

Kotara South Public School

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Kindergarten Start Date 2021

Dear Parents/Carers,



A reminder that Kindergarten students will have their first day of school on Monday 1st February 2021.

Please bring your child to Gate 1 at **10.00am** on this date. Parents and carers are then invited to the Library for **Tea and Tissues Morning Tea**, organised by the P&C.

<u>Week 1</u>

Due to the addition of a third staff development day in Week 1, no students will attend school in Week 1. Staff only will be on site from Wednesday 27th- Friday 29th January. The first day for all students K-6 will be Monday 1st February.

First Day

Kindergarten students are invited for their first day at **10am on Monday 1st February**, which is the first day of Week 2 on our school term calendar. The 10am start on the first day will allow our older students to be settled in their classrooms before our new students arrive. Year 5 buddies will be waiting excitedly to greet Kindergarten students and parents.

This year, Best Start assessments will be held in Weeks 3 and 4, during school hours. Once your child has completed their Best Start assessment, you will receive a report outlining some key Literacy and Numeracy outcomes your child will work towards in Kindergarten.

Weeks 2 & 3

To assist Kindergarten children in settling into school routines, they will have an early school finish of 2.30pm in Weeks 2-3 of Term 1. Kindergarten students will get to know all Kindergarten teachers and a range of Kindergarten peers, before classes are allocated. Please trust the knowledge and judgement of our staff in placing your child in the class that best fits their needs. You will be notified of your child's class once this is confirmed in Week 3.

OOSH UPDATE: Our onsite OOSH service at KSPS has not received enough interest to make the previously run 2.30pm-3pm 'Kindy Club' viable for 2021. Families will be required to arrange for Kindergarten children to be picked up from school at 2.30pm for Weeks 2 and 3.

Week 4 to 11

From Week 4, students will begin the usual finish time of 3pm.

Week	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
1 27 Jan – 29 Jan STAFF ONLY			Staff Development Day (No students)	Staff Development Day (No students)	Staff Development Day (No students)
2 & 3 1 Feb -12 Feb	Kindergarten FIRST DAY → 10am -2.30pm	•	Kinder: 9a	m - 2:30pm	
4 to 11 15 Feb – 9 Apr	•		Kinder: 9am - 3pm		

Kind Regards,

Kindergarten Teachers 2021 - Ms Brooke Partridge, Ms Melanie Gibson and Miss Shannon O'Reilly