



# Newsletter

WEEK 2 TERM 4: 24<sup>th</sup> October 2019



## Remember, no nuts at kindy please

*Hello Everyone,*

I hope you have all enjoyed the recent break from routine activities and have had some time to spend with the children while they had holidays from kindy. I know it can be difficult when adults still have to attend their work place but the change in routine can allow for a more flexible time.

I had an exciting time visiting my family in Sydney and Canberra . Thankyou for your support of the staff team in my absence as they started the last term. The children are becoming very proficient at signing words and I know that many have been teaching their families at home. They have all developed in so many ways this year and I know that they will start getting more excited about starting school in 2020 as they begin their transition visits soon. In the past I have noticed that often as children get closer to starting school some of their behaviour can become challenging as they assert their independence. I believe much of this is due to the uncertainty that they are feeling as their next adventure in life is about to begin so I would encourage you to be patient and understanding with your child's emotions. Children still need to follow the family rules, be loving and kind to others and know when they have overstepped the mark with their behaviour, however if they are feeling unsure of the next stage in life they might not be thinking clearly about their behaviour.

This week we have had some fun for Outdoor Week with opportunities to cook bread in the first couple of days and then a chance to play with the new channels in the sandpit later in the week. In fact on the last day we had to come inside due to the temperature. Our celebration of Diwali the festival of lights which began in India was held on Wednesday and Thursday. The children prepared a large Rangoli which they used natural materials to decorate the design. We all thought about where we are happy and sang some happy songs as the tradition of this festival is to put a Rangoli design (simple geometric or flower shapes) in the house to bring good luck.

Our positive behaviour mural this term is a tree which will be gathering decorations for positive behaviour and by the end of the term will be giant Christmas tree.

Please ensure that you put the diary dates for kindy in your own diary so that you are able to join in with the final special times this year. You won't want to miss the Governing Council Meeting next week with our special guest speaker Penny Sih.

*Kind Regards, Cynthia Meredith*

## Diary Dates

Kindy Gov Council Meeting  
Wed Oct 30<sup>th</sup>

Kindy Closure Day  
Tues Nov 5<sup>th</sup>

Excursion to Blackwood Rec Centre for  
'Ready, Steady, Go' sports program  
Wed Nov 6<sup>th</sup> Thurs Nov 7<sup>th</sup>

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

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

Annual Dad's Night—Wed Nov 27<sup>th</sup>

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

## Hawthorndene Kindergarten Governing Council—Wed Oct 30<sup>th</sup>

Our special guest speaker for this meeting will be:

Penny Sih

Clinical Psychologist working with children and teens

Developing Minds Team Leader

Aberfoyle Park



Her topic of interest to everyone is 'How to support young children during times of change'. This is particularly relevant as the children commence school in 2020 as well as generally throughout their lives. Penny has some important information to share and presents it in an engaging way which was attested by parents when Penny spoke at a previous meeting.

She will be sharing with us from 7:30pm until 8pm after which we will have a short meeting time. Everyone is welcome so don't forget to mark this date in your diary you may even like to arrange a babysitter so that both parents can attend.

October 30<sup>th</sup> come at 7:15pm for coffee and a chat and then Penny will speak at 7:30pm.

## Closure Day in Term 4---Tues Nov 5<sup>th</sup>

There will be a closure day on Tuesday November 5<sup>th</sup> when the staff team will be doing training and planning for continued improvements in our program. If your child attends on this day please make alternative arrangements for their day as kindergarten sessions will not be held.

## Blackwood Recreation Centre---Ready, Steady, Go Excursion-Wed/Thurs Nov 6<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup>

The children and staff will travel by bus to the Blackwood Recreation Centre and participate in a sports program for 1 hour with a  $\frac{1}{2}$  lunch break in the middle. The children will be taking their own lunch with them on the bus. Parents are most welcome to join with us at the centre but unfortunately there will not be any room on the bus on this occasion. We will be commencing our session at 11:15am, lunch will be at 11:45a.m., followed by another session at 12:15pm. The 'Ready, Steady, Go' sports program teaches young children the skills involved in different sports and allows them to use equipment suitable for their size. This will give the children an opportunity to see if they enjoy this type of activity. I have seen James the coordinator in action and he is able to quickly establish a connection with most children. There will be no cost to your family for this excursion.



## 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.

## 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**

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 5 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?

## **To give away for a donation to Syrene Market**

The staff team would be happy to show you a shelf unit suitable for use in a children's playroom or shed which is surplus to the kindergarten requirements. It is currently in the store room and needs to be rehomed to make more room in this space.

## **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?

## **Recycling 10cent deposit containers**

We have a big blue bin at the eastern end of the verandah where we encourage families to put their 10cent deposit containers as part of our recycling plan. At this time the bin is almost full and needs a family to empty the bin and take the containers to the recycle deposit depot so that we can recoup the money. If you are able to help could you please speak with a member of the staff team as soon as possible.

**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.