological awareness and getting used to working in groups. We will do lots of work on rhyme and things that start with the same sounds. We will clap words in 'drum beats' (syllables) and learn each other's names. The students will have lots of opportunities to write their names (or even the first few letters of their names) correctly and we will be focusing on writing perfect 'a's. If students can write 'a' correctly, it makes the formation of other letters very easy. **We do not focus on letter names at all, but rather the sounds that students can hear.** Home readers will not be coming home this term, but any of the above can be practised at home. We do lots of visual processing activities with the students like asking students to 'read' colours as if they were sounds. The students will be timed in this activity. This activity is 'training the brain' ready for reading.

**Term One numeracy activities** are focused on lots of number activities. We will do lots of counting, matching numbers and making collections. We will talk about numbers before and after, and numbers that are bigger and smaller. We shall read lots of books about numbers and sing lots of songs.

**Group work** in literacy and numeracy allows students to have further support if needed, or to be extended if that is what they require.

**Class supplies needed;** The holidays were tough! We do not want to put any further financial burden on anyone by asking for supplies. If your child has a library bag (any cloth bag or pillow case will do), a set of headphones (NOT ear buds) and a paint shirt (any old shirt will do) they can bring them it, but please don't feel you have to. We can organise these things.

We look forward to a wonderful year with your children. Please ensure that general consent forms have been returned (yellow note sent home week one).

Warm regards,  
The Kindergarten teachers

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Can all parents/carers fill in the below form to let us know how your child will be leaving each afternoon.

Child's name \_\_\_\_\_

(Tick where applicable)

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Bus					
South Gate					
North Gate					

**Students catching buses only;**

Name of a 'Bus Buddy' from an older year (if known) \_\_\_\_\_

Bus number or name of bus (if you know it) \_\_\_\_\_