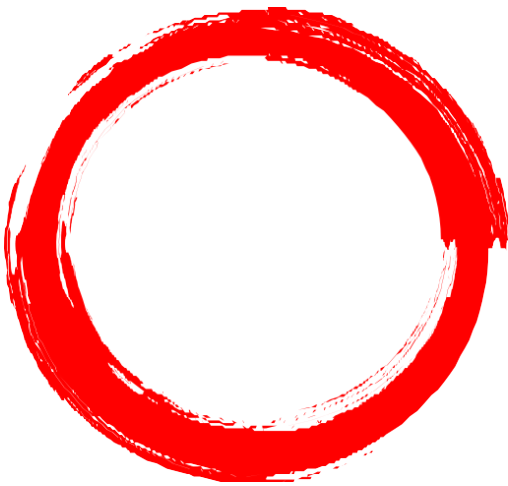
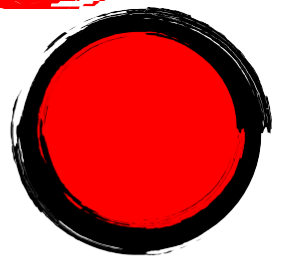
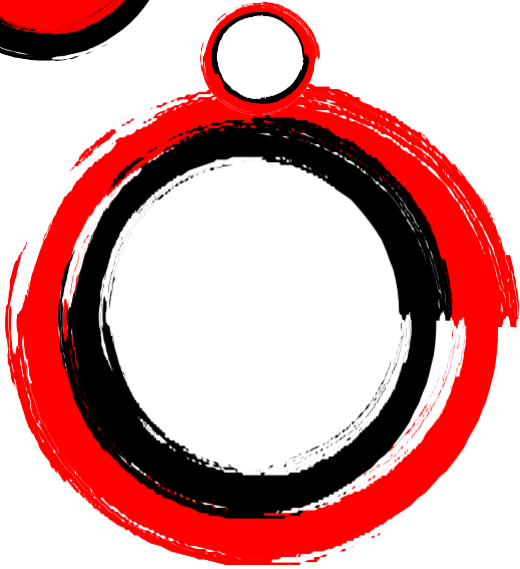




EARLY STAGE 1

PARENT HANDBOOK
Term 4

2022



ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

We would like to acknowledge the Traditional Custodians of this land: the Gadigal, Gamelay and Wangal Peoples of the Eora nation. We must always remember that under the concrete and asphalt this land is, was and always will be Aboriginal land.

We would like to pay our respects to the Elders of the past, present and future; for they hold the memories, the traditions, the culture and hopes of Aboriginal Australia. We acknowledge their living culture and their unique role in the life of the region.



WELCOME NOTE TO PARENTS

Dear **Parents and Carers**,

Welcome to Term 4, 2022 at Tempe PS! We hope you have had great break and are ready to finish off the year with another busy and exciting term of learning.

In this Early Stage 1 Handbook, we hope to give you an outline of the learning areas that will be covered this term and include some helpful information about our school routines, events and programs. Please get in touch with us on Class Dojo or via the front office if you require further information. Remember also to check out our school website and social media accounts to keep up-to-date with all things Tempe PS.

Kind Regards,

Karina McCormack, Stephanie Bru and Early Stage 1 Classroom Teachers



Karina McCormack
Assistant Principal
K-2 Monday - Wednesday



Stephanie Bru
Assistant Principal (Rel.)
K-2 Thursday and Friday



Melissa Spelta



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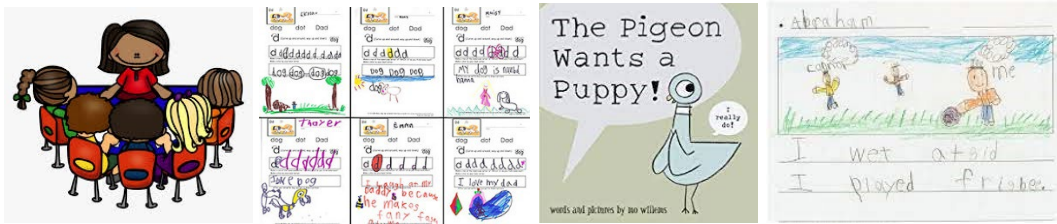
LEARNING AREAS

ENGLISH

Reading and Viewing: Students will participate in daily whole class reading, guided reading and small group reading tasks. Students will continue to develop their beginning reading skills and extend their vocabulary and understanding of the texts. In phonics this term, students will focus on long and short vowel sounds and continue learning high frequency words.

Writing and Representing: This term we will continue with pre-writing activities that will focus on developing basic sentence structure. We will also focus on procedural and persuasive writing skills. Students will continue to develop their ability to correctly form letters using the NSW foundation style writing.

Speaking and Listening: Students will take part in weekly news presentations and daily class discussions. This term, News will be an informal short talk that relates to our Science unit. Students are welcome to bring in a photo, object or drawn picture to assist them.

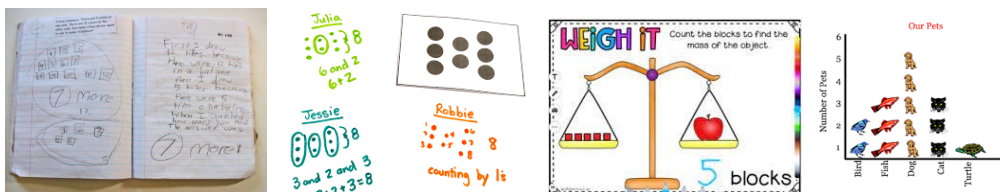


MATHEMATICS

Working Mathematically: Students will continue class Number Talks to develop their understanding of mathematical language.

Measurement and Geometry: Students will describe and compare lengths and areas. They will investigate volumes, capacities and mass of objects using everyday language.

Statistics and Probability: Students will group objects according to characteristics to form a simple data display such as a picture graph.



SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY AND STEAM

The topic this term will focus on the different seasons and changes that occur. Students will be provided with opportunities to investigate ways daily and seasonal changes in our environment affect everyday life.

Students will participate in STEAM lessons combining the designing and making aspects of Science, Technology, Engineering, Art and Mathematics, Students will develop future learning skills of collaboration, communication, problem solving and creative thinking through fun, interactive, student driven tasks.



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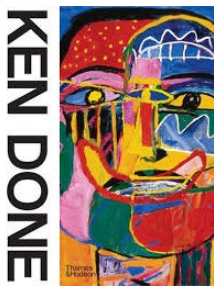
In 2022, History was taught in Terms 1 and 3.

GEOGRAPHY

This term in Geography students will consolidate their knowledge and understanding of places we live in and how we care for them. They will also identify special places and landmarks in Australia. Students will recognise that places can be represented on maps.



CREATIVE ARTS



PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT, HEALTH AND PHYSICAL EDUCATION (PDHPE)

Health: Students will consolidate their understanding of being respectful and kind. Foods that contribute to good health and healthy eating habits will be explored. Students will communicate the importance of personal hygiene practices.

Physical Education: Fitness and sport groups focusing on the fundamental movement skills will take place weekly with Mr Haddad.



GENERAL INFORMATION

Morning Routine

All students may begin to arrive at school from 8:35am and enter through any of our gates. Students proceed to the COLA and will be supervised by a teacher on playground duty. At 8.55am at the sound of the bell, students will go to their classrooms to begin their learning. Any arrivals after 9:00am will need to be signed in at the office and receive a late note to hand to their class teacher prior to attending class. All students are expected to be punctual.

Assemblies

We will continue to run stage-based assemblies. Our K-2 assemblies will take place on Friday afternoons of even weeks. Photos of merit award recipients will be taken and shared on Class Dojo.

Lunches

We encourage that you send a healthy lunch and recess as well as a water bottle to school with your child. Please be aware that some children in the class have food allergies, it will be very much appreciated if you don't send food and snacks to school containing nuts and eggs. For this reason, students do not share food at school. Please also label your child's lunch box and drink bottle.

Birthdays

When it is your child's birthday, parents have the OPTION to drop off a small treat, e.g. cupcakes, for the class to share. Please keep in mind that we are unable to organise the cutting of whole cakes in a classroom setting. Food is not to contain NUTS or EGGS due to allergies. Alternatively ice block buckets are available to pre order from the canteen.

Playground

Your child will need their school hat every day to play in all areas of the playground. Please ensure that your child's name is clearly written on all their belongings.

Class Dojo

Across the school, Class Dojo is used as a communication platform between parents and classroom teachers. Messages will be responded to in a timely manner but please be aware the classroom teacher's main focus each day is teaching your child. Messages that require an urgent response need to occur through the office via phone call.

Absences

If your child is absent from school, you need to notify the school office. If you would like to, you may also let the teacher know through Class Dojo as a courtesy. After three days of unexplained absence, a note or medical certificate will need to be provided to the school.

Spare Clothes

Please pack a spare change of clothes including underwear and socks in your child's bag in case it is required.

School E-News

Please ensure that you have downloaded the School E-News Application, as this is where you will be able to find the fortnightly "Tempe Talk" Newsletter. Important information is also sent out via this App.

Library

Kindergarten classes will be visiting the library each week for a library lesson with Mrs Hitchcox. Books will be borrowed weekly, starting from Week 1. Please ensure that your child returns their book weekly. They will require a library bag in order to borrow books, however, they may use their home reading bags if preferred.

Physical Education

Sport lessons will be held weekly with Mr Haddad. Children are to wear their sport shoes to school on their P.E day (please see below table).

	<u>K Sea Dragons</u>	<u>K Alligators</u>
Library *Library bag	Thursday	Tuesday
Sport *Sport shoes	Tuesday	Thursday

Home Learning

Home reading - Children are encouraged to read every night for homework. Children can take a new book from the home readers in their classroom every day. Each time your child reads, the date, title of the book and a parent signature is recorded in the Home Reading Log. The level of the book that is sent home will be identified by the classroom teacher through assessment and learning opportunities and should be at your child's 'independent' level which means they can read it with minimal assistance.

High frequency words - Your child will need to practise their sounds and high frequency words to reinforce work covered in class. New words will be given to the students each Monday. All of these resources need to be kept in a TPS Home Reading bag (Black reading bag purchased from Pickles) that is to be brought back to school daily. Please check this bag daily as this is where teachers will also place any notes home.

News Days - News Days will continue this term as part of our Speaking and Listening program. The weekly topic outline was sent out in week 1.

Term 4 Events

- 28th October – Halloween Disco
- 9th December - Kindergarten Graduation
- 13th December - Presentation Day
- 16th December - Last day for students