



Newsletter

WEEK 5 TERM 3: 21st August 2020



Remember, no nuts at kindy please

Hi Everyone,

The staff team are always wondering how quickly the time flies, I am not sure whether you have those same feelings. I always say that is because we are having fun. Sometimes there are challenges with people's responses to our actions and this is true of children as well but most of the time we all enjoy working at such an exciting place. Thankyou for sharing your special children with us. I hope you have seen some of the new skills they have been developing as we work together with you and provide interesting provocations for their learning.

Last week the children were able to experience life at a big school when we visited the performing arts classroom and shared a seaside experience together. Although the days were quite wet we were able to walk across missing the rain showers.

The children ah ve had an exciting time in the pretend Science Laboratory looking at how to balance different items and which things were heavier. Many of the children have brought their own experiments from home and we have all enjoyed seeing how well they have followed the steps involved. We have also been encouraging the audience to ask questions or make comments and their skills in doing this have been increasing with practice. The use of scientific language has also been a focus with the staff team modelling its use.

Our positive behaviour board for this term is a rocket flying to the moon and the children's awards have been in simple shapes---triangles, circles, squares and as each child receives their award they have been encouraged to think about features of the shape. This supports our current Quality Improvement Plan which focuses on increasing the children's skills in recognising 2D shapes in 3D objects.

The teachers have been talking with the children about how authors craft their books to further develop the literacy focus of the QIP which is encouraging the children's interest in book making. It is wonderful to see the children's work ini this area. Kind Regards, *Cynthia Meredith*

Diary Dates

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

Kindy Photo Days
Monday September 7th
Thursday September 10th

Excursion to Patch Theatre at Noarlunga Hopgood Theatre
Wed 16th & Thurs 17th Sept

Regular Events

No shared fruit
at this time

Playgroup commences
Fri 24th July

9:30am---11:15am

What happened at the kindy Governing Council Meeting

At the most recent meeting those present were able to view the library room with the addition of the new glass door and window as well as walk on the new carpet. A new book case is being built and will be installed shortly along with blinds for the window and door. The renovations to the outdoor learning areas were approved and they will be commenced shortly. It was good to spend time together safely social distanced to discuss developments and learning at the kindergarten. The next meeting will be on Wednesday September 9th at 7:30pm please put this date in your diary.

Excursions to Hawthorndene Primary School

The children will be visiting the school in the afternoon on Mondays and Tuesdays, dates as follows
Monday 24th August and Tuesday 25th-----visiting with the Japanese teacher
Monday 7th September and 8th September----visiting with the Library/Stem teachers
The children will walk to the school with staff supervision.

Kindy Photo Days---Monday September 7th and Thursday September 10th

This is an annual event where each child will have 3 photos taken and a group photo will be taken of all the children. You should have received an envelope with all the details of the prepayment. You are able to pay online but Simon and Ros the photographers have asked that you send back your envelope even if you are paying online. The photos are started quite early and we like to have the group photo taken by 9:30am so please could you make sure you come no later than 9am on those days.

Excursions to Patch Theatre---Wed 16th & Thurs 17th September

We now have enough volunteer parents for this excursion thank you. We are hoping to leave the kindergarten at 9:30am on those days and we will be travelling to Jubilee Park Adventure Playground at Port Noarlunga where we will have our morning fruit and then the children can play on the equipment until it is time for lunch. We will be leaving the playground at approximately 12:15pm and will travel by bus to the Hopgood Theatre at Noarlunga Centre where we will enjoy the Patch Theatre production of Me and My Shadow. The play takes 45 minutes and at the finish we will travel by bus to the kindergarten arriving before 3pm which should be in good time for those families who need to collect their children earlier than 3:30pm.

Science is Child's Play---kindy experiments

The children took home a letter explaining a special experiment for this term last week. This could be an experiment which can be done by the child in front of their peers or a longer term experiment which they conduct at home with their parents help and then bring in photos to show what happened to their peers. As was stated in the letter these experiments will be conducted throughout the term and we hope that they don't all come at the same time. The staff team will take a photo of your child showing their experiment which will be put in their work book.

Weekend visitor---Star our budgie

Star does not have a holiday home for the weekend of Wednesday 16th /Thursday 17th September and for the coming Term holiday break. Are you looking for a way to show your child how to care for a pet, why not put your name on the roster?

Term Break Holiday Care

Diesel (turtle) is looking for accommodation in the next term break so if you are able to care for him that would be really appreciated. He keeps to himself and is very quiet, but likes having a supervised outing in a backyard to look around, you just need to know where he is as he likes to disappear under a bush sometimes.

Washing Roster

There are only three more spaces on the roster for Week 8 pickup Wednesday 9th or Thursday 10th September and one extra volunteer for the washing in the holidays. The roster is now on the kindy door with a pen for you to put your name on. With the wet weather drying can be difficult but we have a few extra supplies if you need to take a few more days to return the washing.

Help needed---do you have carpentry or cabinet maker equipment?

We have a wonderful woodwork table which was made by a previous parent however the drawer at the bottom needs some help as it gets stuck when the wood swells as it does not have rollers. Is there anyone who has the equipment to modify the drawer so that it run on rollers and will not get stuck open or shut? Please speak with Cynthia If you can help.

Enrolments for 2021

Second round offers for families who are not in our catchment area will be sent out at the start of September.

Important reminders of kindergarten Covid 19 Routines for Term 3 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.
- This term parents/caregivers can bring their children on to the verandah at the start of the day and to collect them from kindergarten---- if you would prefer to leave your child with a staff member at the gate you may do so----**please can you inform any of the carers who are bringing or collecting your children**
- 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 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 Morphet.