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## **Newsletter: Week 8 Term 4, 2023**

I would like to thank the wonderful KPCK community for making this a brilliant place for our children and staff to teach and learn together. After 5 years I am moving closer to home and I'm extremely grateful to have been part of this community. I feel privileged to have taught your children but now is the time to make a move Ms Vicki.

## **THANKYOU**

We welcome Dareska our new director from 2024. Dareska comes with wealth of experience, attached is little about her. Please make her feel welcome.

A huge thankyou to the staff. My time here has been interesting and rewarding. As 2024 approaches we say goodbye to Adele, Taleah, Zoey, Cheryl, Andreia, Lana, Par & Poonam. I would like to thank you for your dedication to children, persistence, and resilience with all things Kindergarten.

## **Transitions to School**

If your child is completing transition visits to school during their allocated kindy day, they are welcome to return to kindy. If the finish time crosses the lunch break, please ensure they return to kindy with their lunch box and drink bottle. Alternatively, please let us know if your child will not be returning to preschool. (Kindy - sms only 0447 310 783)


## ***Governing Council News***

At our most recent meeting the governing Council reviewed our Behaviour Code Policy. Check out our Policy Folder at the information board in the shelter area. **Thank you to our Governing Council for being such a wonderful group to work with. Together we have raised money, replaced the front sign, reviewed policies, approved budgets and spending, discussed ideas and made decisions while also providing direction for our kindergarten. Thankyou from Vicki**

## ***Kindy Books***

For mid-year children the Kindy books will be sent home at the start of week 8 that is the 4<sup>th</sup>/5<sup>th</sup> of December and are to be returned at the end of week 8 that is 7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup> of December.

For our mid-year families **Smarter Communication** with important dates for Term 1, 2024 is attached.

**COVID is still with us:**  As everyone is aware the isolating requirements for COVID has changed, however the Department for Education requirements are as follows:

- **If your child develops symptoms (even mild or seemingly not related to COVID-19), they must not attend the Preschool and are required to get tested for COVID-19.**
- If your child tests positive to COVID-19 please notify the Preschool via SMS 0447 310 783 (This is SMS only). Please help us stop the spread and do not attend kindy while symptomatic and preferably for 5 days after testing positive.

## **End of Year Kindy Family Celebration**

**Group A Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> December 8.45am – 10am**

**Group B Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> December 8.45am - 10am**

On the dates mentioned above we will extend our outdoor play session in the morning. Families are invited to stay until 10am. Come and celebrate with other families and children while chatting with staff and playing with your child.

**Complimentary fruit platters will be served at 9.30am**

## **Early Dismissal week 9**

There will be a morning session only on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December and no Kindy in the afternoon. **NO PACKED LUNCH REQUIRED.** The session is 9am -12pm for group B (Tues/Thurs) group. The afternoon will be used for end-of-term clean up duties and moving furniture to have carpets cleaned during the holidays.

## **DIARY DATES**

**Group A Kindy – Friday 17<sup>th</sup> November**

**Group B Kindy - Friday 24<sup>th</sup> November**

**Group A Kindy – Friday 8<sup>th</sup> December**

**Group A kindy celebration Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> December**

**Group B Kindy Celebration Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> December**

**Group B Kindy – Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December – 12pm dismissal**

**Keep smiling from the staff team at Kurralta Park Community Kindergarten**





## Kurralta Park Community Kindergarten

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Hello, my name is Dareska Brus. I am excited to be working as the Director of Kurralta Park Kindergarten alongside a resourceful and talented educational team in 2024.

I was born in Adelaide, grew up in Rostrevor and attended Morialta High School before moving to the South of the city in Everard Park, as an adult. I have built a beautiful life and my partner Devon over the past 25 years. We have two happy and thoughtful boys, Jack 18 and Fynn 16 years of age. I am lucky to have three very clever and kind men and two beautiful Russian blue cats in my life.

My professional experience spans across different areas, always working with children aged between 6 months and 5 years. I have worked as a teacher and Director within the Department for Education (DFE) including my current employment as the Director of Kathleen Mellor Kindergarten and previously at Cowandilla Primary School and Children's Centre. I have worked within Private Long Day Care Services, including Colonel Light Gardens World of Learning and at Independent Schools, with my longest-term position being 13 years as the Director of the Early Learning Centre at Pulteney Grammar School.

I have a friendly, engaging, passionate personality and enjoy bringing a sense of humour and enthusiasm to the workplace. I enjoy supporting communities to create inspiring educational environments that empower feelings of safety as children follow their own authentic learning journey. I believe that children learn through play, investigation, inquiry, measured risk taking, and positive adult guidance within a creatively resourced, and language rich, natural environment.

I thoroughly enjoy working with a dedicated team of educators that support and encourage close, respectful, and reciprocal relationships with each other, the children, and families. Together, we will work diligently to maintain the wonderful and exciting program that the children currently enjoy.

I look forward to building strong relationships with the Kurralta Park Kindergarten community.

Kind Regards,

Dareska Brus



Strong sense of community & wellbeing.



Respectful & effective communication.



Play based inquiry & explorative learning using the Early Years Learning Framework.



Creative & imaginative environments that provoke a love for lifelong learning.



# Smarter Communication

**Landline- 8297 2340**

**Mobile-0447 310 783** (we don't answer the mobile this is for SMS only)

My child is sick - SMS mobile

My child will be late - SMS mobile

My child needs to be picked up early - SMS mobile

I am at the gate picking up my child early after SMS in the morning - ring landline

I need to talk the director - ring the landline to check availability

I need to talk to my child's teacher - email the teacher or chat with teacher between 9am-9:15am in the outdoor space

## **Kurralta Park Community Kindy Website**

<https://www.preschools.sa.gov.au/kurralta-park-community-kindergarten>

**Email** [dl.5626.leaders@schools.sa.edu.au](mailto:dl.5626.leaders@schools.sa.edu.au)

## **2024 Term 1 Important Dates**

<b><u>Group A - Monday/Wednesday group Fridays - weeks 2, 5 &amp; 8</u></b>	<b><u>Group B - Tuesday/Thursday group Fridays - weeks 3, 6 &amp; 9</u></b>
Group A Kindy – 9 <sup>th</sup> February	Group B Kindy – 16 <sup>th</sup> February
Group A Kindy – 1 <sup>st</sup> March	Group B Kindy – 8 <sup>th</sup> March
Group A Kindy – 22 <sup>nd</sup> March	Group B Kindy – 29 <sup>th</sup> March – <b>No Kindy, Good Friday Public Holiday</b>

Group A public holidays – 11<sup>th</sup> March (Adelaide Cup) and 1<sup>st</sup> April (Easter Monday)

Group B public holidays – 29<sup>th</sup> March (Good Friday as mentioned above)

Pupil free day – To be advised