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PIMPALA KINDERGARTEN NEWSLETTER

TERM 2 WEEK 2 2022



Important dates for this term

Governing Council Meetings

Week 4, Tuesday 24th May 5.30pm

CAFHS Nurse visit - by appointment

Week 6, Wednesday 8th June

Queen's Birthday Public Holiday

Week 7, Monday 13th June

Last day of term

Week 10, Wednesday 6th July

Dear Parents and Caregivers

Welcome back to term 2!

We hope that you enjoyed a safe and relaxing break.

Similarly, we hope our Kindy mum's had a fantastic Mother's Day.

Announcing our Mother's Day Raffle/ Silent Auction Winners

1st prize – Veronica W

2nd prize – Melissa B

3rd prize – Stacey R

The ticket seller prize was won by Ignatius.



Silent Auction Highest Bidder – Patricia S with a bid of \$20.

Supporting Parent Networking Opportunities

Don't know the names of other parents?

The list of names can be found at https://docs.google.com/document/d/1Fd-PzN9eDgJ24XqPVawylkITuCCWB5RNQj3Z_KXmzBY/edit?usp=sharing



CaFHS Screening

CAFHS visits are back face-to-face! Our nurse will be onsite on Wednesday 8th June to undertake 4 year old health screenings. We encourage that all children access their screening. The booking sheet is on the sign in desk.

COVID update

Although there have been changes to mask wearing in the community, adults are still required to wear one when entering kindy. Close contact rules have also changed, however it remains important that you stay at home if unwell and report to me if your child is positive for COVID as it remains a requirement that I report all positive student cases. We will continue to review our end of day procedures, but they will stay unchanged for now.

Communication Folders/ Pigeon Holes

All communication folders can be returned to kindy now. Please make sure that you check your pigeon hole regularly.

'About Me' Poster

Please help your child complete their 'About Me' poster. We would like all children to have their special page in our display folder. If you need another piece of paper, please ask a staff member. Posters need to be A3 please.

If you have any questions, concerns or suggestions please talk to one of our friendly staff members any time.

Viv, Narelle, Tatiana & Ruth

Individual Learning Plans (ILP's)

An ILP sheet was put in your child's pigeon hole at the end of last term. Your input is valued by staff and is a vital component in planning for each child's strengths, needs and interests. Please return this sheet to us as soon as possible. From this information, as well as from educator's observations, we will develop some learning goals for your child.

Independent Skills

This term we will continue to focus on developing children's independent skills. We encourage you to support your child with this at home too. Whilst developing children's independent skills is initially an onerous task, it will benefit both you and your child in the longer term – so it is well worth persisting with it!

Ways to support your child to become more independent:

- ✓ Get your child to help pack their own lunchbox.
- ✓ Place their fruit and lunch in separate containers. Choose containers that they can independently open and close. Practice at home.
- ✓ Get them involved in choosing what they will wear.
- ✓ Choose clothing (and shoes) that they can manage independently. Practice at home.
- ✓ Download the MyUV.com app to check the UV rating for the day. If it is UV 3 or more get them to put on their sunscreen before leaving home. Get them to check that they have packed their hat.
- ✓ Encourage your child to manage their own belongings and tidy up after themselves at home.
- ✓ We will be providing opportunities for children to practice pouring their own drink from a jug. This is something you can also do at home.

Please put your child's name on everything!

This will help us and your child locate their belongings.



Sun Protection Policy

Our Sun Protection policy follows the recommendations of the Cancer Council. Currently, the UV each day has been 3. Please continue to pack your child's hat in their bag each day.

Child-sized Fruit



Please pack smaller apples and bananas for your children to minimise food waste, unless you know that your child is able to consume a larger one – I am certain that most of you would be shocked by the amount of fruit scraps that we put into our worm farm and composting system daily. To further promote our sustainability focus we are trying to lessen food waste at our kindy.



Nude Food

Please get behind our **Nude Food** initiative. Your support in providing a healthy lunch box for your child will not only help your child to be healthier but will lead to significant cost saving to your family.

Food Allergy Week

Getting educated about allergies and anaphylaxis is a great way to help keep both your loved ones safe and more broadly the whole community. Check out the 'Allergy & Anaphylaxis Australia' website for more information and resources.

<https://allergyfacts.org.au/>



Kindergarten Fees

Term 2 fees have been issued and are due on **Friday 3rd June**.

Term 1 Kindy fees are now overdue! If you haven't already done so, please make payment as soon as possible.

EFT Payments can be made directly into our bank account:

Account Name: Pimpala Kindergarten, BSB: 105 – 136, Account No: 510108140

(please put the invoice number as the reference)

We prefer EFT payments over cash however cash payments can be made into the fee box – please ensure you fill out a payment slip and enclose it with your payment.

Make reading with your child a part of your everyday!



Little Book Club Preschool Reading Packs

We hope that families have been enjoying the books that were in the pack that was sent home last term. Let us know how you are finding them.



1001 Books Before School CITY OF ONKAPARINGA

Can you complete the challenge? 1001 Books Before School encourages a lifelong love of reading in little ones by encouraging shared reading experiences before starting school!



Join up for the free
**1001 Books
Before School**
program and give
your child a great
start in life!



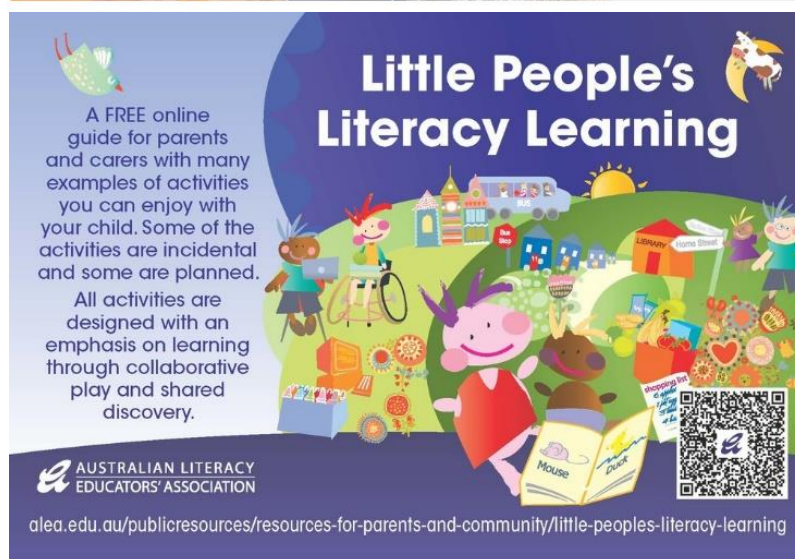
**CAN YOU COMPLETE
THE CHALLENGE?**

Collect your PASSPORT

Record your BOOKS

Claim your PRIZES

Earn your CERTIFICATE



Supporting you to engage with your child at home

It is our aim this year to support our families to support children's numeracy and literacy development at home through offering tips and activities to assist you with this. Each week we will be emailing home some tips - look out for these in your email. On Mondays you will receive "Nurturing Number Sense" tips and activities & on Tuesdays you will receive "Tuesday's Talking Tips".

We would love for you to share your experiences, insights, ideas and questions with us so that it becomes a sharing space for families and provides us educators with feedback as to what is working, and what is not.



**Nurturing
Number Sense**



Along with these emails we will be setting a weekly family math's challenge for you to engage with at home. We would love to hear from you about your experience with this. Our main aim with our challenges is that children see maths as fun!

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We are seeking donations of unwanted gifts and baskets – you can bring them in at any time.



Support our Fundraisers

- **Entertainment Books**

Buy a digital Entertainment Book from us: <https://www.entertainmentbook.com.au/orderbooks/93u7366>

- **Community Dollars Key Tags**

We are members of the Drake's Foodland Community Dollar Program - for every \$2 our families spend at Drake's supermarket, Drake's will donate 1¢ to our kindy! We will issue each of you a key tag. All you need to do is swipe your tag each time you make a purchase in any Drakes Supermarket, and for every two dollars spent, one cent will be accredited to us. If you do not wish to participate, please return your tag to us. At the end of your child's time with us you may wish to return the key tag to us for re-distribution or continue to collect points on our behalf.

- **Wonder School Rewards**

Keep collecting your bread bags! Our collection bin is expected to arrive shortly.



- **Kiddie Kutter Peeler and Knife sets**

We are selling **Kiddie Kutter peelers & knives**. We have limited stock of our chopping board sets for \$15 – **only 6 left!**

Junior Master chefs

These products are safe for children to learn their cooking skills

Dual packs with cutting board (limited supply) \$15



Kiddies Food Kutter **\$7.50**

SAFETY KNIFE
For children 2 yrs and older, special needs, and the elderly Kiddies Food Kutter is designed for young children to cut their food at the table safely.

- ✓ Dishwasher proof
- ✓ Teaches food cutting
- ✓ Builds self reliance
- ✓ Child size handle
- ✓ Stainless steel

Safety Food Peeler

\$7.50

SAFETY PEELER
Australian designed, owned and made. Makes peeling fun for everyone. Also suitable for the elderly with arthritis or people with special needs.

- ✓ Peels fruit and vegetables
- ✓ No blade, no cut fingers
- ✓ Teaches co-ordination
- ✓ Independence and is fun
- ✓ Left and right handers
- ✓ Dishwasher safe BPA free



Child Absences



Please ring the centre on 8382 1597 if your child will be absent for any reason. It is an expectation of the Education Department (DfE) that we follow up all unexplained absences. Attendance is very important to children's learning and development– this starts at kindergarten! Please keep your child home if they are unwell.

Family Photo Board

Please take a photo of your family to place on our photo board – 10x15cm photo please. We would love to have all of our families represented.



Immunisation Record

I need a copy of your child's 4 year old immunisations. Please email or bring in a copy of your child's immunisation record as soon as they receive their immunisations so we can update your child's file. Any child that remains unimmunised and turns 4 years 8 months old is not able to attend kindy until their immunisation record has been received.

Jumpstart at Pimpala

Jumpstart at Pimpala program is held at the school each Friday morning from 9:00-10:30am. Phone the school on 8326 0900 to register your place.



Pimpala Primary School Principal Tours

Pimpala will be hosting Principal Tours for anyone interested in enrolling at the school on the following dates and times:

- Monday, 30 May - 9:30am and 4:30pm
- Saturday, 18 June - 10:30am
- Monday, 4 July - 9:30am and 4:30pm

Please ring the Administration Office on 8326 0900 to book into one of the tours.

Please note that the tours are subject to change/cancellation due to the current COVID regulations or situations that may arise at the school.

Laundry Roster

We need parents to help with the weekly laundry – please let us know if you are able to do a load.

