



# Newsletter

WEEK 1 TERM 3: 18<sup>TH</sup> July 2020



## Remember, no nuts at kindy please

Hi Everyone,

I hope you were able to have some special fun times with your family during the term break. The staff team have enjoyed the break and are keen to get back to learning with the children. I have spent some time spinning, knitting and visiting with friends but have been disappointed that I could not visit with my family who live interstate as I know many of you would be as well. South Australia is at present having a better time dealing with the current health situation but we need to keep practising good hygiene regimes to continue this. There will be some easing of previous restrictions at this kindergarten which will be outlined on the next page.

There have been some exciting changes to the inside environment with the addition of a new internal glass sliding door and window between the main room and the library which has improved the light and access to this area. There will be further improvements with the addition of new carpet, curtains and book shelves to the library in the coming weeks. The yellow slippery dip has also been renovated along with other minor repair works during the term break and soon there will be work begun on the outdoor learning environment as outlined in the previous newsletter.

The staff team have also been working through improvements to our Quality Improvement Plan particularly in relation to the development of children's literacy and numeracy skills. We have been using children's interest in creating their own books and exploring how they can 'write' their own words which we hope some of them may have been doing in the term break. With reference to numeracy development we have been particularly working on developing the children's skills in recognising 2D shapes in 3D objects and we look forward to continuing with these ideas in the coming term. It is always good to hear anecdotes of how the children are learning at home and perhaps transferring some of their skills to different activities so please send an email to share this information with the staff team.

This term there will be a greater focus on Science as it will be National Science Week soon. The children will be encouraged to use some scientific terms and think about how experiments help us to learn scientific principles. To support our focus shortly there will be a letter sent home with the children explaining how they can bring an experiment to share at kindy with their peers. This experiment may be one which can be repeated in a short time span or may take place over a longer period. I hope you will enjoy working with your child on this project.

Kind Regards, *Cynthia Meredith*

## Diary Dates

Kindy Governing Council Meeting  
Wed August 12<sup>th</sup> 7:30pm  
All welcome

Incursion—Rebecca  
Mumford==aka The Garden Girl  
Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> July  
Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> July

Excursions to Hawthorndene  
Primary School to visit with  
specialist teachers  
Weeks 2,4,6,8

Excursion to Patch Theatre at  
Noarlunga Hopgood Theatre  
Wed 16<sup>th</sup> & Thurs 17<sup>th</sup> Sept

## Regular Events

No shared fruit  
at this time

Playgroup commences  
Fri 24<sup>th</sup> July

9:30am---11:15am

### **Important changes to Covid 19 Routines for Term 3**

- This term parents/caregivers can bring their children on to the verandah at the start of the day and to collect them from kindergarten---at this time please do not enter the main room--- if you would prefer to leave your child with a staff member at the gate you may do so
- Please direct your child to the bathroom when you enter so that they can wash their hands before commencing their special jobs (*don't do them for the children*)
- 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 they must be given to a staff member 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.

### **Incursion of The Garden Girl---Rebecca Mumford**

Rebecca aka The Garden Girl will be sharing her expertise about growing potatoes as well as planting and sprucing up the garden beds with the children. Rebecca will be joining with us on Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> July and Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> July from 9am.

### **Kindy Governing Council Meeting**

Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> August at 7:30pm in the main room at kindergarten. Please let Cynthia know whether you will be attending or if you will be sending an apology.

### **Excursions to Hawthorndene Primary School**

This term we will have several excursions to the school for all children to experience learning in a larger environment. In the past families whose children were not transitioning to this school have found this excursion helped their children develop understanding of school life and gave opportunities for parents to discuss how school might be different from kindy. At the excursions we will be having lessons with the specialist teachers which includes, Japanese, Physical Education, Music and visiting the resource centre. Further details will be available as they come to hand. The children will walk to the school with staff supervision.

### **Excursions to Patch Theatre---Wed 16<sup>th</sup> & Thurs 17<sup>th</sup> September**

The staff team would welcome volunteers to accompany the children for this excursion. We will be travelling to Noarlunga by bus which will mean we will be absent from the kindergarten for most of the afternoon. If you would like to come with us please speak with one of the staff team. It will not be possible to have younger siblings for this experience as there is limited seating.

### **Donations for your children's artwork towards our sponsor child Sreyne**

A big thankyou to everyone for the overwhelming support of this project, we raised \$650 from the donations.

## **Holiday Pets**

Thankyou to the families who cared for our pets during the term break if you missed out on this treat and would like to care for a pet for a short time you may like to borrow the budgie, Star for a weekend. Please send an email so that you can be added to the roster, the other kindy pets are available to the next term break as well.

## **Washing Roster**

Some families missed out on this fun task last term so don't miss out this term there are lots of spaces on the roster and the weather is warming up so the clothes will dry faster.

## **Spare Clothes**

It is a good idea to have some spare clothes in your child's bag in case of an accident e.g. toilet, spillage of food, wet sand or water ---however please make sure that all clothes are marked with your child's name, as often when things tumble out of a backpack, the children are not sure if items belong to them. If your child has worn kindy spare clothes home please return them as soon as possible.

## **Children's medicine at kindergarten**

At times your child may need medicine for the management of an ongoing condition or to complete a course of medication. Please give the medication to a staff member on arrival and they will organise a form to be completed by both parents and staff member to enable the safe administration of the medication. If the medication is of a precautionary nature e.g. asthma puffer or allergy medication this will be kept in a box with your child's name away from the other children. Please do not leave medicine in your child's bag as this may pose a risk for the children.

## **Surplus equipment**

Due to our recent redevelopment we have several large old style pin boards which might be useful in a shed. If you know of anyone who would be interested please let the staff team know, they can be seen on the verandah.

There are also some old red bricks which are suitable for building walls speak with Cynthia to find out more.

## **Enrolments for 2021**

At this time there have been many registrations of interest from families wishing to enrol their children at this kindergarten in 2021. Enrolment offers for families within our catchment area will be sent out at the end of this month and second round offers for places not taken up in the first round will be offered at the beginning of September. Please encourage any of your family and friends who would like their children to attend this kindergarten in 2021 to get in touch as soon as possible to ensure their place.

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