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March 2021 Newsletter

What a great start to the year we have had getting to know each other, our new environment and developing our sense of belonging. We have begun working on our chicken coup in readiness for our hens to arrive, we have planted some vegetables and we have made books about our families. We have also established our Governing Council and begun planning our first event.

In term one our focus is friendships and well being. We set up our environment to allow children to work together and build connections. The home corner is an excellent example of this - we have watched so many of your children engage in this known scenario (reproducing family life) and making new friends.

Our educators have thoroughly enjoyed sharing your child's learning through see saw and hope that this has allowed you feel connected to our program and your child's learning at kindy.

Trudi

Kindy Hours 2021

Monday - Thursday 8.30am - 2.50pm

Friday 8.30am - 1.10pm

For your child's safety please do not leave them before 8.30am as there are no staff to assume duty of care - you would be putting your child at risk.

Turtle Fridays week 1, 3, 5, 7, 9, 11 for Term 1

Dolphin Fridays week 2, 4, 6, 8, 10 for Term 1

Simon Fleming Photography

Photos have arrived and are ready for collection. Please see a Staff Member

Covid-Safe Check In

We now have a QR code. When entering our **building** you are required to check in. Please

2021 Diary Dates

Term 1

8th March - Adelaide Cup Public Holiday

12th March - **Mobile Library Visit 9am (Turtles)**

13th March - Working Bee

15th March - Governing Council Meeting
All welcome 7pm

30th March - **Bugs and Slugs visit (Turtles)**

31st March - Child and family health service appointments

1st April - **Bugs and Slugs visit (Dolphins)**

2nd April - Good Friday Public Holiday

5th April - Easter Monday Public Holiday

8th April - **Last day of Term 1 (Dolphins)**

9th April - **Last day of Term 1 (Turtles)**

26th April - Anzac Day Public Holiday

Term 2

27th April - **first day of Term 2 (Turtles)**

28th April - **first day of Term 2 (Dolphins)**

7th May - **SAVE THE DATE..... Social Night**

14th June - Queens Birthday Public Holiday

29th June - **Last day of Term 2 (Turtles)**

2nd July - **Last day of Term 2 (Dolphins)**

Term 3

19th July - **First day of Term 3 (Turtles)**

21st July - **First day of Term 3 (Dolphins)**

21st September - **Last day of Term 3 (Turtles)**

24th September - **Last day of Term 3 (Dolphins)**

4th October - Labour Day Public Holiday

Term 4

11th October - **First day of Term 4 (Turtles)**

13th October - **First day of Term 4 (Dolphins)**

7th December - **End of Year Celebration (Turtles)**

9th December - **End of Year Celebration (Dolphins)**

scan using your phone, or sign in using our site entry log.

Governing Council 2021

Thank you for all those that were able to attend the Kindy AGM. We are pleased to announce our Governing Council for 2021.

The Governing Council will meet twice a term on Monday evenings week 2 and week 8 at 7pm here at Kindy.

All Kindy families are welcome to attend.

Chairperson - Anna Stoyanoff (Adelaide)

Secretary -

Shanna Inge (Callum)/Ellie Martin (Hazel)

Treasurer - Rachel Henning (Zara)

Committee Members -

Jean van der Merwe (Nina)

Tamara Priesley (Mikayla)

Kylie Hissey (Eve)

Suni Karthakeyan (Pavi)

They all have incredible passion and we look forward to working with them throughout 2021. Its going to be a great year!!

Thank you all for volunteering and building on the sense of community involvement in our kindergarten.

Invacuation/Evacuation Procedures

Every term we practice our emergency invacuation and evacuation procedures here at kindy. We learn together how to keep ourselves in a safe group and place in the event of an emergency. We listen for signals, we use the whistle for gathering outside and a gas horn for gathering inside. We use the roll/sign in sheet to call out the names for the children to respond with "Here".

We use the roll/sign in sheet as an accurate document to ensure the safety of the children.

Please when you arrive at Kindy, ensure you have signed your child in and on leaving you have signed your child out.

Collecting your Child from Kindy

The Department for Education Guidelines around the collection of children states that in the event that you are unable to collect your child they may only be collected by

1. the authorised persons stated on your child's enrolment form.
2. someone you have given written permission for in the diary.
3. Verbal authority given over the phone.

We have an exciting
'Bug Incursion' coming to kindy.
Kristen Messenger from
'Bugs and Slugs'
will be coming on

Tuesday 30/3 (Turtles)

and

Thursday 1/4 (Dolphins)

Through discovery and fun
'Bugs and Slugs' will be a great
opportunity to broaden the
children's knowledge and
understanding of insects and
support their sense of wonder.
It also supports our learning to
respect living things in our
environment.

**Save the date
Friday 7th May
Proposed social night**

Food Allergies at our Centre

Some of our children attending have severe nut allergies.

Please keep our Kindy free of all nuts, peanut paste, nutella Thank you for your understanding and helping us keep our kindy children safe.

Sunsafer at Kindy

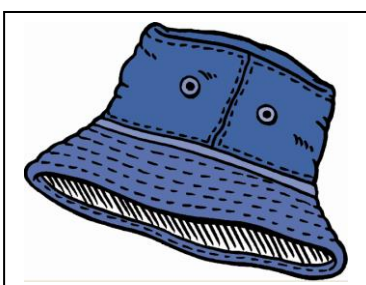
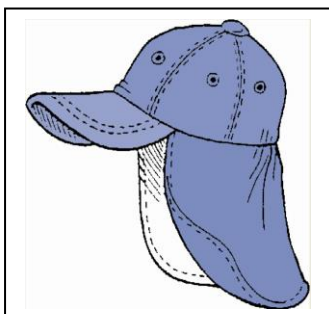
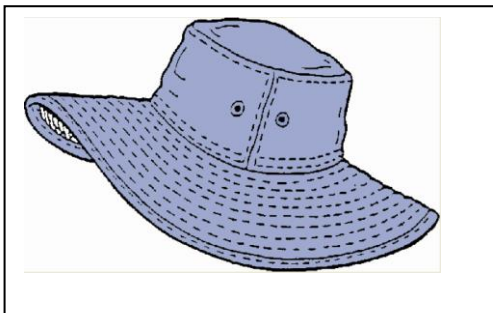
At Kindy we are required to wear a hat during Terms 1,3 and 4 for outside play and if the UV Rays are 3 or higher.

Please send your child with a named sun safe hat (as pictured below)

To keep your children safe at kindy please remove any toggles, drawstrings or cords.

Please no caps

Please send your child with sunscreen already applied. At lunchtimes the children reapply sunscreen ready for play in the afternoon.



Mobile Library visit

On Friday 5th February the Dolphin group experienced the mobile library visiting the kindy. On **Friday 12th March** the mobile library will again return to Kindy, this time to visit the **Turtle Group**. Literacy and more specifically reading is so important to your child's development. We would like to invite you to join us at 9am to experience the library with your child and perhaps even join up to make this library a regular part of your lives.

All the children will get to go on the bus regardless of whether a parent can attend.

Child and Family Health Service

On 31st March some families will be invited to book a health check for their child. These checks often pick up things that have been previously missed and are a great way to reassure you that your child's development is on track. If you cannot make an appointment please let Corinne know so that we can offer it to someone else.

Child and Youth Health visit us once a term and children are required to be a minimum age of 4 years and 3 months. Children are only required to have one health check per year.

You can contact the Cowandilla Child and Family Health Clinic on 8159 8800 or 1300 733 606 and make your own arrangements if you would prefer.

Parent Roster

A Parent roster is located on our notice board for our **kindy washing**.

Please add your name if you are able to help. Kindy washing consists of smocks, towels, table clothes and teatowels and will be ready for collection on Fridays at the end of the kindy session. Thank you for your support, we really appreciate families helping us where needed.

Finance

Thank you to those families who have been prompt in paying their fees this year. Kindy fees are now due to be paid.

Payment reminders for outstanding fees will be emailed to parents/carers.

If you have any questions regarding an invoice or reminder please contact Jodie or see a Staff Member.

Account Name: Henley Community Kindergarten

BSB: 105-050

Account No: 204006040

Reference: Your Childs Name

Frequently asked questions.....

- **Please remember to sign your child in and out of Kindy every day.** The Roll is located on the table at the entrance. There's also a diary on the table to write in the name of any grandparent/guardian who might pick your child up when you are unable to.
- Please pack **2 pieces of fruit and leave them in your child's Kindy bag** for easy access at morning and afternoon snack time.
- **Please encourage your child to organise themselves on arrival at kindy by....**
 - Carrying their own bag
 - placing their Lunch box in the lunch trolley, and their drink bottle in the drink bottle trolley.
 - Choosing their own locker.
 - Making themselves ready for the day ie. Hat on for outside play
- **Please name all your child's property** including their hats and spare clothes, lunch boxes and drink bottles.

- Please send your child in appropriate play clothes for them to explore our learning environment.
- Please respect our neighbours and protect our families by **parking** responsibly.
- **Please discourage your children from bringing toys etc from home to kindy** - we have a lot of things here for them to play with and if you find any of our resources/equipment in their bags we would love to have it back.
- **Child notice pockets are located on the back of the entrance doors.** Notes from kindy about your child or activities happening at Kindy will be placed in these pockets. Parents to check daily.
- **On Fridays** please pack a regular lunch box for lunchtime.
- **We encourage drinking water** from our bottles during the day, promoting this at our morning and afternoon healthy snack times and at lunch time. We have a filtered water tap that the children can access to refill their bottles. This is located near the bathroom door.
Please do not send juices or cordials



Healthy Lunch box ideas



- **T-Shirts on Sale**

We have Clearance T-Shirts still available at Kindy as we transition to Edu Threads online.

Prices for existing stock are -

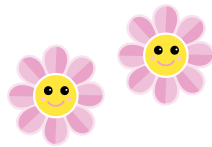
1 for \$10

2 for \$20 or

3 for \$25

Please see a Staff Member if you are interested in purchasing any clearance T-shirts

**Trudi, Lee, Janice, Emile, Corinne,
Sue and Jodie**



"Scientists have recently determined it takes approximately 400 repetitions to create new synapse in the brain - unless it is done with play, in which case, it takes between 10-20 repetitions"

Dr Karyn Purvis

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Item	Price
T-Shirt	\$13.30
Polo Shirt	\$19.45
Long Sleeve T-Shirt	\$19.00
Contrast Fleece Hoodie	\$33.50
Adjustable Bucket Hat	\$11.25

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