



# WAGIN DISTRICT HIGH SCHOOL

## TERM 3, 2023 OUTLINE

### Kindergarten - Room 25

#### INTRODUCTION

Dear Families,

Welcome back to Kindergarten for term three! I hope the school holidays were fun and a chance to take life a little slower. I am excited to be back and look forward to having more contact time with your children as we transition to three days a week.

Important dates for Term Three:

21/08	School Development Day – No Kindy
22/08-25/08	Book Week
15/09	Faction athletics carnival
22/09	Kindy Assembly item
22/09	Last Day of Kindy
23/09-8/10	School holidays

Important dates for Term Four

9/10	First day of kindy
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#### Term Content

When planning the content for this term, I will continue to refer to the Kindergarten Curriculum and the Early Years Learning Framework which outline five focus areas for children in kindergarten. These are:

- Identity
- Connecting and Contributing
- Wellbeing
- Learning and Thinking
- Communicating

Please find below, an outline of our focus areas for this term.

#### CLASS FOCUS

##### *Identity*

##### **Term 3 Focus**

**Build a sense of stability and trust**

**Make choices and decisions**

**Show resilience**

**Show confidence in own learning abilities**

During the term we will be starting to use a new resource called 'Friendly Schools Plus'. The program covers five areas: Self-awareness, Self-management, Social awareness, Relationship skills and Social decision-making.

We will begin with the area of Self-awareness, focussing on how they are special and understanding different emotions.

##### *Connecting and Contributing*

##### **Term 3 Focus**

**Develop skills for working with others**

**Explore natural and constructed environments**  
**Respect, care for and sustain the environment**  
**Investigate the interactions between the environment and its people**

In class we will continue to use both whole group sessions and small group activities to ensure all children get opportunities to contribute their ideas, thoughts, and feelings. This term we will be exploring the basic needs of plants, animals, and people. We will attempt to grow some plants together and maybe even have an animal or two pay us a visit. This will also allow us to explore some environmental issues and how people's choices and actions have consequences on our environment.

***Wellbeing***

**Term 3 Focus**

**Recognise simple emotions and build self-regulation**  
**Build knowledge, skills, and positive attitudes towards physical movement**  
**Explore ways to promote own and others' health and safety**

During Term 3 we will incorporate an obstacle course in the playground area on some days to further develop some important gross motor skills, promote health and fitness and have fun while doing it! The second focus area of the Friendly Schools Program, Self- management aims to develop your child's ability to regulate their emotions in different situations and develop resilience.

***Learning and Thinking***

**Term 3 Focus**

**Develop knowledge of measurement and geometry**  
**Develop knowledge of statistics and probability**  
**Develop problem solving, investigation and inquiry strategies**

During our numeracy sessions your child will be exploring; the characteristics of common 2-dimensional shapes, the continuation of a pattern, the everyday language of time, classifying and data collection. We will continue to work on counting and number recognition. Your child will have the opportunity to learn to use several apps in order to utilise iPads in the consolidation of their learning.

***Communicating***

**Term 3 Focus**

**Convey and construct messages for a range of purposes**  
**Develop understanding of purpose and meanings of a range of texts**  
**Investigate symbols and pattern systems**  
**Use tools, resources, and technologies in play, thinking and learning**

We will continue to use both the 'PreLit' program and the 'Heggerty Phonemic Awareness Curriculum' to teach foundational literacy skills. Your child will be exposed to a number of alphabet letters and the sounds they make. We will regularly read books together and explore one picture book in depth each week.

***Teacher Contact Details:***

Please remember, I am available for meetings with you, face to face or by phone. To organise a meeting or for any general concerns or queries, please contact us on the school phone number 9861 3200, via email at [rachel.pederick@education.wa.edu.au](mailto:rachel.pederick@education.wa.edu.au) or through your child's communication diary.

Kind Regards,  
Rachel Pederick