



Newsletter

WEEK 3 TERM 2 : 16th May 2019



Remember, no nuts at kindy please

Hi Everyone,

It was wonderful to see so many parents and friends come along to the celebration of May Day where the children did some Maypole Dancing and some of the adults joined in as well. There are some great photos in the Learning Journal and a special page in the children's workbooks.

Last week the children worked in the vegetable garden, planting Broccoli and learnt about the problem of caterpillars eating the leaves of our plants. After a visit from 'Gay the Garden Girl' they were encouraged to make their own pretend butterflies to trick the real butterflies into going to another garden to lay their eggs. You might like to have a look in the garden at their butterflies.

I hope you all enjoyed a special time reflecting on the place of mothers in our lives on Mother's Day. The children enjoyed making their surprise gift so I hope you liked them as well.

This week the children have been working on a special painting to give to their grandparents or special friends at our visiting day. They have been using oil pastels to draw their self-portrait as they look in the mirror and then they are using a paint wash to highlight the painting.

Several of the children have now had a chance to celebrate their birthdays with the 'Around the Sun' celebration and this is a great way for the children and staff team to learn more about each child. If your child is having a birthday soon please speak with me about booking a time to hold this celebration.

I hope you have had a chance to look at the Learning Goals which were put in the notice pockets this week. They have been formulated from your child profile questionnaires, observations and collected work samples. Please take the time to look at them, but also be aware that these are related to the Literacy and Numeracy Indicators and are not the only aspect of our curriculum which is provided for your child.

Kind regards, Cynthia Meredith

Diary Dates

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

Grandparents & Special Friends Days
Mon May 27th & Tues May 28th 1:45pm

Outdoor and Pet Week
Mon June 3rd ----Thurs June 6th

CAFHS preschool screening
Tuesday June 4th

Syrene Market Week
Mon June 17th -Fri June 21st

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

Walk and Talk Cleanup Days
Wed & Thurs July 3rd & 4th

Regular Events

Wednesdays:

Morning:
Funtastics/ Shared fruit

Thursdays:

Morning:
Funtastics/ Shared fruit

Fridays

Playgroup
9:30-11:30am

Family Funtastics Fundraising Days

At this time our total is \$669 towards our goal of \$1000. If you have not brought your fundraising money and placed it in the butterfly box can you do so as soon as possible? Have a look at the Wishing Well on your next visit. Our 'Dancify' lessons will be starting in Week 5.

Hawthorndene Kindergarten Governing Council

Thankyou to everyone who attended the recent meeting. We commenced by listening to some practical advice about how to encourage good sleeping patterns for children given by Shereen Nielson (Vaughn's mum).

Shereen has a consulting service for families and if you would like a personal consultation please speak with the staff team to get her details.

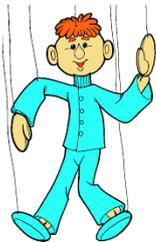
The next meeting will be on Tuesday 18th June and Cynthia will be giving a short presentation about her research into Nature and Forest Kindergartens in Europe. This will provide insight into the way the staff team work with the children during Outdoor Weeks.

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.

Washing Roster

Some families haven't taken up this great opportunity to support the kindergarten. This is your chance to have a positive input into kindy in a practical way! Yes, it's the washing roster which needs filling again. 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.



Jack and the Beanstalk---Puppets

On Tuesday and Wednesday May 21st, 22nd 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.

Grandparents' and Special Friends' Days Mon May 27th & Tues May 28th

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.



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.

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.



Nature Play SA has some waterproof onesies available which some parents have expressed an interest in buying. They are \$30 but reduced to \$25 if there is a group of 10 parents wanting to buy them. Lulu Collins (Thomas' mum) is happy to coordinate this if you are interested please let the staff team know so that you can be included in the bulk order.

CAYHS health check----Tuesday June 4th

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 3rd until Thursday June 6th. 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.



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 17th to Fri June 21st.

If you have an old mobile phone you can recycle it at kindy. We are sending them away to raise money for the Chimpanzees at the Adelaide Zoo.

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