



# Newsletter

WEEK 4 TERM 4: 7<sup>th</sup> November 2019



## Remember, no nuts at kindy please

Dear Parents/Carers,

The children have been thinking about the last panel of our mural board. This will be a panel dedicated to what it would be good to have on these grounds in the future. The staff team have been talking with the children about what aspects of the natural environment they would like to have in the future if they came back to visit this place when they are adults. They have many ideas about the plants and animals which could be here and this has been recorded in our Learning Journals.

This year we have been working with the children to support their development of a Growth Mindset where they can begin to see mistakes as a way of learning. It is hard as a parent sometimes (I speak from experience here) to watch your child struggle to do a difficult task without stepping in and doing it for them but it is important to support them to find new ways to achieve their goal. This mindset will be valuable for the children as they commence school where many activities may be challenging.

Those parents attending the recent governing council meeting were rewarded with helpful information from Penny Sih. She spoke about children's brains not being fully developed and this means that they don't have capacity to think as an adult and sometimes act before thinking through the consequences. Thankyou to those of you that were able to attend.

The excursion to 'Ready Steady Go' sessions gave all the children an opportunity to explore football and basketball which they all did with great enthusiasm. Although at times the children had to listen very carefully due to the extra noise from other activities at the Recreation Centre it was good to see the improvements they made with practice. When the children returned to the kindy they were able to recall their experiences in illustrations in their work books and recount their ideas to the teachers. This is another chance for the children to extend their growth mindset thinking as some of them found the activities challenging. They may like to show and tell you what they were asked to do.

*Kind Regards Cynthia Meredith*

## Diary Dates

Syrene Market Week  
Mon Nov 18<sup>th</sup> until Fri Nov 22<sup>nd</sup>

Kindy Gov Council Dinner all welcome  
Thurs Nov 21<sup>st</sup>  
Duck Inn 7pm

CAFHS preschool check  
Wed Nov 27<sup>th</sup>

Annual Dad's Night—Wed Nov 27<sup>th</sup>  
6pm Family Sausage Sizzle

Excursion to the Zoo  
Tues Dec 3<sup>rd</sup> & Wed Dec 4<sup>th</sup>

Blackwood Christmas Pageant  
Friday Dec 6<sup>th</sup>

Kindy Christmas Concert  
Tuesday Dec 10<sup>th</sup> & Wednesday Dec 11<sup>th</sup>  
6:30pm on both nights

## Regular Events

**Wednesday & Thursdays**  
*Morn: shared fruit time*

**Fridays**  
Playgroup 9:30-11:30am

## **Penny Sih—Child Psychologist---Recommended website**

[www.calmkidpro.com](http://www.calmkidpro.com) is the website that her company Developing Minds has developed to support parents and the first month is free. You might like to take a look at it and see what you think as it is relevant to parents of children all ages.



### **Sun care during Term 4**

This term it is requested that you put sunscreen on the children's exposed skin before they arrive at kindy and the staff team will reapply this before the children play outside in the afternoon. We have sunscreen available if you forget in the morning and if you or child has a particular sunscreen they need to use please send it along in their bag and we will ask for it when sunscreen is being applied.

The children need to:

1. wear a hat which has a broad brim outside at all times and if they do not bring a hat they may need to wear a spare hat.
2. bring their own water bottle each day which can be refilled as necessary. Encouragement to regularly drink water, verbally and with modelling is regular practice of the staff team.

The staff team are trying to encourage the children to remember the things they need to bring each day in preparation for when they commence at school. When the temperature reaches 34degrees on the thermometer which is situated outside under a tree everyone packs up the outside equipment and interacts inside.



### **Syrene Market Week—Mon Nov 18<sup>th</sup> until Fri 22<sup>nd</sup> Nov**

Thankyou to everyone for your support of the Syrene Market Week last term, we received \$72.90 to maintain our sponsorship of Syrene in Cambodia. Let's make our last market a wonderful finish for the year, with some interesting items suitable for Christmas. Vanessa ApThomas (Leo's mum) is our Syrene Market Coordinator so if you have any ideas for this markets please let her know.

### **Governing Council Parent Dinner---all welcome (including parents of 2020 children)**

This year our parent dinner will be held on **Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> November at the Duck Inn, Main Road, Coromandel Valley 7pm**. All parents are invited to join with the staff and governing council to celebrate at great year at kindergarten. There will be a short reflection of the year and a review of the Quality Improvement Plan for 2020. It is a great opportunity to spend time with other parents. Please book the date and write your name on the list on the white board at the entrance to kindy. Why not arrange a babysitter and bring your partners.

### **CAYHS health check----Wednesday Nov 27<sup>th</sup>**

This is the last opportunity for you to bring your child to the kindy to have a preschool screening before school starts in 2020. The nurse will check hearing, sight and general development and you will have a chance to talk about any concerns you may have. It is for all children who come to this kindergarten regardless of which day they attend. Have you booked an appointment time with the staff team, please do this as soon as possible if you would like to use this service. A parent/caregiver must attend the appointment with their child.

### **Annual Dad's Night (sessional children only)- Wed Nov 27<sup>th</sup> tea from 6pm**

**A night of fun for all the family**, it begins with a sausage sizzle, volunteer cooks and servers are needed, tea at 6pm, come as soon as you can! **Sausages \$2.50—Sweetcorn 50c**. After tea the kindergarten children will be organised into small groups with their dads to work on a creative model using recycled materials. This is an annual event at the kindergarten and has been popular for many years. If your child's dad is unable to attend we suggest you bring grandpa or an uncle or friend. Mums always enjoy having a chat while the models are being constructed. If you have any suitable materials, please collect them and bring them to the kindy. Each group starts with a similar collection of materials.

## **Borrowing the budgies---help!**

Has your child had a turn to look after the budgies for a weekend? Don't miss this opportunity to let them care for a pet for a short time. There are only 8 weekends this term and we have a family who will look after them in the long holiday break already.

## **Washing Roster**

You will need to get in quick this term as there are **only 2 spots left on the roster** for this term so please see the roster on the Art cupboard door to add your name. Doing the washing is a very necessary part of our kindy program. Each week there are a few smocks and towels plus some other interesting items and your help is much appreciated. At this time the roster is empty so you can have a choice of weekends. Can you help?

## **Borrow the Rabbits**

During the long holiday break the rabbits like to go for a visit to a family or families so that they don't get lonely at kindy. If you are able to care for our bunnies during the long holiday break could you speak with the staff team. We have some families taking home the budgies and the turtle so the rabbits are the last of our creatures to find homes for the holidays. Can you help please?

**If you have an old mobile phone you can recycle it at kindy. We are sending them away to raise money for the Chimpanzees at the Adelaide Zoo.**

**10 cent deposit containers can be recycled in the blue bin at the east end of the verandah by the entrance gate.**

Kind regards, Cynthia Meredith, Louise Montesi, Tess Gibbs,  
Crystal Morphett, Lenka Velisek and Toni Turci.