



# Welcome to Early Stage 1 (Kindergarten) 2021

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Welcome to a new year at Busby Public School. The Early Stage 1 team are looking forward to working with you and your child in achieving their learning goals. We hope you find the information on the following pages useful in supporting your child in Kindergarten.

Regards,

Mrs Alice Teuma & the Early Stage 1 team.

## Meet the Early Stage 1 team.



Mrs Alice Teuma  
Early Stage 1 Assistant Principal



Mrs Catherine McKay  
Instructional Leader  
Supporting students and  
teachers in Literacy and  
Numeracy



Miss Vilashni Reddy  
Ruby Classroom Teacher



Miss Cassandra Reeves  
Red Classroom Teacher

### **Extra Curricula Activities.**

*This term students are being given the opportunity to participate in specialist programs to support their learning and development of skills.*

*On Tuesday's students are extending their music skills as they participate in an African drumming program. All students are provided with a drum and are developing their understanding of rhythm, tempo and other musical concepts.*

*On Friday's students are participating in the GOT games program. During this time students participate in 1 hour of physical activity further developing their fundamental movement skills and team work.*

*These programs are of no cost to families and are funded by the school.*

### **Looking after belongings.**

*Parents, please label all your child's school bag, clothes, hat, lunchbox, drink bottle and anything else that you child takes to school. This helps us in retrieving lost items!*

### **Hats.**

*We ask all students to wear a school hat when in the playground. These are available for purchase from the office for \$15. Students without a hat will be asked to sit in the designated shaded areas.*

### **Meetings to report concerns.**

*During the year if there is an issue, the first person you need to contact is the classroom teacher. If you need further follow-up, please organise to meet with Mrs Teuma the Assistant Principal. From here, the matter can be referred to Ms Chew or Ms Ritherdon if required.*

### **Breakfast club.**

*Breakfast club is a free program supported by Foodbank Australia. Students are provided with cereal and/or toast and it is available to all students every morning from 8:30 to 8:45am.*



### **Do you follow our social media pages?**



*Please make sure you check the school's website and follow Busby Public School's Facebook page to keep up to date with the learning that's happening in classrooms and all the latest events.*

*Please note: Only students with permission to publish are able to have photos displayed on Facebook and the school website.*



# Early Stage 1 overview for 2021.

Learning Area		Term 1	Term 2	Term 3	Term 4
Literacy	Writing and Representing	Students engage in writing with an increasing awareness of the nature, purpose and conventions of written language. They create simple texts, using basic punctuation and recreate familiar imaginative texts by drawing on personal experience and through performance, drawing and images. They know and use letters and sounds of the alphabet to attempt to spell known words. Students write most lower and upper case letters appropriately, using the NSW Foundation Style.			
	Reading and Viewing	Students will develop reading, viewing and comprehension skills and strategies using context, grammar, word usage and phonics to make meaning from short, predictable printed texts on familiar topics. Students will explore and identify some features of texts, including the use of rhyme, letter patterns and sounds in words in written and spoken texts.			
	Speaking and Listening	By the end of Early Stage 1 students respond to a range of spoken, written and multimodal texts from familiar contexts. They demonstrate active listening behaviours to follow simple instructions and ask relevant questions. Students mix and communicate informally with peers, teachers and known adults in informal and structured classroom settings.			
Maths		By the end of Early Stage 1, students ask questions and use known facts to explore mathematical problems and develop fluency with mathematical ideas. They use everyday language, concrete materials and informal recordings to demonstrate understanding and link mathematical ideas. Students will engage in skills, concepts and understandings of number and algebra, measurement and geometry and statistics and probability.			
Other KLAS	History	In Early Stage 1, students learn about personal and family histories and this may include information about their own history. They will be using the inquiry process and develop skills to communicate to others about their own family heritage.			
	Geography	In Early Stage 1, students explore the places they live and belong to. They use the inquiry process to develop an understanding of what makes a place special and how it may differ from other people. They learn the importance of how to look after places.			
	Science	Living World: Staying Alive	Earth and Space: Weather in my world	Material World: What's it made of?	Physical World: On the Move
	PDHPE	Safe Living Skill development through weekly lesson	Daily Decisions Skill development through weekly lesson	Building my Network Skill development through weekly lesson	My Growing Myself Skill development through weekly lesson
	Creative Arts	Visual Art and Music + Drumming workshops		Dance and Drama	
STEM		Students will have access to the STEM room where they will be encouraged to investigate real world problems and offer possible solutions because of their experiments and prototypes.			
Additional Programs and events		* Scripture or ethics classes (all year) * Harmony Day * Excursion (TBA)	* Semester 1 report	* Education Week * Book Week * Science Week	* Semester 2 report * Celebration of learning assembly * End of year fun day



Parents and Carers

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Parent Name

Student Name

3 words that best describe your child

2 Things I should know about your child  
(Recent changes, medications, concerns, strengths, weaknesses, etc.)

I wish that you have for your child this year

A person's a person no matter how small.  
~ Dr. Seuss