

Countdown to Mount Druitt Public School

Calendar July 2012– June 2013



Supporting parents to help their children have a successful start to school

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Education &
Communities

Time to enrol in school



To enrol you will need a Birth Certificate, Immunisation Certificate and proof of address.

Visit your local school and fill out an enrolment form.



Understanding School Talk????
SDD
Staff Development Day
Children do not attend school on these days



When visiting your school ask about orientation days, transition to school programs and open days.

Visit your local school






July 2012

Things to do...

- Visit Mount Druitt Public School
51 Belmore Avenue
Mount Druitt
and fill out an enrolment form

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
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| 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 |
| 15 | 16 <small>Begin Term 3 SDD DEC Schools</small> | 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 |
| 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 |
| 29 | 30 | 31 | Book Week | | | |

 School Holidays

Learning through play



Play simple card games like 'Snap', 'Memory' or 'Go Fish'. Children are using hand and finger muscles to hold the cards, as well as taking turns and matching.

Pretend play develops many skills that will help children at school. Skills to help with friendships, communicating with others and using their body.

Building together with Lego and blocks strengthens the muscles in children's hands which helps them when learning to write.

Playing games with dice and counters helps develop numeracy and turn taking skills.

Understanding School Talk??
DEC
NSW Department of Education & Communities





August 2012

Things to do...

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
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| | | | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |
| | Education Week | | | | | |
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Encouraging a love of reading



**Talking and listening
is the foundation of
reading so play games
with words and rhymes.**

**It's great to read the same
book many times. Talk about
the pictures together.**

**Talking and reading
with your child will
give them a great
start to school!**



**Let your child TELL you the
story even if they can't read
the words.**



**Understanding School Talk????
DP
Deputy Principal**

**Ask your child questions about the story.
"Who did you like best in the story?"
"What did you like about them?"
"What do you think might happen next?"**






September 2012

Things to do...

- Contact the school to find out about orientation and transition sessions

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
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| 30 | | | | | | 1 |
| 2  Father's Day | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 |
| 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 |
| 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 End Term 3 | 22 |
| 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 |

 School Holidays

Writing and drawing

Offer different writing and drawing tools. Try writing or drawing with chalk on a path, sticks in the sand or painting with water outside.



Playing with dough, pegs, Lego and other building blocks will help to build the muscles in your child's hands. This will help with writing activities at school.



Write your child's name. Talk about the letters in their name.

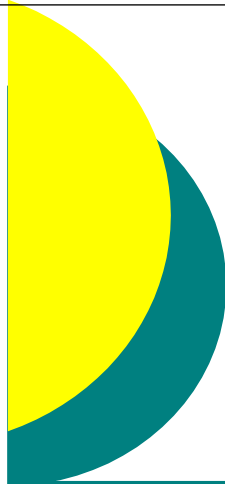
Understanding School Talk????

KLA's

Key Learning Areas

The different subject areas taught at school





October 2012

Things to do...

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
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| | 1 Public Holiday | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 |
| 7 | 8 Term 4 Begins | 9 Year 2 Enviro Matters | 10 | 11 | 12 PSSA Summer comp resumes | 13 |
| 14 | 15 | 16 Stage 2 Camp | 17 Stage 2 Camp ES1 Featherdale | 18 | 19 9.10 Assembly 10.00 P&C K-5 Reports Home | 20 |
| 21 | 22 | 23 Kindergarten Transition | 24 | 25 Kindergarten Transition 5.00 Halloween Disco | 26 | 27 |
| 28 | 29 | 30 Kindergarten Transition | 31 | | | |



School Holidays

Encourage Independence



Give your child little jobs to do at home such as make their bed, put their clothes away or set the table. Praise them when they complete the task.

Set a regular bedtime routine: toilet, clean teeth and read a story in bed. Children need plenty of sleep!



Encourage your child to drink water as a healthy choice.

Girls

Boys



Has your child used a public toilet? Talk with your child about the symbols on the doors and using only the boys or girls toilets.

Encourage your child to dress themselves.



Understanding School Talk??
AP
Assistant Principal

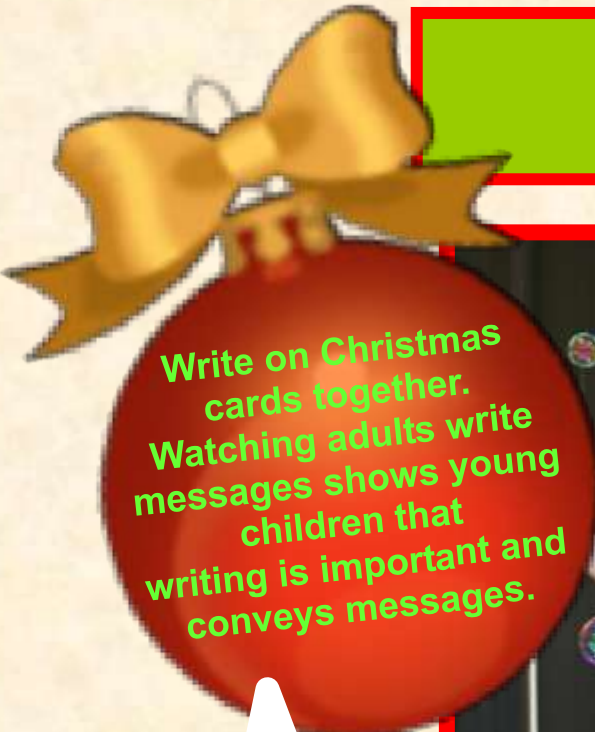


November 2012

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
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| | | | | 1 Kindergarten Transition 4.00 Parent Meeting | 2 | 3 |
| 4 | 5 | 6 Kindergarten Transition | 7 | 8 Kindergarten Transition | 9 Last PSSA games | 10 |
| 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 9.10 Assembly 10.00 P&C | 17 |
| 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 1.30-3.00 Parent Course | 23 | 24 |
| 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 SRC Crazy Hair Day | 30 | |

Things to do...

Deck the halls..




Write on Christmas cards together. Watching adults write messages shows young children that writing is important and conveys messages.



Sing songs and rhymes together.
Talk to your child about the sounds in words.
Create your own Christmas song.



Use recycled items to make decorations to celebrate the holiday season. Material scraps, cardboard containers, ribbon or pieces of wool and newspaper are useful items for making decorations.



Use catalogues to make Christmas wish lists. Children can cut out pictures and glue them into cards and letters.



Understanding School Talk??
Mufti Day
Out of Uniform Day
Children wear ordinary clothes that day.





December 2012

Things to do...

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
|-----|--|--|---|-------------------------------------|--|-----|
| 30 | 31 | | | | | 1 |
| 2 | 3 Year 6 Parent Interviews | 4 Year 6 Parent Interviews Variety Christmas Party | 5 Year 6 Parent Interviews Preschool Concert & Graduation | 6 Year 6 Parent Interviews | 7 Year 6 Parent Interviews Year 6 Reports Home | 8 |
| 9 | 10 Presentation Assembly EI Info session | 11 | 12 | 13 Performance Day | 14 Moving Day Last day Preschool | 15 |
| 16 | 17 Year 6 Farewell Preschool Orientation | 18 Movie Day Preschool Orientation | 19 End Term 4 For children DEC schools | 20 SDD For DEC schools | 21 SDD For DEC schools | 22 |
| 23 | 24 | 25 Public Holiday | 26 Public Holiday | 27 | 28 | 29 |

School Holidays

Rehearsing for School

Can your child use a public toilet?

Do you have a uniform yet? Children love to dress up in their uniform. Let them wear their school shoes before they start school so they get used to them. They may need school uniforms, sports uniforms and a school hat too.



Talk about the times and structures of the school day.
You would be going into school now.
This will be lunch time.
It would be time to come home now.



Understanding School Talk??
ESL
English as a Second Language



Pack a lunch box with healthy foods. Have picnics outside and encourage your child to open their own lunch box.



Choose a lunchbox and drink bottle that is easy for your child to open!



Remember: Be positive when you talk about school.



January 2013

Things to do...

- Check starting dates for my child's school.
- Have camera ready for first day!

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
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| | | 1 New Year's Day | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 |
| 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 |
| 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 Australia Day |
| 27 | 28 Australia Day Public Holiday | 29 SDD | 30 Term 1 begins for Years 1-6 | 31 | | |

Ensuring a happy start to school

Talk to your child about their day. Ask questions like...
"What was your favourite thing you did today?"
"Did you go into the playground? What did you do?"

If you have any concerns about your child, make an appointment to talk to the teacher!



Plan a play date with some friends from school. Invite them to come and play at your house.



Your child is coping with lots of new things. Be prepared—they may become tired and cranky sometimes!

Understanding School Talk??
COLA
Covered Outdoor Learning Area



February 2013

Things to do...

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
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| | | | | | 1 | 2 |
| 3 | 4 Best Start Testing Kindergarten Preschool starts By appointment | 5 Best Start Testing Kindergarten Preschool starts By appointment | 6 Best Start Testing Kindergarten Preschool starts By appointment | 7 Best Start Testing Kindergarten Preschool starts By appointment | 8 Best Start Testing Kindergarten Preschool starts By appointment | 9 |
| 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 9.10 Assembly 10.00 P&C | 16 |
| 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 |
| 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 District Swimming Carnival | 28 | | |

Learning is fun!



Children are naturally curious
Encourage their curiosity. It can lead
to great discovery and learning!



“Play is the work of
Childhood!”
Piaget



Learning is
fun—it is life's
greatest
adventure!!

“Play provides opportunities for
children to learn as they
discover, create, improvise and
imagine.” EYLF

Understanding School Talk??
ICT
Information and Communication Technology





March 2013

Things to do...

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
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| 31 Easter | | | | | 1 | 2 |
| 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 |
| 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 9.10 Assembly 10.00 P&C | 16 |
| 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 |
| 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 Good Friday Public Holiday | 30 |

Supporting your child's learning

You will have the greatest influence on your child's attitudes towards school and learning. Always remain positive.



Remember:

Praise your child when they try something new. Taking risks and learning from our mistakes is an important life skill.



Even though your child is at school, play is still a very important way for them to learn and develop. Provide lots of opportunities for them to just PLAY!



Understanding School Talk??
ES1
Early Stage 1 — Kindergarten



April 2013

Things to do...

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
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| | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 |
| 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 Term 1 ends | 13 |
| 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 |
| 21 | 23 | 24 | 25 ANZAC Day | 26 | 27 | 27 |
| 28 | 29 SDD | 30 Begin Term 2 | | | | |



School Holidays

Helping your child learn to read

Talking and listening is the foundation for reading. Talk often with your child. Play games with the sounds in words. Recite your child's favourite rhymes.



'Pretend reading' is valuable— encourage your child's attempts.



Show your child you enjoy reading too!



Make comments about the story -
"I loved the bit where..."
"My favourite part was...."
Encourage your child to comment -
"How did you feel about the story?"



School Talk??
HSIE
Society and Its Environment
(Social Studies)



May 2013

Things to do...

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
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| | | | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |
| 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 |
| 12  Mother's day | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 9.00 P&C 2.10 Assembly | 18 |
| 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 |
| 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 | 31 | |

Helping your child with numeracy



Division is about sharing.
We will share/
divide the pizza
among 4 people.



Learning about shapes is an important maths skill. Words like straight and curved are about shape!



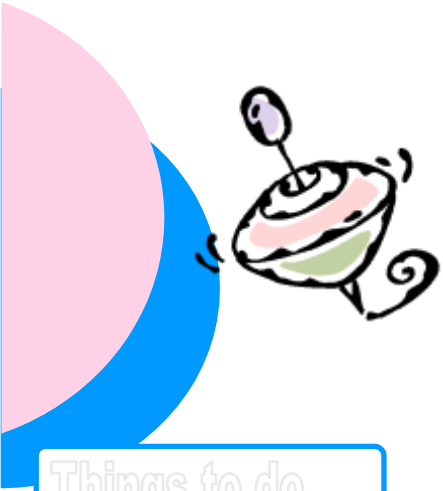
Grouping and matching are foundational number skills.

Numbers are about 'how much', how long' and 'how many'.
Use opportunities to talk about more or less; longer or shorter; higher or lower; faster or slower.



Understanding School Talk??
OOSH
Out of School Hours Care
Centres which look after children before/after





June 2013

Things to do...

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
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| 30 | | | | | | 1 |
| 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 |
| 9 | 10 Public Holiday | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 |
| 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 9.00 P&C 2.10 Assembly | 22 |
| 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 End Term 2 | 29 |

School Holidays

What are you looking forward to when you start school?
Draw a picture below.



Draw a picture of your first day at school on this page.



Need to Find a School?

Visit: <http://www.schools.nsw.edu.au/gotoschool/index.php>
<http://www.australianschoolsdirectory.com.au/sydney-schools.php>

Or talk to other parents to find your local school

Visit www.earlywords.info for activities to support your child's language and literacy development

What will my child be learning at school?
The curriculum is set out by Board of Studies
<http://www.boardofstudies.nsw.edu.au/>

Looking for some parenting support?
<http://www.raisingchildren.net.au/>
<http://www.resourcingparents.com.au/>

Visit <http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/> for comprehensive 'school life' and homework support

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