



Newsletter

WEEK 9 TERM 2: 25TH June 2020

Remember, no nuts at kindy please

Hi Everyone,

What a wonderful time everyone enjoyed during Outdoor Week. It was challenging for the first two days with the ongoing showers of rain but the staff team were especially pleased that the extremely cold days of the week before were not repeated. It was good to see the children wearing appropriate clothing and having some fun without being cold. The puddles on the first two days were fun for the children wearing rubber boots and play in the mud kitchen and sandpit where there were long sticks to create tee pees, allowed for many interesting conversations between children. I hope the children may share more with you while showing you the pictures they have drawn in their work books. Cooking bread on the bamboo poles around the fire was also a popular activity and it was lovely to use some herbs from our garden for the ingredients. After the ingredients were stirred together the children had an opportunity to do some kneading of the bread ingredients which is helpful in developing fine motor skills for drawing and writing. During the term break you may like to do some cooking, using a recipe and perhaps if making biscuits the children might like to roll the mixture into small balls for cooking. This week the children have been reviewing their entries in their own Outdoor Journals and sharing them with each other. These small books will be used each Outdoor Week as another way to encourage our budding writers.

I hope you will enjoy looking through the children's work books which they are bringing home and seeing how much they have been learning. Of course this is only a small part of their learning story so I also hope that your children will be able to talk about all of the skills and new ideas they have been gathering in other ways at kindergarten. The staff team are greatly encouraged to hear about how the children are developing their learning at home and often you can see more links when you are looking at their work books so please feel free to write your insights in their books as well as encouraging words for your children.

Kind Regards,

Cynthia Meredith

Diary Dates

Return Workbooks to kindy
Wed July 1st & Thurs July 2nd

End of Term
Thurs July 2nd

Term 3 commences
Monday July 20th

Regular Events

No shared fruit at this time

Playgroup to commence again in Term 3
Fridays morning from 9:30am

Holiday Pets

Thankyou to everyone who has supported our sponsor child with a donation. It is pleasing that we have a family to care for our turtle but unfortunately there has not been anyone offering to care for the budgie or our rabbits. They are adorable pets and would really like a holiday at your house so if you are able to have them please get in touch with the kindy as soon as possible. A quick email will ensure that you don't miss this wonderful opportunity to have a pet for a short time.

Kindy Governing Council Meeting last night

Thankyou to everyone who joined the staff team last night for our meeting it was good to meet in person at kindy using the current guidelines for safe public meetings. Our office bearers are as follows:

Sophie Milic---Chairperson, Tanya Parr---Secretary, Andres Byrnes---Treasurer, Seth Tiddy---Groundsperson.



In the term break we are having a new sliding glass door added to the library room which will give more light in that room and make it more usable for a variety of activities.

The Education Department has provided us with funding which we can use to upgrade the learning area which includes the digging patch and mud kitchen and the installation of a hand pump and tank for the children to access their own water for mud play. A concept map has been drawn up and is attached.

Donations for Sreyne Sponsorship (children's artwork)

Direct Debits may be made as follows:

Account Name: **Hawthorndene Kindergarten Inc.**

BSB: **065100**

Account No: **1005 4934**

Please mark them: **Sreyne Market Week**



Thankyou to everyone who has supported our sponsor child with a donation. It is pleasing to hear the connections the children have made with this project as they encourage their mums and dads to support with a donation. We hope you have found somewhere in your home to display these beautiful paintings.

Changes to drop off and pick up

In line with the lifting of some restrictions to normal activities due to our improved health status from Term 3 it will be possible for parents/caregivers to enter the kindergarten grounds at the start and finish of the day. Please could you do this from the verandah and not stay any longer than is necessary. It will not be appropriate to have long conversations with other parents and it will still be important to try to stay socially distanced as much as possible during this time.

How is my child doing at kindy?

In normal circumstances parents and staff are able to interact much more than at this time and some of you may feel that you would like to know more about how your child is developing at kindy. You may like to make a phone call to have a chat or alternatively you might like to make a time to have an interview about your child's progress. You can make an appointment by calling 82784161 or 0419295705 to make a time with Cynthia.

Best Wishes from,
Cynthia Meredith, Louise Montesi, Tess Gibbs, Lenka Velisek and Crystal Morphett.