

WELCOME

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IMPORTANT DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Term Dates:

Week 2

Hospital Incursion

Tuesday 6 May - L7A and L8A

Thursday 8 May - L7B and L8B

Week 3

Mother's Day Morning Tea

Tuesday 13 May - L7A and L8A

Thursday 15 May - L7B and L8B

School Photos

Monday 12 May - L7A and L8A

Friday 16 May - L7B and L8B

Week 4

Cultural Day - India, USA, Bhutan

Tuesday 20 May - L7A and L8A

Thursday 22 May - L7B and L8B

Week 5

Numeracy Day

Tuesday 27 May - L7A and L8A

Thursday 29 May - L7B and L8B

Week 6

Cultural Day - Brazil, South Africa, Pakistan

Tuesday 3 June - L7A and L8A

Thursday 5 June - L7B and L8B

Week 8

Cultural Day - Switzerland, Thailand, New Zealand, Peru

Tuesday 17 June - L7A and L8A

Thursday 19 June - L7B and L8B

Reports are due end of Term 2



ENGLISH

Building aural and oral language and active listening is the foundation to literacy success (Learning Outcome 5: Communication, Kindergarten Curriculum Guidelines of WA). Our focus this term will be:

- Learning letter **sounds**
- Talk for Writing
- Heggerty (syllables, rhyming, onset and rime, blending, segmenting, nursery rhymes)

MATHEMATICS

We will be focusing on the below outcomes in a purposeful, open-ended and meaningful way (Learning Outcome 4: Learning and Thinking, Kindergarten Curriculum Guidelines of WA):

- Continue counting and recognising numbers.
- Compare collections
- Days of the week
- Sequence of events
- Copying and creating 2-part patterns
- Positional language (next-to, under, behind etc.)
- Subitising (instantly recognising patterns on a die)
- Ordering numbers to 5 and then to 10

HEALTH & WELLBEING-Wednesday program

Social Skills

By now you may have heard your child mention Lovey Dove, Cloud, Huggtopus, Bug or Cat. These are just a few of the characters in our Kimochi (KEY.MO.CHEE) social skills program. Kimochi means “feeling” in Japanese.

This program helps children learn how to identify and express their feelings. With these skills, they can communicate more effectively in emotional moments. These positive social skills support the development of lasting friendships and success in many areas of life.

Here is a quick introduction to some of the Kimochi characters:

- **Lovey Dove** is kind and encourages others to play in fair and friendly ways.
- **Cloud** sometimes feels happy and sometimes sad. He’s learning to manage upset feelings by using a calming breath.
- **Huggtopus** is silly, excitable, and sometimes out of control. She is learning to listen to her friends and understand how they feel.
- **Bug** is a caterpillar who’s afraid to change into a butterfly. Bug is learning to use positive self-talk and take brave steps to try new things.
- **Cat** is a strong leader, but she can sometimes be bossy or use unkind words. Cat is learning how to redo hurtful moments and manage tricky feelings like frustration, anger, and jealousy – feelings that can lead people to yell or say unkind things.

We’re looking forward to introducing your child to the rest of our Kimochi friends: **Bella Rose, Clover, and Hero.**

Library

We love seeing the children delight in going to the library on Wednesdays. Now that they understand the borrowing process, this term we will be focusing on some specific concepts such as:

- Parts of a book: front cover with the title/author/illustrator, back cover with information about the content. We will also talk about the spine, the text, illustrations and page numbers.
- Characters
- Setting
- Fiction/Non-Fiction

MOTOR SKILLS

Fine Motor Skills

This term our focus is pencil grip, big body movements, using playdough, cutting, using tweezers, tongs and painting. These activities all help support fine motor development.

Gross Motor Skills

Obstacle course, ball skills, hopping, skipping, climbing and bike riding.

REMINDERS

Clothing

Please pack a spare change of clothes EVERY Kindy Day and put your child's name on all their belongings. Please also ensure you have a bag (e.g. plastic or reusable) to put your child's soiled clothes into - we have none left in Kindy.

Drop Off and Pick Up

Please remember that morning drop off is between 8.30-8.50 am at the Kindy classroom. If you arrive after 9.00 am, please sign your child in through the front office and collect a late slip. Afternoon pick up is 3.00 pm, from the Kindergarten classroom.

Illness

Please be mindful that illnesses spread quickly in the classroom. If your child has been vomiting, has a runny nose or a fever, please do not bring them into school until at least 24 hours since their last episode. Our focus is for effective personal hygiene, such as remembering how to 'catch a sneeze,' how to cough into their elbow and how to wash their hands thoroughly.

Library

Please remind your child to bring their library bag and book to Kindy every Wednesday they attend school.

Hats & Drink Bottles

Ensure that your child brings their LABELLED hat and drink bottle to school each day.

Nut Aware School

We are a 'Nut Aware School'. Please do not pack anything containing nuts in your child's lunch box. Please check Muesli Bar ingredients before sending to Kindy. Reminder, no peanut butter or Nutella.

Parent Roster

The parent rosters will be placed on the class notice board in the Kindy corridor. Please put your name down if you are available to help in the mornings.

DIGITAL USERS AT SUBIACO PRIMARY SCHOOL

Safe and ethical digital use is a priority at Subiaco Primary School. On a daily basis, we show our students how to utilise technology in a safe and ethical way. Parent partnership in this journey is crucial. Online safety advice for parents from e-Safety Commission can be found here

https://www.esafety.gov.au/sites/default/files/2020-04/aus-global-parent-online-safety-advice_1.pdf

The Telethon Institute have developed Beacon – a cyber-safety educational app to keep parents up to date with trusted information to keep kids safe online <https://beacon.telethonkids.org.au/>

COMPASS

To avoid missing out on important information and permission forms, we urge ALL parents to access Compass through <https://subiacops-wa.compass.education/> or the link on the Subiaco Primary School website under 'Quicklinks', or by downloading the 'Compass School Manager' app from the App Store or Play Store. Compass will allow you to:

- Monitor your child's attendance, and enter an explanation for absence or lateness
- Communicate with your child's teachers, and update your family contact details
- View school and class news feeds
- View the school calendar and school documentation
- Download and view your child's academic reports
- Book parent-teacher conferences
- Provide consent and payment for excursions ('Events')
- Pay contribution and other activity charges ('Course Confirmation/Payments')

SEESAW – SHOWCASING STUDENT WORK

Throughout the year, will be showcasing student work via Seesaw. When the photos/videos/voice recordings are shared, use it as an opportunity to form discussions with your child. Here are some suggestions about conversation starters:

- What is happening in this picture?
- Which friends were you playing with when this photo was taken?
- Did anybody else make one of these?
- What other songs were you dancing to?
- What was your favourite thing you did today?

We remind all families that any media shared via Seesaw is not to be shared or uploaded onto any other social media. Not all children have permission for their photos to be shared (for a variety of reasons) and we ask that you respect these families' privacy.

SCHOOL TV - PARENT RESOURCE

School TV is an online resource that is available to our parents and publishes 10 editions per year. Current topics now on the website address issues that are relevant for children both in primary and secondary school settings including series on Mental Health, Cybersafety, School Survival, Healthy Body, Positive Parenting & Special Reports. Thank you to our P&C association for supporting this initiative and paying for the yearly subscription. To scan through what is available online visit <https://subiacops.wa.schooltv.me/>

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