



# Newsletter

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



## Remember, no nuts at kindy please

Dear Parents/Carers,

There have been quite a few things happening at kindy in the last few weeks. We have had our Syrene Market Week and a big thankyou to everyone who supported this so that we can send our contribution to World Vision so that Syrene is given great opportunities and learn and grow in Cambodia. Thankyou again to Venessa ApThomas who took the leftover items to a local charity shop. In the middle of our market week we had a kindy closure due to the Catastrophic weather forecast and thankfully there were no incidents in this area, but it is good to be prepared. The continued dry and hot conditions will mean that continuing to be prepared and respond to the weather forecasts appropriately will be the best course of action for families living in the hills.

Thankyou to all those parents who were able to attend the Governing Council Dinner. It was a good chance to reminisce about the events of this year and hear about plans for 2020. We have been investigating installing glass sliding doors between the main room and the library to make this area more user friendly for everyone. There has also been some changes to the way the Quality Improvement Plan is compiled and this was presented for parents. If you would like further information please speak with me.

The big highlight for this month was Dad's Night and it was good to see so many families joining with the staff team for the sausage sizzle having fun creating or watching the model makers. The children can learn many new skills when participating with their dads to make the large models and we are hoping to have some fun this week using the left over boxes for model making. I hope you had as much fun on the night as the staff team and a big thankyou to Stirling Variety Meats for the donation of the sausages for the sausage sizzle. Thankyou also to our cooks, Daniel and Alice Drinkwater. The staff team give up their time to hold these family events as they know that this is a great way for everyone to build strong connections and support healthy family growth but we couldn't do it without you coming and joining in, so thank you for your support.

Recently I received the results of the Annual Preschool Survey which showed that there was much support for this kindergarten and our curriculum program. Thankyou to those of you who responded. Some of you may not have had a chance to do this and for some of the respondents there may have been some further questions or comments you would like to follow up with me. Please feel free to make an appointment time so that we can have a chat before the end of the term if you would like to discuss any aspect of the kindergarten.

The children have also been decorating gum leaves to be used at the Christmas Tree Festival which is happening in a couple of weeks.

I am looking forward to our Zoo Excursion next week so please read on to see how you can be involved,

*Kind Regards Cynthia Meredith*

## Diary Dates

Excursion to the Zoo  
Tues Dec 3<sup>rd</sup> & Wed Dec 4<sup>th</sup>  
Travelling by bus from the kindy

Blackwood Christmas Pageant  
Friday Dec 6<sup>th</sup>  
Meet from 6pm for a 6:30pm start

Kindy Christmas Concert  
Tuesday Dec 10<sup>th</sup> & Wednesday Dec 11<sup>th</sup>  
Children come to main room at 6pm for a  
6:30pm on both nights

Kindergarten commences in 2020  
Tuesday January 28<sup>th</sup>

## Regular Events

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

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

## Excursion to the zoo on Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> December and Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> December

The consent form will be sent out to you shortly but there are hard copies at the kindergarten for you to complete. The children will be travelling by Roundabout Charter Bus to and from the Adelaide Zoo leaving the kindergarten at 9am and returning approximately 3pm. Please could you ensure that your child is not late for kindy on those days. If you have a Zoo Pass and are happy to use it this will be a great help as there will be no cost to families for this excursion. We will also be attending an educational presentation while we are there.

## Blackwood Christmas Pageant Friday December 6<sup>th</sup>

The children voted to be Stars in the pageant this year and they have painted their own star which has now been sent home. Please could you decorate this star and bring it for your child to wear to the pageant. The staff team will be waiting on Gulf View Road, Blackwood with a large banner for you to gather with us from 6pm. This is an event for the whole family to join with us if you wish, it is usually a fun walk where we can wish everyone a Happy Christmas as we proceed.

The following week will be the kindergarten concerts so we ask that you bring the star back so that we can use it to decorate the fence for the concert and then you can have it at home to keep.

## End of Year Concerts----Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> Dec and Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> Dec

***This year there will be two night concerts, those children who attend Mondays and Wednesdays will have their concert on Wednesday December 10<sup>th</sup> children to arrive in the kindy main room at 6pm and children who attend on Tuesdays and Thursdays will have their concert on Tuesday December 11<sup>th</sup> children to come to the main room at 6pm.***

This final event commencing at 6:30pm is a must! See your children in a special presentation. Bring your relatives and friends and celebrate the excellent learning year we have had. The staff team and children are looking forward to sharing this time with everyone. At these nights the children will present a play about the first Christmas (a special rhyming poem) and sing some special songs, at the end of the concert the children will each be presented with their work book and a special certificate.

As we do not have seating for everyone and the children will be performing on the deck. It is advisable that those attending bring their own chairs or simply a rug to sit near the front. If you wish to photograph or video the concert please do this sensitively so that others can enjoy the performance, and do not put any photos on electronic media without the written permission of any persons in the photo. The staff team do not place unnecessary pressure on the children to perform so there will not be long practice sessions and much of what happens will be spontaneous, so we hope it will be a pleasurable experience for all. If your child becomes anxious about performing or is in any way distressed please speak with the staff team so that we can reassure them. Simple costumes will be arranged at kindergarten so you don't need to organise anything special. We ask that the children come to the main kindergarten room at 6pm so that the staff team can organise their places and costumes.

Prior to the concert why not bring your tea and have a picnic in the park adjacent from 5:00pm. Relatives and friends are also most welcome.

## Tea Towels



The tea towels have the children's artwork prominently displayed and make a unique souvenir of their time at the kindergarten. They are great for small gifts for relatives and friends and are lightweight to send overseas. They are available now until all are sold. \$10 for 1 or \$27 for 3. Please speak to the staff team today to purchase one or three.

## Statement of Learning

Please return your child's Statement of Learning with your comments as soon as possible so that the staff team can make copies and give you back the original. A copy will be sent to the school of your choice and a copy will be kept at the kindergarten for our archives.

In 2020 the staff team would really enjoy having a visit from your child to chat about how they are doing at school. This can really help them to settle at school as they realise how much they have grown, now that they are big

enough to attend school. If you are able to drop in after school please feel free to do that so that we can congratulate the children on their learning.

## **Washing Roster**

There is one more opportunity to help with this task over the long holiday break. There will be cushion covers and quilts to be washed and returned to the kindy in the new year. It would be great if you could help. Please speak to a staff member today so that you don't miss out.

## **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?

## **Clean-up Day Thursday Dec 12<sup>th</sup>**

Although we will have a kindy session day on Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> December the staff team and children will be doing some clean up jobs together so that the kindergarten will be all ready for the coming year. There will also be a session with Gaye the Garden Girl----Rebecca who will help us get the garden ready for the long break.

It would be much appreciated if you are able to come in and do a task for the clean-up of the kindy on Thursday. If this is not your child's normal kindy day you are welcome to bring in your child and do a clean-up job together.

## **In Closing:**

The staff team really value all the effort that parents have put in to the kindergarten this year and will miss all of your families. There are several families who have had other children attending in previous years or have no other younger children and have now come to the end of their kindergarten journey, to you we all say thankyou for choosing this kindergarten and for being such a wonderful part of our lives while your child/children have attended.

For those families who have younger siblings we hope you will choose to come and join with us again when your younger children are old enough to start at kindy, you may like to put in a registration of interest for your next child so we can plan ahead for your family.

**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, Toni Turci and Margaret Cronin.**