



Newsletter

WEEK 3 TERM 2: 15th May 2020



Remember, no nuts at kindy please

Hi Everyone,

I can't believe we have already had three weeks of kindergarten. It was truly wonderful to have almost all of the children back with us for the term. There are still the health restrictions in place but the children have adapted well.

I hope all our mothers had a special celebration on Sunday and enjoyed receiving the special book mark which your children made at kindy. The libraries have just reopened so perhaps you will be able to borrow some books to read although I know it is often difficult to find the time amidst your busy lives.

Our kindergarten vegetable garden is progressing well with carrots soon to be ready and mandarins ripening along with lemons and oranges. It was great to have a visit from Rebecca aka *Gaye the Garden Girl* who shared her knowledge of vegetable planting for this season with the children and then did some work in our garden. Broccoli was planted this time.

This week we had another visit from Heidi of Dancify who taught the children a new dance, *Que Sera*. I have sent out a link so that you can learn the moves with your children. It was pleasing to see the way everyone kept the appropriate distance from each other but still had a lot of fun learning the steps.

The children have also had some special learning moments in the digging patch and have worked together to put in practice some rules to keep safe while playing there after doing a risk assessment with the teachers. I am hoping that there will be some exciting developments in this area in the coming weeks to give more opportunities for sustained play for the children. I will be sharing more information as soon as it is prepared.

The children have now all received their kindy beanie to support their identity as a kindy child and it has been great to see them wearing them outside. The beanies will be especially helpful during Outdoor Week.

Yours Sincerely, *Cynthia Meredith*

Diary Dates

Dancify

Wednesday May 20th
Thursday May 21st

Wednesday May 27th
Thursday May 28th

All lessons start at 10:30am



Regular Events

No shared fruit at this time

Playgroup is postponed at this time

Kindergarten Governing Council Meeting--AGM

Thankyou to those parents who were able to join in the Webex meeting last Wednesday night, where the Annual Report was tabled and accepted. It was a challenging experience for some of us especially the director as there had been some difficulty with the laptop connection, fortunately the Department ICT helpdesk was able to solve the issues. It is hoped that the next meeting which will be advertised shortly will be at the kindergarten if the restrictions are lifted towards the end of the term.

Preschool Health Screenings

At this time this service, which was previously offered at the kindergarten, has been suspended until further notice but there is opportunity to discuss your child's development by phone or video. Please read the notice sent with the newsletter.

Kindy Fees for Term 2

Fee invoices were been sent out in week 1 could you please finalise this account as soon as possible, if you have any issues with this please speak with Cynthia so that you can arrange an alternative payment plan.



Grandparents and Special Friends Recognition

Every year in Term 2 we like to recognise the older generation in our families and we usually do this by having a special visiting day. This year this is not possible so we would like to do something different so that the children will still know how important the older people in their family are. We will be helping the children to do two pieces of artwork which we will then post out to the older people in their families. We need your help to make this happen. Please could you email to the kindy the postal addresses of two grandparents or special friends, if they live in another country or different state that would be okay as the staff team will ensure that the correct postage is on the letter. If you do not have two grandparents living in different places then please nominate an older friend who your child could send a special artwork to. We are planning to have the letters sent out by Week 7 so please send in the addresses a.s.a.p.

Our budgie Star needs some weekend short breaks

Can you help Star by providing a short term break for her on the weekend. She doesn't take up much room and loves to chirp for you. This can be a lovely way to introduce a pet to your household. We know many of you have other pets but as long as she is not in danger from them she will be happy to join your household. She really likes it when her kindy friends draw a picture and leave it in her folder. All the information for her care is in the folder and she comes with her own food as well.



Boxes and boxes or unwanted used containers

Do you have some unwanted boxes or other odds and ends that the children can use for creative construction at home cluttering up your rooms? Please send them along so that the children can give them another use.

**Our Best Wishes for fun times ahead with learning together in play,
Cynthia Meredith, Louise Montesi, Tess Gibbs, Lenka Velisek and Crystal Morphett.**

