



Newsletter

September , 2022

Important Dates to remember

Beach Kindy	Thursday 15 th September Monday 19 th September Tuesday 27 th September
Largs Bay School Visit	Tuesday 20 th September from 1:30pm
Semaphore Road Walking Excursion	Wednesday 21 st September
Parent/Caregiver Family Information Session with Duani	Thursday 22 nd September From 7:00 to 8:00pm
Family Movie Day	Sunday 25 th September From 12:10pm
Term 3 School Holidays	Monday 3 rd October to Sunday 16 th October

Hello

The children have been incredibly busy engaging in a range of play experiences over this term. Our fortnightly program is guided by the voice of the children, their interests, wonderings and supporting elements for their development, as well as an overarching Inquiry Project area each term. The program is always so full and emerging over the fortnight. You can view each fortnights program on the board above where the children sign in each day.

We will be sending home the Learning folders again in the holidays for the children to share with their families. There is a Term 3 reflection page for you to complete with your child.

Thank you

Families contribute in a variety of ways according to their time and abilities. A huge thank you to Ashley Eastham (Bodie's dad) who kindly trimmed some overgrown bushes and trees in the kindergarten yard some weeks ago now.

Hats

We are now wearing hats everyday as the UV is above 3 consistently, and our hot weather policy states this is when children need to be wearing a sun hat all the time. Please ensure your child has a hat, labelled with their name, in their bag everyday. This also means children should have sunscreen applied before arriving each morning, we will reapply at lunch time.

Please also remember to label all other items of your clothing, as well as their lunch box and drink bottle. We have had a lot of unnamed lost property lately.

Mosquitoes

The time of year where mosquitoes are a common visitor to our yard has hit. If your child struggles with bites it is best that along with sunscreen you apply a insect repellent before arriving at kindergarten.

Intended Schools

We have been collecting information from families in regard to which schools children are attending next year. If anything changes to your current plan please ensure you discuss this with your cohort educator. This allows us to communicate with the school in regards to each child's best transition to school.

Largs Bay School Visit

A note has recently gone home to children who attend Tuesday afternoons. This is an opportunity for children to experience our local school. The children will participate in a shared story, play in the classroom and a play in the yard. Unfortunately, this visit is only available to the children who attend on Tuesday afternoons.

Semaphore Street Excursion

A note was recently placed in the family information pockets with information and consent to attend. All the details are in that note. We are still looking for extra volunteers to support the day. The excursion is open to all children. Thank you to those who have already returned the consent form (and library card application form if necessary), please do so as soon as possible if you haven't.

Information Session with Duani

Duani is our Speech Pathologist who has been working alongside our educator team and children for the past two years. She is kindly offering a free information night to help families understanding how to best support their child's emergent literacy skills. This includes skill before starting kindergarten, whilst in their kindergarten year and for transitioning to school. It is a great opportunity to gain some practical advice and opportunities you can easily do at home. Flyer attached.

Sustainable Garden Fundraising

We are currently running two fundraising opportunities to support our garden. We are holding a Local Business Raffle. Local business in the area are kindly donating a range of vouchers for goods and services to be part of our prize baskets. If you know a local business which would be keen to be involved please contact Amy at kindergarten.

We are also selling tickets for a Family movie day. A note went home recently. It will be a great opportunity to hang out with your child and their friends and families while enjoying a great movie.

Phonological Awareness Curriculum

We have now been working on our Phonological Awareness curriculum for some time. We have finished our intentional teaching on syllables, rhyme and initial sounds. .

The children have now been organised into targeted groups based on their Phonological Awareness learning needs for the remainder of the year.

As we have learnt over the course of our engagement in our learning research suggests that children who have increased exposure to these skills experience greater literacy success later in life. By the end of kindergarten it is important that children have an understanding of syllables and matching rhyme.

Amy, Louise, Katrina, Katy, Wendy and Nicole