



Newsletter

WEEK 4 TERM 1: 19th February 2020



Remember, no nuts at kindy please

Dear Parents/Caregivers,

Recently I have said goodbye to my young grandchildren who are living in another state and I found this very hard after they had been staying with me for a month, so I know how hard it can be to leave your children with us especially when they seem to be reluctant to stay. However it is much better to say goodbye and then leave them with a staff member, you may have time to do an activity with them first but remember once you have said you are leaving it is better not to linger.

Last week we had a wonderful welcome night celebrating Asian New Year together. I hope you enjoyed working with your children on some of the activities as well. There are several photos in the Learning Journal and the children were able to relive their experiences as they worked on illustrations in their memory work books together. It was great to see so many of you as well as members of the children's extended families at this event. Thankyou for making the special effort to come and a special thankyou to those of you who dressed in their traditional cultural outfit or found something red to wear. I hope you will be able to join with us on many other special occasions at the kindergarten this year and observe the many learning achievements of your children. It would be great if you could add your comments against the photos showing the activities from the night.

We are continuing our focus on ---Belonging---at kindergarten, which includes finding friends for play, caring for ourselves, our peers, our play environment and our kindy creatures. You may know that the current National Early Childhood Framework for Learning is entitled *Belonging, Being, Becoming* as it is widely researched and accepted that when we feel we belong we increase our learning potential. This is true for all of us in our learning journey so we hope that by now you are beginning to feel a sense of belonging to the kindergarten community and that you will be able to develop your parenting skills as you share with each other.

This week we have been sending home information about Family Posters which we hope you will find an interesting activity to do with your children. It will be good for the staff team to get to know more about the children as they bring their posters back over the term. There are several weeks of the term left so you can take your time to collate your poster, so that we don't get them all at once. It is a great way for your child to have something to share in the big group and begin learning how to communicate their ideas to more people.

This week on our closure day the staff team were able to look closely at the data we have collected about the children's understanding of shapes and the way their emergent literacy evident in drawings, paintings and play with other tools. We will be organising smaller learning groups next week where the children which will include children at all stages of development which supports peer learning and enables the teachers to discover more about individuals needs and interests.

Thankyou for sharing your children and your ongoing support,

Kind regards, Cynthia Meredith

Diary Dates

Sreyne Market Week
Mon Feb 24th ---Fri Feb 28th

Celebrating St Piran's Day
Cornish significant cultural day
March 3rd and 4th
(with Seth Tiddy's support)

Visit of Monty (Boori) Pryor
Aboriginal Cultural Entertainer
Thurs 12th /Wed 18th March
10am

Preschool CAFHS health checks
Wed April 1st

Kindy Working Bee
Sat April 4th 8am 'til 12noon
Morning tea at 10am
All welcome

Family Funtastics Days
Wed April 8th or Thurs April 9th
Morn obstacle course with sausage
sizzle to finish
Volunteers needed

Regular Events

Wednesday & Thursdays
Morn: shared fruit time

Fridays
Playgroup 9:30-11:30am



Next week Sreyne Soeurn—Sponsor Child in Cambodia—Market Week, 24/2/20--28/2/20

Sreyne is 4 years old and lives with her mother in Basedth, Cambodia. She is currently attending kindergarten and is reportedly in good health which is monitored by World Vision which is the organisation which is where we send her sponsorship money to. The kindergarten sends regular sponsorship money to World Vision and they ensure that it is distributed to care for her. Each team we hold a Sreyne Market Week where families are encouraged to contribute unwanted household items, toys, baked goods and plants. Other families can enjoy them and contribute a donation towards our sponsorship money. This is also contributing to our Wipe Out Waste policy as items are

able to be reused and not put into the waste stream. You might like to give some thought to how you can support the stall. Sophie (Jasper Milic's mum) has kindly agreed to be our coordinator of the stall.

St Piran's Day ---Tuesday March 3rd and Wednesday March 4th



Seth (Karrek Tiddy's dad) who was born in Cornwall will be helping the staff team to share this celebration with the children. If you have any Cornish artefacts or have information which you would like to share with the children please speak with the staff team.



AGM Kindy Governing Council Meeting for 2020 Wednesday March 18th

Please make this meeting a priority on your calendar. Stay tuned to hear about the fascinating guest speaker, details to be revealed shortly. At this meeting we need to appoint the executive officers for 2019, Chairperson, Secretary, Andres Byrne has been appointed Treasurer 2020, HPS Representative, Literacy/Lending Library Coordinator, Fundraising Coordinators, Grounds and Working Bee Coordinators. There are also some general committee positions. This is a great chance to get to know the staff team and understand some of the behind the scenes working of the kindergarten as well as get to know some of the other parents in a more relaxed format. I hope to see you there! Come at 7:15pm and enjoy a coffee and supper before the start of the meeting at 7:30pm.



Monti Prior—Aboriginal Cultural Entertainer Thurs March 12th & Wed March 18th 10am

Monti (Boori) is skilled performer and educator who relates well to the children. He will be coming on the days mentioned above so that all the children can have this experience. This incursion will be at no charge to families and is part of our curriculum program. If you would like to experience this event you are welcome to join with us, please speak with the staff team. Younger siblings may disturb your child's learning opportunities so please make other arrangements for them.

Recycling -Wipe Out Waste'

The kindergarten has a policy of reducing, repairing, reusing and recycling and the staff team offer ways for you to do this as well.

- bring in your 10cent deposit containers and place them in the blue bin at the eastern end of the verandah.
- Bring in your old mobile phones and they will be sent away to support the Chimpanzees in the wild a program run by the Adelaide Zoo
- Our Sreyne Market Week---unwanted household items are brought in to be claimed by another family with donations given towards our monthly contribution to Sreyne who is our World Vision Sponsor Child

- Encourage the children to bring in their food items in reusable containers---zip lock bags can be used on another day, containers can be cleaned and reused again---food which needs to be kept hot can be brought to kindy in a thermos
- Encourage the children to care for the equipment and use it in the correct way so that it will last longer and not need to be replaced. We also find places to repair equipment rather than throw it away or simply replace it with new.



- Food scraps are put in the aerobins/compost bin and bokashi bin

Emailing of newsletter:

Emailing the newsletter saves paper and time however some parents may wish to have a hard copy to read later please let the staff team know if you would prefer a hard copy and we can print it out for you. There will be some available in the plastic sleeve above the Learning Journal table at the front entrance.



Sunscreen and protection from the UV rays

Could you please ensure that you have applied sunscreen to your child before they come to kindy as it does take the skin a short time to absorb and then they will be protected from the start of playing outside. It is also a good practice to dress them in an outfit that has some protection for their backs and necks so that they are protected in these areas as well.

Take Home Box

If your child is looking for a special art work that has not been displayed, check the “ Take Home” box under the spot board. (However, it is cleared at the end of each Friday, if you would like something special kept longer on a Thursday, say, til the next week, let staff know).

Kindy Fees

Kindy invoices have been emailed to you so please could you pay them as soon as possible so they can be finalised by our newly appointed voluntary treasurer (please let Cynthia know if you have not received an invoice). One term's fees are \$155 but you may like to pay all of the term fees at one time which will amount to \$620 this would be most appreciated. If you need to pay this term's fees over a few weeks please speak with Cynthia to arrange this.



Literacy/ Numeracy Hint:

Next time you are using a recipe / instruction booklet show your child the words, numbers and steps involved. They may even be able to help you in your task, and make the need for literacy purposeful.

**Our Best Wishes for a great term of learning together in play,
Cynthia Meredith, Louise Montesi, Tess Gibbs, Lenka Velisek and Crystal Morphett.**