

# Parent Information for K Purple and K Blue – Term 1, 2022

## Stage Information

Students in Kindergarten are working towards the beginning of Early Stage One outcomes for all Key Learning Areas.

Early Stage One	Stage One		Stage Two		Stage Three	
Kindergarten	Year One	Year Two	Year Three	Year Four	Year Five	Year Six

## Teachers

Miss Yu will be teaching K Purple.

Mrs Konstantinidis will be teaching K Blue in Term 1. Mrs Aldred will be teaching K Blue in Terms 2-4.

## Personal Items

Please ensure all your child's personal items are labeled with their name. This includes lunch boxes, drink bottles, hats, jumpers/jackets, library bags and pencil cases.

## Literacy

There will be a focus on sound and letter recognition, students will be given sight words to practise at home throughout the year. Reading is a literacy initiative designed to increase the comprehension skills of students. This year Kindergarten will be using the "Super Six Strategies" for comprehension in literacy activities for all Key Learning Areas. The Super Six Strategies are: Summarising, Predicting, Questioning, Making Connections, Visualising and Monitoring.

## Maths

During maths lessons students are placed in levelled groups to support students learning. Students start by completing a problem of the day question then working in small groups and independently to complete set tasks. Pre-tests, post-tests and exit slips are used to assess students' learning. Below is the scope and sequence of mathematical strands that will be taught in Term 1.

Week 2	Week 3	Week 4	Week 5	Week 6	Week 7	Week 8	Week 9	Week 10
Counting Games	Whole Number	Position	2D Space	Patterns & Algebra	Whole Number	Addition & Time	Whole Number	Data

## Fitness and Sport

All students will be participating in weekly fitness for approximately 60 minutes. This term, students will need to wear their sports uniform every Wednesday and Friday. Every Wednesday students will participate in a sport activity with tuition from outside sporting organisation (Dance Fever). This is funded by the school. Every Friday the students will have class teacher directed sport lessons.

## Library

This year library will take place with the class teachers. Class teachers will take their own class to the library to borrow and return books. Every student needs a library bag to borrow. K Purple and K Blue will borrow every Monday.

## Hats

Students are required to wear a school hat at recess and lunch in order to play in the sun. If students do not have a hat they can still play under the COLA in the shade. Students are required to wear a hat for fitness (every Thursday) and class sport (every Friday) as most activities are not under covered areas. Please label all hats with your child's name.

## Home Reading

Every Friday, students will borrow 2-3 books from the class to take home and read. Please record the title of the book read each day on the home reading sheet and sign it. This sheet should be kept in the home reading folder. Home reading books need to be brought in every Thursday so books can be changed.

## Set Home Tasks

Students are expected to read for at least 15 minutes each night. This includes their home readers and may also include any appropriate book they are interested in from home. Students are also expected to complete activities to practice sounds, sight words and Numeracy skills. Students will be given a login to an online maths program called Mathletics. New tasks are accessible every Monday and are expected to be completed by the following Monday.

## Science and Technology

Science and Technology will be taught by Mr Quach. The science unit for Term 1 is 'Living Things'. Students will make observations of living and non-living things. Students will examine their immediate school environment and find examples of each. They will also determine what living things can do and need to survive. Students will also have the opportunity to use Blue-Bots to create simple algorithms and consolidate their understanding of the science unit.

## History

The History unit this term is *Our Stories: The Past and the Present*. They will learn about personal and family histories, as well as the difference between the past and the present.

### **Compulsory Personal Development Lessons**

This term students will explore information about what makes them special. They will explore how people grow and change, while also learning about how to keep themselves healthy. Students will learn how to respond in different situations and interact positively with each other.

### **Scripture**

Scripture classes are on Friday afternoons between 1:45pm-2.15pm. Scripture classes include: Catholic, Islamic, Ethics, Protestant and Non Scripture.

### **Birthdays**

You are welcome to bring cupcakes to school to celebrate your child's birthday with the class. **No cakes that involve cutting should be brought and no birthday candles due to safety regulations. Currently no home baked cakes or cupcakes are allowed due to Covid-19 restrictions.**

### **Notes/Money**

All permission slips, payments and absent notes need to be given **directly to the office**. Payments can be posted into the letter box in the wall near the stairs of the administration block. Ensure all envelopes are clearly labeled with your child's name and class and the nature of the payment eg. Book Club.

### **Absences**

All absences must be explained in writing, signed and dated on your child's return to school. Parents can also notify the school by using the Rydalmere School App. The absent notes can be posted into the mail box near the administration building.

### **Late/Early Arrival**

If your child arrives to school after 9.00am you are required to go to the office to obtain a late note. If you wish to pick up your child early from school, you must obtain a note from the office before arriving at the classroom. **All parents must see the office first before going to their child's classroom during school hours.**

### **Morning Arrival**

Class time commences at 9.00am. There will be a teacher on duty on the top playground from 8.30am. Due to current COVID restrictions and guidelines, students will sit on the silver seats until 9am in cohorts. We encourage students to arrive as close to 9am as possible during these restrictions. If you need to drop off your child before 8.30am, our before and after school service Squiggler is available. **Parents are to drop students off at the gates, no parents are currently permitted to be on school grounds unless they are dropping students to before school care.**

### **Afternoon Dismissal**

Due to Covid-19 restrictions students will be dismissed between 2:45pm-2:55pm each day. Parents are to meet their child at their designated gate to ensure social distancing occurs in our community. If your child attends After School Care, the workers meet the students under the COLA and sit on the silver seats near the Library. **All students are to be picked up at 3pm.** If you are running late or need to arrange other arrangements regarding the pick up of your child, please ring the office to ensure the classroom teachers are advised.

### **Assemblies**

Whole school assemblies will be held every even week on a Friday at 12:45pm-1:00pm under the COLA. Students will be presented with their gold cards and/or medallions and receive their class merit and PBL awards. **Due to Covid-19 restrictions parents can't attend our assembly,** however once restrictions are eased, parents will be informed via our school app.

### **Newsletter – 'The Link'**

The school newsletter is called 'The Link' and is distributed every odd week via the school website <http://www.rydalmere-p.schools.nsw.edu.au> or on the school app. It is important to read this regularly as it has important dates and upcoming school events. Sign up to the **Rydalmere Public School app** and follow us on facebook <https://www.facebook.com/rydalmereps/>

### **Canteen**

Canteen days are Monday, Wednesday and Friday. Download the app **Qkr!** to order lunches. In line with Covid-19 recommendations, we strongly recommend parents use the app for cashless payments. Where this is not possible, order forms can be submitted via the lunch order box. **Currently our canteen is non operational. Parents will be notified of changes as soon as possible.**

### **Time to talk to us**

If you need to speak to us about your child's progress please feel free to make an **appointment** at a mutually convenient time. Appointments can be made through the office or through the class teacher directly. **Due to current restrictions, parents are advised to call the office to schedule a meeting with the class teacher as parents are not permitted to enter the school grounds.**

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