



strong beginnings ... strong future.

Barbara Kiker Memorial Kindergarten

Newsletter August 2018

Diary Dates

Tuesday 21st August

Governing Council meeting at 7:00pm.

Tuesday 14th August

Child and Youth Health Nurse.

Kindy Disco

Kidman Park Primary Hall
6:00 — 7:30 pm

Book Week 18th—24th August

Theme: Find Your Treasure

20th & 21st August

Fire Brigade visit.

Fridays

Physical Skills in the park @ 10:45.

Excursions

Dates to be finalised.

Friday 31st August

Closure day. Staff attending literacy professional learning.

A note from Genny...

Welcome to term 3. Our learning focus is on STEAM: Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Mathematics. Thank you to Angela for emailing out the curriculum focus for the term. Please feel free to speak to staff regarding the curriculum if you would like any additional information.

Geraldine has returned to our Kindy for another term. Milissa continues in her role as Acting Director for term 3 at Agnes Goode Kindergarten.

We have two new educators for Bilingual support; Mandeep will be at the Kindy on Mondays to support our Punjabi speakers and Qing Yu Ou on Wednesday's to support students who speak Mandarin.

You may have noticed our new fence! A big thank you to Charles Sturt Council for arranging the installation. There are a couple of glitches that will be fixed in the near future. The fence is a big improvement for the safety and security of our kindy.

I would also like to thank the parents and family members who have supported us in lots of different ways such as washing, feeding the chickens, sharpening pencils, going on excursions and cooking with the children. A big thank you to Coby's dad, Chad for helping with some of our maintenance jobs. It is great to know we have the support of our kindy community.

I would also like to acknowledge the hard work of the Governing Council members. Our Treasurer, Grace Billing has done an awesome job in sorting out fee payments, banking and fund raising. The fund raising committee are organising a Kindy Disco at Kidman Park School hall on Friday 17th August. Information has been placed in your child's note pocket.

Last term, the excursion to the Botanical Gardens was one of the highlights of our term. We are having another excursion this term with dates and places to be advised shortly.

We have a large proportion of our fees outstanding. The contribution you make to our kindy supports the purchasing of resources for the children. It is a necessary and important part of our budget. Please make a time to see Genny if you would like to discuss payment plans and options.

Just a reminder of our healthy food policy and nut free policy. Peanut butter and Nutella contain nuts and are not

acceptable at kindy due to children who have allergies. Please send healthy, low sugar foods in containers that are easily accessible by your child. We are supporting children to develop their independence at meal times in readiness for school and there are many children who struggle with opening and closing containers and need help from adults.

There will be a **closure day** on **Friday the 31st August** for staff to engage in professional learning to increase their knowledge of literacy for pre-schoolers.



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Police Visit

Child Protection Curriculum: 'Trust and Relationships'

The children enjoyed a visit from three Police Officers from Henley Beach; Blake, Kerry and Andrew. The children were able to ask lots of questions and shared with the group their experiences of when police helped them. We learned that the Police are friendly, helpful and can be trusted. Billy and Gloria dressed up in a real police uniform and all the children were able to have a good look at the Police cars. A big thank you to Blake, Kerry and Andrew!



The children engaged in learning about noticing, exploring and documenting shapes, based on the book 'Changes Changes'