



Newsletter

WEEK 5 TERM 4: 10th November 2020



Remember, no nuts at kindy please

Hi Everyone,

What great birthday celebrations we had last week! Thankyou to everyone who came to encourage the children as they took part in the modified Funtastics obstacle course. It was wonderful to have visitors and I appreciated the way everyone observed social distancing. I know the children enjoyed having their family watching their efforts. The rain cleared and it was not hot so the children were able to do all of the activities without getting hot and bothered.

Thankyou also for the wonderful party food which you sent. The children all ate well and enjoyed choosing their food while the staff team served them using tongs so that we were keeping to the current health requirements. It was a lot of fun and the children showed wonderful manners while socialising with their friends at the tables.

The Scientific Bubble Show was very exciting for the children as they learnt about some science about bubbles and saw some of the mathematical shapes we have been exploring in our environment. The finale was being able to stand in a large bubble which each of the children were able to experience. Although some children had seen the show on a zoom presentation earlier in the year they were equally excited to see Marty McBubble in person. After the show the children enjoyed more of the party food and the staff team were amazed at how much the children consumed. I imagine that many of them would not have wanted much at dinner time.

I am sorry that there have been so few opportunities for families to get to know each other this year as we have not been able to hold family events. However all parents are invited to our Governing Council Dinner on Friday 27th November at Joan's Pantry which will be a great chance to get to know others. If you are interested in joining with the staff team and parents please let me know or send an email so that I can give you some more details about the menu for the evening. You will need to order your meal prior to the night to assist the restaurant staff with serving. In previous years we have had our annual dinner at Joan's Pantry and have been very pleased with the venue. I look forward to sharing with you on the night,

Kind Regards, *Cynthia Meredith*

Diary Dates

Zoo Excursion
Wed/Thurs 25th & 26th Nov

Kindy Gov Council Dinner
Fri 27th Nov

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

Regular Events

No shared fruit
at this time

Playgroup

9:30am---11:15am

Dad's Night---reimaged



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 18th or Thursday 19th November. There is a special letter coming home this week to give you full details.

New Development in the outdoor learning area

This week the upgrade to the learning area around the digging patch and mud kitchen will be commencing and it is hoped it will proceed with no delays so that the children will have a chance to enjoy it before they leave the kindergarten. Hopefully the children will enjoy seeing the new learning areas being developed.

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 8th and Wednesday December 9th so please put these dates in your diaries. The concerts will commence at 6:30pm but we would like the children to come to the main room at 6pm so that they can get organised with their costume and props where required. Family groups will need to keep together to abide by the social distancing requirements.

Term 4 requirements for warmer days

All children need to wear a hat for outdoor play and it is important that they have footwear which can be held on their feet when climbing and moving around the outdoor play area. (no thongs please)
The children need to have sunscreen applied before they come to kindergarten and the staff team will reapply for the afternoon, if your child needs special sunscreen this can be sent in their kindy bag.

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.