



# Newsletter

WEEK 1 TERM 4: 14<sup>th</sup> October 2020



## Remember, no nuts at kindy please

Hi Everyone,

I hope you have all enjoyed the recent break from routine activities and have had some time to spend with the children while they had holidays from kindy. I know it can be difficult when adults still have to attend their work place but the change in routine can allow for a more flexible time.

The staff team have enjoyed the recent break and are now keen to work with the children as they enjoy their last term of learning at kindergarten. They are all improving their skills in key word signing and in sharing their ideas about life with their peers. This week the children shared their holiday adventures in pairs and threesomes and there was a high level of sound as they conversed together. All of the children have now had a chance to be the organiser and some have done this multiple times with great success. Some of the children have shown increased skills on the monkey bars and the other climbing equipment as well. This week the staff team have been finishing the bike licence questionnaires and practical test on the bike track so that the children can be awarded their licences.

The children have all developed in so many ways this year and I know that they will start getting more excited about starting school in 2021 as the term progresses. However it is helpful not to talk about starting school too often just focus on the present learning adventures. In the past I have noticed that sometimes as children get closer to starting school, some of their behaviour can become challenging as they assert their independence. I believe much of this is due to the uncertainty that they are feeling as their next adventure in life is about to begin so I would encourage you to be patient and understanding with your child's emotions. Children still need to follow the family rules, be loving and kind to others and know when they have overstepped the mark with their behaviour, however if they are feeling unsure of the next stage in life they might not be thinking clearly about their behaviour.

Our positive behaviour mural this term is a puzzle which will be revealed as the term progresses and there are many awards on the board.

This week we have welcomed Kobi Murray and her parents Joan and Jason to our kindergarten as they have just moved into the area. I hope Kobi will get to know her new friends quickly and be very happy at our kindy.

As you can see from the diary dates adjacent there are some exciting things happening this term so please put the dates in your diaries so you can keep the children up to date with what they will be experiencing each week. *Kind regards, Cynthia Meredith*

## Diary Dates

Outdoor Week 2 Next week  
Mon-Thurs 19<sup>th</sup>-22<sup>nd</sup> Oct

Kindy Closure Day  
Tues 27<sup>th</sup> Oct  
No kindergarten sessions

Kindy Gov Council Meeting  
Wed 28<sup>th</sup> Oct 7:30pm

Birthday Celebration Days  
Wed/Thurs 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> Nov  
Funtastics obstacle course  
Party lunch  
Scientific Bubble Show

Zoo Excursion  
Wed/Thurs 25<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup> Nov

Kindy Gov Council Dinner  
Fri 27<sup>th</sup> Nov

End of Year Christmas Concert  
Tues/Wed 8<sup>th</sup> & 9<sup>th</sup> Dec

## Regular Events

No shared fruit  
at this time

Playgroup

9:30am---11:15am

## Term 4--- UV protection

This term is a 'hat for play outside rule'. Please can you support your child to bring a hat with a broad brim to kindy each day to wear outside. The kindy logo hat is most appropriate, if you have mislaid your child's hat you may purchase a new one for \$8. Please could you apply sunscreen before your child comes to kindy and the staff team will support the children to apply sunscreen for the afternoon outside time. It is also important to protect young skin with clothing which covers their upper shoulders, if you are unsure about this please speak with the staff team.

## Outdoor Week----- Mon---Thurs 19<sup>th</sup> --- 22<sup>nd</sup> Oct

Next week will be our last Outdoor Week for this year, we have it early in the term before the fire season begins. We hope to be able to have the fire pit as usual and may have an opportunity to explore the park next door.

## Closure Day—Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> October

In week 3 the staff team will hold a closure day to review our year and plan for the Quality Improvement Plan 2021. As there will be no kindergarten session on that day please make other arrangements for your children.

## Hawthorndene Kindergarten Governing Council—Wed Oct 28<sup>th</sup>

Governing Council meeting will be held in the main room at kindy at 7:30pm. everyone is welcome to attend, please let Cynthia know if you can attend.



## Dad's Night----wait for the special notice

Our usual Dad's Night cannot be held under the current restrictions for Covid 19. We would still like to encourage dads to have fun with their kindergarten child/children by creating a model with junk materials at home over the next few weeks. We hope you will photograph the progress and the finished model so that the children can share this record with their peers at kindergarten. Please could you complete this project by Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> or Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> November.



## Birthday Celebration 2020---Wednesday & Thursday Nov 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> November

This year has seen a change in the way we have recognised the children for their birthdays. Due to the changes in arrangements for parents visiting the kindergarten the staff team decided that instead of individual birthday acknowledgments we would have one big birthday celebration.

Our usual Family Funtastics Day also had to be cancelled and we still want the children to show their skills on an obstacle course but we cannot have parents in the learning area. As part of our birthday celebration we will be preparing an obstacle course which the children will complete in the morning. Parents may wish to watch from the fence as long as social distancing is practiced.

Following this there will be a party lunch **for the children**. We are asking **each family to provide a small plate of party food to share** and the staff team will distribute the food for the children from their choices.

Once the lunch has finished there will be a special performance called 'The Scientific Bubble Show', which you may have seen part of online.

The children will get to choose a lucky dip present as they leave so this should be a wonderful fun celebration.

## Thankyou to.....

- Tom Trewartha (Ruby's dad)for removing our unwanted items with the use of Brad Milic's trailer (Jasper's dad)
- Andrew Liersch (Harrison's dad) for repairing the woodwork table drawer
- Liina Byrne (Archer and Harvey's grandmother) for painting the future panel of our mural
- the families who looked after our pets for the holidays
- the families who did the washing last term

## Sad news---Happy news

Unfortunately our beautiful budgie Star passed away during the recent term break which we are very sad about.

On a happier note a family who previously had children at this kindergarten needed to rehome their two budgies and has given their budgies and cage to us.

### **New Development in the outdoor learning area**

There will be an upgrade to the learning area around the digging patch and mud kitchen which will include a hand pump for the children to use as they explore the properties of water and develop their design and engineering skills in these areas as well as the sandpit. Climbing Tree has been engaged to do the work which will commence shortly, with a completion date a couple of weeks later. This will be a great asset for all of us once it is in use.

### **End of year concert celebration**

We are planning to hold our usual Christmas concert at the end of Term 4 with the children performing on the deck and the audience gathering using social distancing for non-family groups in designated spots on the lawn, in the car park and in the adjacent park which should give us enough space for everyone. The concerts are planned for Tuesday December 8<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday December 9<sup>th</sup> so please put these dates in your diaries. A couple of weeks before the concert there will be a notice which you will need to respond to letting Cynthia know how many of your family will be attending so that arrangements can be made to accommodate people.

### **Important reminders of kindergarten Covid 19 Routines for Term 4 to support the health of our community**

- Please only use the gate entrance on Kindergarten Avenue at this time. If there are other families using the entrance wait until you have the appropriate social distance between them. Adults to use the hand sanitiser before opening the gates.
- Parents/caregivers can bring their children on to the verandah at the start of the day and to collect them from kindergarten, however at this time we ask you not to enter the building unless you have an appointment with the director.
- Children are requested to wash their hands in the bathroom before doing their morning tasks while adults need to use the hand sanitiser before entering the gate.
- Parents will not need to sign in at this time as the staff team will record attendances
- Parents will need to check the notice pockets which are above the sign in table
- Parents please remember to social distance as much as possible and do not spend time chatting when on the verandah---if there are too many other adults in the area wait until it is clear
- Literacy Kits will be on the verandah for you to borrow for one week---when you return the kits place them in the large box at the side of the stand **not on the stand** so that they can be put aside for a time to comply with health requirements
- If you or your children are unwell please remain at home and inform the kindergarten by phone or email----if you are unable to make contact on the landline please phone 0419295705
- Seek COVID testing if unsure of symptoms and self isolate.
- If you would like to have an interview about your child or family circumstances please phone and make a time in advance
- **Please check that all personal details for your child have not changed since commencement at the kindy this includes all phone numbers and addresses.**
- Please do not enter the kindergarten grounds during the weekend or after hours during the week. This is a requirement of the Education Department during the current health crisis.

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