



# Newsletter

WEEK 1 TERM 2 : 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2019



## Remember, no nuts at kindy please

*Hello Everyone and Welcome to Term 2.*

Our focus this term is 'How do bodies work'. We will be exploring many aspects of different bodies both human and other creatures. Shortly you will receive information on how to create a poster with your child in relation to our focus. Once completed it will be used for show and share times with the group. Our Positive Behaviour Mural has a playground and the awards are children moving in different ways. I hope you will have a chance to take a look at it from time to time.

The term overview and weekly program are already in the Learning Journals, many interesting stories about the things we have been discovering are already displayed there as well. Don't forget it's great to have your input in the journal so add your comments when you have time. There are references to our curriculum document the Early Years Learning Framework and the Literacy and Numeracy Indicators which will give insights into how the children are developing their skills through play. The Diary Dates adjacent give you advance notice of the planned events for the term please take note so that you don't miss out on valuable learning opportunities with your child.

This term we will be holding the first of our Outdoor Weeks where we spend the whole day outside with access to the toilets. As this may include some wet weather I would encourage you to ensure your child has warm clothes, a rain jacket and rubber boots (as extra) are also an advantage. In previous years the children have really enjoyed exploring the outdoor including opportunities to cook over a fire pit. The staff team and the children have discussions about how to keep safe around the fire and safety precautions are put in place. This ensures that the children can enjoy the experience but are also made aware of the dangers of fire and the need for caution. The children are also asked to think about the risks to themselves and others in their play and this will support them in all areas as they grow. This week all of the children have received a beanie which will be a great asset in Outdoor Week.

The children will also be working towards their bike licences for use on the bike track. They will begin by doing a written test (teachers scribe their ideas) followed by a practical test where the children ride around the bike track showing their safety skills. Once they have earned their licence they will be shown how to find it and place it on the bike shed when they are playing on the bike track. We will also be encouraging them to think about safety outside of kindy near roadways. You might like to show your child your driver's licence as this will support their ongoing understanding.

*Kind Regards, Cynthia Meredith*

## Diary Dates

Kindy Governing Council Meeting  
Tuesday May 7<sup>th</sup>  
7:15pm for coffee  
7:30pm presentation about sleep for  
young children by  
Shereen Nielson

Maypole Dancing Displays  
Mon May 6<sup>th</sup>, Tues May 7<sup>th</sup> 2:45pm

Special puppet presentation by the  
Suitcase Theatre--Jack & the Beanstalk  
Tues May 21<sup>st</sup> & Wed May 22<sup>nd</sup> 9:30am

Grandparents & Special Friends Days  
Mon May 27<sup>th</sup> & Tues May 28<sup>th</sup> 1:45pm

Outdoor and Pet Week  
Mon June 3<sup>rd</sup> ----Thurs June 6<sup>th</sup>

CAFHS preschool screening  
Tuesday June 4<sup>th</sup>

Syrene Market Week  
Mon June 17<sup>th</sup> -Fri June 21<sup>st</sup>

Dancify sessions 1pm  
Wed—May 29<sup>th</sup> June 12<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup>, 26<sup>th</sup>  
Thurs—May 30<sup>th</sup> June 13<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup>, 27<sup>th</sup>

Walk and Talk Cleanup Days  
Wed & Thurs July 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup>

## Family Funtastics Fundraising Days

At the end of last term we enjoyed our Family Funtastics Fundraising Days where the children completed 4 laps of an obstacle course and hopefully they had family and friends sponsor them for their efforts. It is now time to return your sponsorship money. This is our biggest fundraising event for the year and this year we will be putting this money towards 'Dancify' lessons at the end of the term. The dance lessons have been booked so it would be great to have the money as soon as possible. We have a wishing well showing the amount of money which has been raised so far so come in and have a look. Please place your child's sponsorship money in the butterfly box on the kitchen bench.

## Hawthorndene Kindergarten Governing Council--Tues May 7<sup>th</sup>

The next meeting will be on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> May:

- 7:15 pm coffee and chat
- 7:30pm presentation by Shereen Nielson---
- Sleep for Babies and Young Children to 8 years of age.
- 8pm short meeting to discuss ongoing program at kindy
- 9pm closing chat with other parents and staff



## Mother's Day

The children are preparing something special for their mums as we encourage them to remember all the special things their mums do as part of celebrating Mother's Day. We hope you will all enjoy a special time with your family on Mother's Day Sunday May 12<sup>th</sup>.



## Celebrating May Day with a Maypole Dancing Display

Next week we will be celebrating cultures of the Northern Hemisphere by celebrating May Day with Maypole dancing which is part of celebrations in other countries as they enjoy the coming of Spring, after the long cold winter. If you have associations with any of the European countries where May Day celebrations are enjoyed we invite you to share with the staff team so that we can include your experiences in our program. The children were keen to invite you to our display and have made invitations for you. Please come at 2:45pm on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> or Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> May at 2:45pm, if you can, to watch the children dancing around the artificial pole with their flower headdresses.

## Dressing for kindy

As the weather begins to turn colder and wetter we are encouraging the children to bring outdoor clothing, such as a jacket or raincoat to wear when they are playing outside. On wet days the children could wear boots for outside as well. All clothing and footwear needs to be named please.



## Kindergarten Term 2 Fees 2019

The invoices for Term fees have now been emailed to families if you have difficulty paying the full amount at once please speak with Cynthia to arrange instalments. It would be appreciated if you could pay your fees as quickly as possible to facilitate the voluntary treasurer's role.

## Jack and the Beanstalk---Puppets

On Tuesday and Wednesday May 21<sup>st</sup>, 22<sup>nd</sup> at 9:30 am there will be a special presentation by the Suitcase Theatre, performing the folk story Jack and the Beanstalk with puppets. At the end of the

performance the children will have the opportunity to make their own puppet. This is a wonderful learning opportunity where the children will see how puppets move and tell a story. If you would like to join with us please speak with the staff team. This presentation has been recommended by one of our families and has been highly endorsed by other kindergartens so we know it will be a good learning time for the children.

## Entertainment Books available for 2019

If you would like to purchase a book please speak with the staff team or make a purchase online and put Hawthorndene Kindergarten in the section which asks which charity you are supporting so that we can be eligible for the small commission from sales.

## Grandparents' and Special Friends' Days Mon May 27<sup>th</sup> & Tues May 28<sup>th</sup>

We invite our visitors to come to the kindergarten from 1:45pm so that the children can show them around their learning environment, both indoors and outdoors. At the end of this informal time there will be a more formal time when the children will do a short group time activity to showcase some of their skills together. This will be followed by a special afternoon tea which the children will be cooking in the morning. It would be great to have some volunteers to come in to kindy on the morning of the visit to help with the cooking of the food. Please speak with the staff team as soon as possible if you are able to support us with this activity. Parents are welcome to come with the visitors in the afternoon as well.



## CAYHS health check-----Tuesday June 4<sup>th</sup>

This is an opportunity for you to bring your child to the kindy to have a preschool screening before school starts in 2020. The nurse will check hearing, sight and general development and you will have a chance to talk about any concerns you may have. It is for all children who come to this kindergarten regardless of which day they attend. Please make an appointment time with the staff team if you would like to use this service. A parent/caregiver must attend the appointment with their child.

## Outdoor Week and Pet Week

This term we will have our first Outdoor Week where we will spend all of the day outside only entering the building to use the toilets. We will be using the fire pit to cook and provide heat.

The dates for this week are Monday June 3<sup>rd</sup> until Thursday June 6<sup>th</sup>: You may like to start looking for warmer clothing and footwear now so that you can be prepared. During this week we will also be holding a Pet Week. As our focus this term is 'How bodies move' we are hoping that some families will be able to bring in their pets to show the children at kindy. We hope the children will be able to talk about how they care for their pets.



## Washing Roster

Here's your chance to have a positive input into kindy in a practical way! Yes, it's the washing roster which needs filling again. A big thankyou to Oriana who did the washing each fortnight and thankyou to everyone who also helped last term. Apply now so that you can have a turn this term, don't miss out see Tess for the location of the roster if you are not sure. You don't have to return the washing the next day so don't worry if the wet weather hinders drying.



## Budgie Borrowing Roster

The budgies can be borrowed each weekend by a kind family. If you would like to have a turn please ask a staff member to put your child's name on the roster as soon as possible. A **Big Thankyou** to those families that cared for our kindy pets during the holidays.



## Syrene Market Week

Thankyou to everyone for your support of the Syrene Market Week last term, we received \$144.00 to maintain our sponsorship of Syrene in Cambodia. This is a great start to the year so again thankyou to everyone who was involved in any way in the market stall either as a supplier or purchaser and a big thankyou to Lulu Collins (Thomas' mum) for taking the left overs to a local charity shop. Venessa ApThomas (Leo's mum) is our Syrene Market Coordinator so if you have any ideas for future markets please let her know.

**Syrene Market Week for Term 2 will be from Mon June 17<sup>th</sup> to Fri June 21<sup>st</sup>.**

## Rock Garden (snake)

Thankyou to Derek Snowball (Elle's dad) for sourcing the plants and Ryan Farquharson (parent from 2018) for the design and planting of the area in the holidays. The children have been involved in risk management discussions looking at how we can care and protect our new plants. A watering system will be installed shortly to support their growth over the first couple of years.

The new lawn with a redesigned paving area is due to be started on Friday so we are hopeful the rain will not cause delays.

**If you would like to have a formal interview or discuss aspects of your child's development please speak with the staff team to arrange a mutually convenient time.**

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