



# Newsletter

WEEK 6 TERM 3: 29<sup>th</sup> August 2019



## Remember, no nuts at kindy please

*Hello Everyone,*

Well there have been many exciting things happening at kindergarten since the last newsletter and we are now over halfway through the term. Winter is almost over and I know for many of you it will be a great moment when spring comes as there have been many families suffering from the winter ills. It was fortunate that the recent Outdoor Week was mostly dry and although cold it was great to sit around the fire and enjoy times of reflection with the children. They found many things to do in the learning environment and at least one child was heard to say 'this is the best week of kindy'. The staff team also enjoyed spending time in a more relaxed atmosphere and the walks in the park provided times of exploration for everyone.

For those families who were able to be part of our Community Science Night 2019—Science is Child's Play, on Friday August 23<sup>rd</sup>, I hope you had a fascinating time exploring the many exhibits and chatting with the exhibitors. Many families who are not part of our kindy community also attended and have commented on the knowledge and fun they had exploring science principles with their children. I was delighted to observe the children exploring the exhibits asking questions and experimenting with ideas. I was told that the Warrawong Sanctuary animals were very interesting and Claire the presenter was engaging and gave good information and interactive experiences for the children. Des' Light Show where your eyes were deceived by the effects of strobe lights, also attracted many enthusiastic families. Thankyou to the helpers who: set up and dismantled the rooms, made and served soup. The grant from SA National Science Week Committee meant that we could provide much needed additional space, but now it is time for me to write my report of the event so I would really appreciate your comments and reflections, if you could add them to the Learning Journals or alternatively send me an email so that I can add to my thoughts about the event. On the following page there is a list of our sponsors for the event. It has been exciting to watch some of the children showing their science experiments at group time, but there are still several weeks until the end of term. Please arrange a time with the staff team prior to your child's experiment so that we can space out the learning fun. If you are unsure of what to do take a look at the posters of the children's work already on the overhead lines inside.

This week we are very sad to say goodbye to our pre-service teacher Brianna Hughes but as she lives in our area you may see her around Blackwood in the future. She has endeared herself to the children and staff team and we have appreciated the way Brianna has supported all of the curriculum activities which we have been happening at the kindy. She was a great help both before, during and after our Community Science night and I know she will succeed in her career as a teacher.

*Kind Regards, Cynthia Meredith*

## Diary Dates

### Syrene Market Week

Mon Sept 2<sup>nd</sup> -Fri Sept 6<sup>th</sup>

HPS Excursion to visit with

Perf Arts Mon Sept 2<sup>nd</sup>

PE Tues Sept 3<sup>rd</sup>

PE Mon Sept 9<sup>th</sup>

Japanese Tues Sept 10<sup>th</sup>

Lib/STEM Mon Sept 16<sup>th</sup>

Lib/STEM Tues Sept 17<sup>th</sup>

Kindy Photo Mornings

Mon Sept 9<sup>th</sup> & Thurs Sept 12<sup>th</sup>

Kindy Governing Council Meeting

Wed Sept 11<sup>th</sup> 7:15pm for 7:30pm  
start

Working Bee Sat Sept 14<sup>th</sup>

8am--12noon

Kindy Class Photos

Mon & Thurs Sept 10<sup>th</sup> & 13<sup>th</sup>

CAFHS Preschool Screening

Wed Sept 18<sup>th</sup> at kindy

Walk and Talk Days

Wed/Thurs Sept 25<sup>th</sup> /26<sup>th</sup>

## Regular Events

**Wednesday & Thursdays**

Morn: shared fruit time

**Fridays**

Playgroup 9:30-11:30am



## WITH THANKS TO THESE SPONSORS FOR THEIR SUPPORT OF COMMUNITY SCIENCE NIGHT ---SCIENCE IS CHILD'S PLAY 2019

### **Annual Preschool Survey—accessed online**

The annual survey for preschools is now available and can be completed online, details are at the end of this newsletter. This survey will be part of the Annual Report and is used by the Education Department for forward planning in preschools. **Please could you take the time to complete it** either on line or if you would like to complete a hard copy and return it to the kindergarten please speak with the staff team as soon as possible so that it can be completed within the limited time frame. The staff team would appreciate your support of this survey.

### **Excursions to Hawthorndene Primary School—see diary dates**

We have already had two opportunities to share at the school with Japanese and Performing Arts lessons and there are three more excursions planned in the coming weeks. We will have fun with a P.E. lesson and time in the Library where we will also meet the STEM teacher.

### **Next Week is Syrene Market Week---Sept 2<sup>nd</sup>-----6<sup>th</sup>**

Don't forget to assemble any items for the stall, baked goods and plants are also useful. Come prepared to purchase as well. All monies raised support our sponsor child Syrene in Cambodia.

### **Kindy class group photos Monday Sept 9<sup>th</sup> and Thursday Sept 12<sup>th</sup>**

Our annual kindy class group photos will be on the dates above. You do not need to purchase them in advance and the photographer will take a group photo and then 3 photos of each child. He then compiles them in a small kindy photo album and you can view them at kindy before purchasing them. The photographer usually has them for viewing at kindy before the end of the term. Please ensure that your child arrives at the kindy no later than 9am on that day so that the group photo can be taken early when the children are fresh.

### **Governing Council Meeting---Wed Sept 11<sup>th</sup> from 7:15 for coffee**

The formal meeting will start at 7:30pm and is a good opportunity to hear all the background information to the running of the kindy. Come and hear about the Quality Improvement Plan and share your ideas about future plans. The staff team are greatly encouraged by parent support.

### **Working Bee at kindy---Sat Sept 14<sup>th</sup> 8am -12noon**

The kindergarten grounds need some love and care. There will be some soft fall to spread as well. Please can you book this date in your diary and come to help with this work, even if you can only come for a short time every worker makes a difference.

### **CAFHS preschool screening—Tuesday Sept 18<sup>th</sup> ---at the kindergarten**

Please avail yourself of this opportunity to ensure your child has a great start to school in 2020. Book a time with a staff team member.

### **To give away for a donation to Syrene Market**

There is a shelf unit suitable for use in a children's playroom or shed which is surplus to the kindergarten requirements. If you are interested please speak with one of the staff team to inspect.

**Kind regards, Cynthia Meredith, Louise Montesi, Tess Gibbs,  
Crystal Morphett, Lenka Velisek and Toni Turci.**

**Please read on and use the instructions for the preschool survey for parents  
on the following page**

# Instruction Sheet for Survey Participation

## Hawthorndene Kindergarten

Log in to the system as instructed below, using one of the following codes

PS13466401 PS13466402 PS13466403 PS13466404 PS13466405

PS13466406 PS13466407 PS13466408 PS13466409 PS13466410

### Login Instructions

1. Access the site by typing in this address:

**www.educationsurveys.sa.edu.au/online**

2. Click the login button at the top of the page



3. Enter one of the codes specified above in the USERNAME box. Enter it again in the PASSWORD box, ensuring it is in UPPER CASE. Click the grey login button .

**Login**

**Note: all the characters after "PS" in the username/password are NUMBERS - do not enter the letter "O" instead of the number zero.**

4. Click the SURVEYS button



5. A list of surveys will appear. Only click on the survey entitled "Parent Survey for Preschools 2019"

**Note: If you do not see the *Parent Survey for Preschools 2019* anywhere in the list you are not logged in properly. Go back to Step 2 and follow the directions there.**

6. Follow the on screen directions to record your responses and to complete the survey.

7. Press the NEXT button each time you complete a page.

**Next**

8. You can go back to a previous page by pressing the BACK button.

**Back**

9. Please ensure you complete the survey within 30 minutes or your session will "time out" and some or all of your responses will be lost.

10. Once you reach the last page, press the FINISH button and that page will close.

**Finish**

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