



Newsletter

WEEK 5 TERM 2: 27th May 2021



Remember, no nuts at kindy please

Hi Everyone,

Last week was our final week of Dancify and it was wonderful to see how well the children had remembered the steps to each dance and were able to do all three dances plus the Chicken Dance. This learning helps the children to develop understanding of patterns which occur in everyday life and are particularly important as they develop their understanding of maths. There was also important learning around impulse control as they moved in time to the music during the dances and at the winding down time at the end. There are some wonderful photos in the Learning Journal. I hope you have been able to take some time to view the Learning Journals and perhaps even add your own thoughts in writing on one of the pages. The staff team appreciate your feedback in this way.

The children attending Tuesday/ Thursday had their turn to attend the Hawthorndene Junior Primary assembly and their singing and signing of 'We are one', certainly kept up the standard set by the Monday/Wednesday children from the week before. It is wonderful to see the way the children show such enthusiasm and enjoyment of this activity and of course they loved having an audience.

Outdoor Week has just finished, and it has been a week of much action where the children have had a lot of fun exploring the outdoor environment in various ways. Tuesday had its challenges, but everyone was able to find enjoyment especially with the puddles and mud available. Some of the children realised the value of practice as they attempted to cross the balance rope without falling off, others learnt the value of persistence as they held their bamboo pole over the fire to cook their damper/bread. Many children were able to make marks in their special Outdoor Journals to help them remember the many activities they had enjoyed. The parachute made a great cubby over the fort and became a place to read or have pretend play adventures. Whilst the children were exploring the environment, they took some time to paint a special artwork using string on a canvas. These artworks will have a protective coating added to them and then they will be sent home for you to enjoy and hopefully you might like to send a donation for our sponsor child Sreyne in Cambodia. Watch out for these beautiful artworks coming to your home soon.

Yours Sincerely,

Cynthia Meredith

Diary Dates

Mitcham Hills Preschool Closure
Day—Thurs June 3rd no kindy

Boori Pryor
Aboriginal Educator visit
Tuesday 8th June
Excursion to Mitcham Library
Indigenous Literature
Wed 9th June

Kindy Governing Council
meeting
Tuesday June 15th 7:30pm
all welcome

Grandparents Focus Week
Tues June 22nd —Thurs June 24th

Clean up days
Wed 30th June & Thurs 1st July
Parents are invited to help with
clean up tasks with their children at
a convenient time

Regular Events

Playgroup
Fridays 9:30am until 11:15am

Kindergarten Governing Council Meeting—Tuesday June 15th 7:30pm

Come along and join in the discussion about what is happening in the future of the kindergarten. Hear about the Quality Improvement Plan for the curriculum and how this is impacting your child. Come a little earlier and have a chat with other parents and the staff team.



Grandparents Recognition

Every year in Term 2 we like to recognise the older generation in our families and we usually do this by having special visiting days. This year to ensure that we have a greater spread of visitors, grandparents will be given a special time to visit when their grandchild's learning group will be hosting them. This will take place in week 9 of the term so that the children can practice their

special Maypole Dancing display. **On Tuesday 22nd June-- morning will be Platypus group, -- afternoon will be Turtle group and on Thursday morning 24th June will be the Bilby group. On Wednesday morning 23rd June will be the Kookaburra group and in the afternoon grandparents of the Rainbow Lorikeet group will be invited.** We will have special stations around the kindy where there will be things for the grandparents and children to do together which we hope will make it a fun and interesting time. We will not be serving any food or drink during this time.

For those children whose grandparents live in the country, and therefore cannot attend, interstate or overseas the staff team are planning to organise an artwork which will be sent to their grandparent. It is anticipated that these children will paint a maximum of 2 pieces of art which will be posted during Grandparents Week. **Shortly information will be sent home to notify the staff team of numbers attending or addresses for artwork.**

Creature Posters

Some of the children have brought in their posters already please could you find a time to create a poster about your child's favourite creature. This can then be shared with the children in your child's learning group soon as the term is going fast. This will be a project for this term, so it does not have to be finished straight away and the poster may be completed over a few different periods. We hope this will be a good time of learning together for you and your child.

Working Bee with Sausage Sizzle breakfast—Sat June 5th 8:15am---12noon

Can you please respond to the information about the working bee letting the staff know of your availability if you have not already done so? We are planning a sausage sizzle breakfast followed by the working bee, which we hope will provide opportunity for families to get to know each other while they work.

Midyear chats about your child

During Week 10 of this term there will be an opportunity for you to have a 10 minute chat with Cynthia if you would like to book a time. Monday, Tuesday or Wednesday 2:30pm, 2:45pm, 3:00pm, 3:15pm, 3:30pm, 3:45pm, 4:00pm, 4:15pm, 4:30pm, 4:45pm, 5:00pm, 5:15pm, 5:30pm, 5:45pm, 6:00pm Tuesday 10:00am, 10:15am, 10:30am, 10:45am, 11:00am, 11:15am, 11:30am.

If these times are not convenient and you would still like to have a chat please email Cynthia to make another time.

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