



Newsletter

WEEK 7 TERM 3: 4th September 2020



Remember, no nuts at kindy please

Hi Everyone,

We have had a busy time at kindergarten lately with the last of our visits to the school. The children experienced a Library and STEM lesson where they listened to an engaging story about colours which gave a new insight into what it feels like to be left out. After the story the children had an opportunity to explore chromatography and find out what colours are hidden inside other colours. They were all very excited with the opportunity to experience life in the big school. Photo days were also fun and we hope you will enjoy seeing the results.

The children have been noticing the changes to the library room with the addition of the new sliding door, the blinds and now the new bookcases. These bookcases will allow all of the books to be kept in one place and will make it much easier for the staff team to use them in our program. The room is now much more useful as a withdrawal space and makes things much improved when working in our small learning groups.

The next project is to install acoustic felt to the walls to allow better display spaces and noise reduction.

It has been wonderful to see the future mural in the outdoor learning space emerging with a sense of what we want to leave for future generations. The children talked with Liina our artist in residence about leaving the area a special place for the plants and animals that are here at this time. Liina incorporated these ideas into her picture, with a hint of modern life in the distance. The children have been encouraging Liina with their conversation and appreciation of the painting.

We have also commenced a new project with the children today which will happen in each learning group. Ali Durham a published author will facilitate each group to develop a story together which will be printed for each child to take home. Two groups started today and Ali recorded their voices which they enjoyed hearing as they worked together.

Kind Regards, *Cynthia Meredith*

Diary Dates

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

New Families for 2021 Visiting
Afternoon Fri 18th 1pm & 2pm

Last day of Term 3
Wed 23rd & Thurs 24th September

Regular Events

No shared fruit
at this time

Playgroup

9:30am---11:15am

Closure Day in Term 4—Tuesday 27th October

In week 3 of Term 4 the staff team will hold a closure day to review our year and plan for the Quality Improvement Plan 2021. As there will be no kindergarten session on that day please make other arrangements for your children.

New Development in the outdoor learning area

There will be an upgrade to the learning area around the digging patch and mud kitchen which will include a hand pump for the children to use as they explore the properties of water and develop their design and engineering skills in these areas as well as the sandpit. Climbing Tree has been engaged to do the work which is due to commence early in Term 4, with a completion date a couple of weeks later. This will be a great asset for all of us once it is in use.

Birthday Celebration 2020---Wednesday & Thursday Nov 4th and 5th

This year has seen a change in the way we have recognised the children for their birthdays. Due to the changes in arrangements for parents visiting the kindergarten the staff team decided that instead of individual birthday acknowledgments we would have one big birthday celebration.

Our usual Family Funtastics Day also had to be cancelled and we still want the children to show their skills on an obstacle course but we cannot have parents in the learning area. As part of our birthday celebration we will be preparing an obstacle course which the children will complete in the morning. Parents may wish to watch from the fence as long as social distancing is practiced.

Following this there will be a party lunch for the children. We are asking each family to provide a small plate of party food to share and the staff team will distribute the food for the children from their choices.

Once the lunch has finished there will be a special performance called 'The Scientific Bubble Show', which you may have seen part of online.

The children will get to choose a lucky dip present as they leave so this should be a wonderful fun celebration.

Term Break Holiday Care--- Diesel the turtle

Diesel is wondering where he can go for a holiday in the next term break, he really is very contained in his tank but does enjoy a supervised walk in the outdoors. He doesn't make any noise and all food is provided. Can you help him?

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

Do you know anyone who could help us to reinstate a drawer in our woodwork table please? 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.

Work Books coming home

This week the children are bringing home their memory work books for you to share in their learning journey. Please could you encourage them by writing a few words in their books before sending them back to kindy next week. It would be much appreciated if you could return the plastic bags as well so that we can put all of their take home things in them at the end of the year concert.

Dad's Night----reimagined

Our usual Dad's Night cannot be held under the current restrictions for Covid 19 but the staff team are working through some other ideas about how we can include Dad's in our program with the children and details of the activity will be available next term.

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.

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.
- 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.