



Term Dates:

Term 3: Wed 26 July - Fri 22 Sep

Term 4: Tues 10 Oct - Fri 15 Dec

Please note families that free choice for term 3 will be on a Thursday from 1.30-3pm. So if you are helping with bikes etc., it is now Thursday.

What's going on at Kinma this Term

Term 3		
Date	Time	What's On
07/09 to 09/09/17	3 days	Group 3 camp
08/08/17	Violin in Primary starts	Violin in library
14/08/17	All week	Kath photographer begins photos in Primary
15/08/17	All day, Admin Meeting Room	Group 1 Parent Teacher Interviews
15/08/17	3.15pm, Hall	Parent Enrichment Forum - Literacy
16/08/17	12.30pm	Snack Attack begins for T3
19/08/17	10am-1pm, Preschool and Primary	Kinma Care Day
21/08/17	All week	Kath photographer continues photos in Preschool
23/08/17	9.30-11.30am, Hall	Open Morning for interested families
23/08/17	1.45pm, Hall	Primary 2018 Meeting for new parents
30/08/17	9.30 – 1pm bush regen site	Bushlink team coming to help in the bush site. <i>*We'd love a couple of family helpers (see office)</i>
07/09/17	Morning Sessions	Tinkering <i>*Helpers needed</i>
12/09/17	8.30am - 9.30am, Hall	Photographic Display – a celebration of our students
14/09/17	Violin in Primary last day	Violin in Library
22/09/17	3pm	Last Day Term 3
Term 4		
04/10/17	9am	First day T4
15/12/17		Last day T4
Dates for 2018		
31/01/18	9am	First day Term 1
13/04/18		Term 1 finishes
02/05/18	9am	First day Term 2
06/07/18		Term 2 finishes
01/08/18	9am	First day Term 3
28/09/18		Term 3 finishes
16/10/18	9am	First day Term 4
14/12/18		Term 4 finishes

Keep reading to find out what has been happening

Admin

The bits and pieces that helps to make their lives, your lives, and our lives easier:

- label students' clothing
- label students' eating containers
- Arrive by 9am and pick up at 3pm
- Email, telephone or drop a message if your child is NOT at school
- Support the driving to the Preschool and Primary from Aumuna Road and leave going up Coolowie Road – so we create a one way system to lessen the traffic issues
- Park only on the side closest to Preschool and Primary to make life easier for the bus drivers
- Send students with shoes either on their feet or in their bags
- Encourage the eating of healthy snacks through- out the school day
- PLEASE note that the toilet in the library is for adults only. Students are not permitted to use this toilet even in the company of a parent. This seems a little **unkinma**. However, there needs to be a clean area to offer visitors and staff at all times. This toilet is cleaned on a weekly basis, not daily as the students toilets are.
- Check out your libraries at home and return any Kinma books that may have snuck in unnoticed
- Do not ask your children to go to the car if you are not going with them.

Tinkering

Enjoy the delightful pictures of tinkering this week. What a wonderful vibe with everyone on Wednesday with everyone peacefully engaging in activity after activity. I know we say it each time but we do really appreciate the time that you give to make this happen. We had an ex family now living in the States who were out on holiday offering a pod !! Next tinkering is 7th September - would you like to come along? I often say, if you are not sure what to offer just come along and join in.

Ill Health

There seems to be a lot of nasty bugs around at the moment. Can you please make sure that if your little ones (or big ones) are unwell that they stay home. It is important that they recover and are not expected to manage a whole school day feeling unwell. It is also unfair to the other members of our community.

Julie, Carin and Claire

Group 2

Welcome back one and all! We hope you had a lovely break and are ready for our next adventure.

Summary of Term 2, 2017

To give you an idea of what we got up to last term, here is a quick summary:

Theme:

A curious faun found a portal from a place named Utopia to our Group 2 loft. Through this he left us riddles to solve before finally entrusting us with their huge dilemma: a dragon was blocking their water source and they required us to create mythical creatures to go and help. The riddles and dilemmas were woven into our maths and literacy sessions.



Literacy based sessions included:

- Translating a kenning poem written in runes
- Using comprehension of an extract to draw a character (drawing out direct descriptions, highlighting key info)
- Comparing direct/indirect characterisation (e.g: He was mad/He stomped off)
- Exploring layout and language of reports through Talk4Writing model
- Creating own mythical creatures through pics and games
- Clustering information into paragraphs
- Comparing formal/informal language
- Writing of own report- process of: first draft, self-edit, peer-edit, teacher-edit, final piece
- Writing of instructions for creature's plan of action when in Utopia

Maths based sessions included:

- Reading and writing grid coordinates
- Following map directions and creating own (using N,E,S,W)
- Measuring different routes (cm)
- Number based problem solving

These were in addition to explicit spelling and handwriting sessions as well as maths 'Nuzzles' sessions. During Nuzzles this term, there has been an emphasis on addition strategies and multiplication strategies which have been differentiated so as to suit different learning needs.

Theme

Late last term, children of Group 2 wrote down a bunch of things they love doing at school. There was an overwhelming interest in all things science particularly in relation to the learning that took place when Group 2 looked at the health of our beloved creek. Specific requests for chemistry and lots of experiments resulted in the following theme for Term 3 ...'Testing Chamber !'

Last week children enjoyed exploring a myriad substances and accoutrement related to the chemistry of household/kitchen items. Questions and wonderings from this first encounter gave us some ideas about where to begin. Bubbles were the hot topic so this week children have been undertaking experiments to generate carbon dioxide and testing the pH levels of a range of liquids. They are now familiar with vocabulary associated with these interesting experiences such as alkaline, base, and acid!

Each week we will plan according to children's thoughts, ideas and questions. We hope to learn together and gain insight into the science behind everyday things that happen in our kitchens.

Mathematics

During Nuzzles (number puzzles) this term we will be looking at Measurement and continuing our work with addition, subtraction, multiplication and division. The focus in measurement will be on time, volume, and weight. During lessons on Monday and Tuesday different small groups of students will work with Deepika or Tristan on a particular mathematical concept. Other students, at these times, will be working on a range of other learning activities that cater for the diverse learning needs in the class. Students move between activities based on interest and awareness of their own learning needs. Discussion about learning needs and what was learned takes place during Nuzzles sessions, but the majority of reflection of learning takes place when each group gathers for discussion at the end of each Nuzzles session.

On Wednesdays, children will work on chemistry and measurement related mathematical activities, to support our theme. On Thursdays the class will explore problem solving techniques and efficient ways of working mathematically.

Literacy

This term, Group 2's literacy sessions will take shape and place in varied forms:

Guided Reading Groups- Book Club

All group 2 students will work in small guided reading groups called Book Club. Book Club groups will meet at least twice a week. In these reading groups, children will work in collaboration with their peers and a teacher to read aloud and explore texts that are at the group's instructional reading level. Reading strategies such as decoding, reading fluency, comprehension as well as discussion around themes, characters and specific language features will be involved in our Book Club sessions.

Shared Reading of *Buddha at Bedtime: Tales of Love and Wisdom for You to Read with Your Child to Enchant, Enlighten, and Inspire* by Dharmachari Nagaraja

Group 2's shared text this term will be the fables from *Buddha at Bedtime* by Dharmachari Nagaraja. This book re-tells 20 amazing ancient tales involving colourful characters and exciting themes with messages that will help children think about how they can apply values such as patience, perseverance, honesty and generosity to their own lives.

Handwriting Sessions

Once a week, Group 2 have a skills focused Handwriting session. Handwriting sessions focus on letter formation and direction, using guiding lines, legibility and comfortable pencil grip and control. Fluent writers will be introduced to pre-cursive script. The children really enjoy Handwriting sessions as it a quiet, calm activity and allows them to practise and achieve success in their writing.

Writing linked to Theme

This term, linked to the scientific investigations and other chemical explorations, children will engage in writing experiences to explore and identify the purpose, structure and grammatical features of factual text types such as procedural recounts and explanation texts. We will scaffold literacy learning experiences to support children to write their own procedural recounts and scientific explanations. Topic related spelling words will be posted on a word-wall for spelling games and for the children to refer to in their writing.

Term 3 Parent-Teacher Meetings

While Grace and Tristan had parent-teacher meeting with most parents last term, for those who could not make it and for parents of children who transitioned, we look forward to making a time in the coming weeks when we can talk. Tuesday afternoons are a good time for us but let us know if this can't work and we'll try to arrange another time.

Group 2 Term 3, 2017 Overview

Staffing, Timetable and Communication

This is how the staffing roster will look for Term 3:

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Tristan Deepika	Tristan Deepika	Tristan	Deepika	Tristan Deepika
	Holly: Violin	Bea: Learning Support	Holly: Violin	Jerome: Basketball Morag: French Bea: Learning Support

This is the loose structure of classroom activities in Term 3:

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Science focus	Science focus + Violin	Literacy focus	Literacy focus + Violin	Basketball/French Singing
Jam & Bread/Book Club Numeracy focus	Jam & Bread/ Book Club Numeracy focus + Violin	Jam & Bread/ Book Club Numeracy focus	Jam & Bread/ Book Club Numeracy focus + Violin	Jam & Bread/ Book Club Class meeting
Whole school meetings and activities	PIG	PIG	Choice	Bushwalk or theme based work

Important Dates

4 th Aug	Basketball starts
8th Aug.	Violin starts
14th Aug.	School photos
15th Aug.	Parent enrichment forum- Literacy
19th Aug.	Kinma Care Day
21th Aug.	School photos
23rd Aug.	Open Morning
30th Aug.	Bushlink
7th Sept.	Tinkering
12 th Sept.	Photo display morning
14 th Sept.	Violin finishes
15 th Sept.	Kids Concert
19 th Sept.	Musica Viva – Dr Stovepipe
22nd Sept.	Term 3 ends

If you need to speak to us, please chat to us before 9 in the mornings, on the basketball court at home time or email us at:

- Tristan: tristan@kinma.nsw.edu.au
- Deepika: deepika@kinma.nsw.edu.au

Tinkering





MANLY WARRINGAH PRIMARY BASKETBALL COMPETITION

'THE POTTER LEAGUE'

WHEN: Starts in August 5th runs 'til Dec

COST: \$160 per player (school years 1 & 2)

\$180 per player (school years 3 & 4)

\$200 per player (school years 5 & 6 and Sat year 3 & 4 girls)



Book now so you don't miss out.

VENUE: Northern Beaches Indoor Sports Centre NBISC, Jacksons Rd, Warriewood

DIVISIONS: **Saturdays** School Year 5 & 6 Mixed & All Girls

Tuesdays School Year 1& 2 Mixed & School Year 3 & 4 Mixed

GAME TIMES: All Girls & Mixed Saturday's **1.45pm/2.40/3.20/4/4.40/5.10pm**

Tuesday's **4/4.40/5.20pm** Competitions start term 3 & run term 3 & 4

REGISTRATION: You can register at <https://www.trybooking.com/book/event?eid=290226>

Saturday afternoon Basketball skills training. Conducted at the Northern Beaches Indoor Sport Centre, Jackson rd Warriewood with expert coaches. The program is on each Saturday during school term. There are three groups - **Biddy Ball** for ages 7 and under 2.30pm - 3.30pm & **Lightning League** for ages 8 & over 3.30pm - 4.30pm.

The cost is \$10.00 per week coaches are American professional Jerome Lee, Tim O'Sullivan and Representative coach Mark Sommerville.

Many Thanks

Yours in Sport

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