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PIMPALA KINDERGARTEN

NEWSLETTER

TERM 1 WEEK 11 2022



**Important dates
for this term**

**TERM 2 BEGINS
MONDAY 2ND MAY**

**REMINDER: Our first Wednesday
back is not a kindy day!**



Dear Parents and Caregivers

As we head into our break I wish to thank you all for your support and understanding this term. Term 1 is always a busy term and I know that both staff and children are looking forward to some down time. We hope that you enjoy some special moments with family and friends over the break and we look forward to seeing you all next term for more fun and learning.

Governing Council Members for 2022

Thank you to those parents that attended our AGM. I would like to congratulate our new Governing Council members and introduce them to you.

Elected Members

Chairperson: Lisa Gemo (Adeline's mum)

Vice Chairperson: Kim (mum of Aiden from last year)

Secretary: Veronica (Nieve's mum)

Treasurer: Nathan (Matilda's dad)

General committee: Carrie (mum of Darcii from last year), Laura (Alice's mum), Dwayne (Boston's dad) and Melissa (Ignatius' mum).

Fundraising Co-ordinator: Carrie

So besides speaking to me and staff, these are the people to speak to about issues you want raised by governing council.

Staffing from term 2

We look forward to welcoming Tatiana back from leave after the break. Ruth will still be a part of our team, but will return to her support role and Tatiana will work with the children every day. I would like to thank Ruth for stepping into Tatiana's role this term and supporting children to settle into the routines of kindy. It will be strange not having Ruth at kindy with us every day.

Parent Networking

For those of you that would like to get in contact with other parents over the break I have set up a 'Parent Networking Form' for you to populate with your contact details if you wish to do so. This idea came from our governing council as a way of growing connections simply by knowing other parents names. We anticipate that it will support you to connect with other parents and for us to build a stronger community. The form can be found at

https://docs.google.com/document/d/1Fd-PzN9eDgJ24XqPVawylkITuCCWB5RNQj3Z_KXmzBY/edit?usp=sharing



CaFHS Screening

If your child is due for their 4 year old health screenings, now would be a good time to book. You will need to ring the booking line 1300 733 606 to arrange a telehealth consultation.

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

Viv, Narelle & Ruth

Individual Learning Plans (ILP's)

An ILP will be developed for each child and we would like parent input into the development of these. We have sent home an ILP sheet for you to write your comments on as well as your insights about your child as a learner and their current interests. From this information, as well as from educator's observations, we will develop some learning goals for your child which we will share with you. Staff will use children's ILP's goals to plan future learning experiences for individuals as well as for the group's needs. 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 early next term.

Homework - 'About Me' Poster

Thanks to all of you that have returned your '**About Me**' poster this term. We have shared them during group time and will continue to do so as they are returned. It is not too late to return yours, so we hope that you can find some time over the break to help your child complete theirs. Please keep them to A3 please.



Kindy Photos

Kindy photos will be returned early next term. Our photographers have also agreed to take the individual shots of those children who were absent. This is planned for Monday 9th May, 2022.



Little Book Club Preschool Reading Packs

Each child was given a free literacy pack from Raising Literacy Australia. The pack includes a nice selection of age appropriate picture books and some parent brochures to promote the importance of reading and early language development – we hope that you enjoy these books together. We recognise how busy life can be, but we want to encourage you to make reading books with your children a part of your everyday routine – the term break would be a great time to start!

You all know that reading to children is important, but you may not realise just how powerful reading with children is....

Did you know:

A bedtime story six days a week can put kids almost a year ahead when they start school.



1001 Books Before School is a Onkaparinga Libraries initiative that aims to support the early literacy development of children and to encourage a love of reading between parents and their children. You can register your children to be part of the initiative at your local Onkaparinga library.

Pigeon Holes/ Communication Folders

We have set each of you up with a pigeon hole on the back wall in the front foyer and ask that you check it at least once a week. I will get you to return your child's communication folder to kindy as we are unlikely to need them next term. I will continue to send out SMS reminders about upcoming events but will rely primarily on email communication for other information. If you are not receiving this correspondence or wish to add someone else to our email distribution list please let me know.



SunSmart Policy

Our SunSmart policy follows the recommendations of the Cancer Council. From the beginning of term 2 children will not need to wear their hat or have sunscreen applied unless the UV index is 3 or over – Please continue to pack it in their bag just in case it is required.

Drop off and collection process for term 2

For the start of term we will continue with our current drop off and pick-up procedures. We will review this at the beginning of term in line with any restrictions that are in place then.

Outdoor redevelopment

We are so pleased that the long-awaited redevelopment of our outdoor area is finally underway. The children have enjoyed watching the contractors and their machines as they dig and move the soil and rocks into position. It will be exciting to see the changes that have taken place when we return from the break. If the site works go to the intended timeline then our new learning space will be ready for us to use early in term 2. I know that some children may miss the boat and cubby but the new outdoor areas will provide more opportunities for loose parts and open-ended play opportunities.

...MORE NEWS

Fundraising Events

Our new governing council have started planning our fundraising events for the year. A calendar of events will be sent home next term. We are submitting an application to run a Bunnings sausage sizzle and if we are successful will be seeking parent support to run this as well as seeking donation of items. Aside from this event our fundraising committee will be organising events across the year. We are happy to accept any unwanted gifts, vouchers and baskets that you may wish to donate toward our future raffles. Please bring them in at any time.

Entertainment Books are now 100% digital!

We are fundraising with Entertainment Books - the cost is \$69⁹⁹.

You can buy your digital subscription online at: <https://www.entertainmentbook.com.au/orderbooks/93u7366>

Please note that this can be purchased anytime, noting that the **new digital subscriptions** have a **12 month expiry** from their date of purchase. I will email out promotions as they come up during the year. Please share this link with your network.

Kindergarten Fees

Term 1 Kindy fees are now overdue!

If you haven't already done so, please make payment as soon as possible. Any contribution towards your fees are appreciated. Term 2 fees will be issued week 1 of term 2.

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.

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, 9 May - 9:30am and 4:30pm
- 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.



Family Photo Board

Please take a photo of your **family over the break 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 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 they are immunised.

Laundry Roster/ Soft Plastics

Thanks you to those parents that have volunteered to take the washing this term, we really appreciate your support. A shout out too to Melissa for volunteering to take our soft plastics in – Thank you!



...HOLIDAY IDEAS



Discover SA's best nature destinations for families these school holidays -

<https://natureplaysa.org.au/places-to-go>



Don't miss Nature Play SA's annual Forest Festival!

– go to <https://natureplaysa.org.au/event/forest-festival/> to find out more and to book your place.

APR April 20 @ 10:00 AM - April 21 @ 3:00 PM

20 FOREST FESTIVAL 2022

25 Things to do in Autumn

<https://natureplaysa.org.au/wp-content/uploads/2022/03/Nature-Play-SA-25-Things-Autumn-Digital.pdf>

