



Newsletter

WEEK 6 TERM 1: 5th March 2020



Remember, no nuts at kindy please

Dear Parents/Caregivers,

Our first Sreyne Market gave the children their first opportunity to hear about the country of Cambodia where Sreyne is living. The staff team were supported in sharing information about Cambodia by Haydn (Kyanna Lush's dad) who has spent some time in this country and showed his photos and artefacts sharing information about Buddhist culture which is a predominant part of this country. The staff were also able to share a Khmer Language folk story which had an English translation. The market stall raised \$145 towards our support, thank you to everyone for your support of the stall by providing goods or purchasing items. A big thank you to Sophie (Jasper Milic's mum) for packing up the stall on Friday and transporting the left over items to a local charity shop, this was a big job as there was quite a bit left. This stall is another way we encourage each other to recycle and reuse our material goods so thank you for your help in using the earth's resources more responsibly.

Thank you for your help with the family posters the children who have presented them so far have done well. To share in front of a group of their peers is a great achievement and we have encouraged the children to use a loud voice and look at their audience as they speak. What an amazing task for these children the staff team have been very impressed with all of the children. We have learnt a lot about each of the families and the special activities the children enjoy. The posters are on display on the overhead lines so have a look the next time you come in to kindy. I hope for those who have finished the posters it has been a positive experience.

Each child now has their own photo name card which can be used to help them when they need to write their name on their work. Some children have already mastered this skill but occasionally need reminders about which way the letters face or where to start their name. We have also found that it is useful for other children to remember the names of their peers at kindergarten.

This week we had a lot of fun celebrating St Piran's Day with Karrek Tiddy and his dad Seth who was born in Cornwall where the celebration originates from. Seth brought homemade pastry to kindy and the children were taught how to crimp the edges of their fruit and jam pasties. Cornwall is famous for pasties, fishing, great beaches and cream teas, which all sounds like a great reason to visit. Seth also brought a Saffron Cake for the children to try as well so you may have had a chance to taste this as some children took a small piece home. We also discovered the amazing Tin Man--the world's largest mechanical puppet which was made in Cornwall partly to help teach the younger generation about its mining history and further develop a sense of pride for Cornish people in the achievements of their past. You might like to google Tin Man Cornwall to see this amazing achievement, the children were fascinated. The children were also able to make a Cornish Flag using 3 rectangles which you can see in their work books.

We have also been revisiting the Wild Elephant and Rider Story to reinforce how the children can develop good skills in learning. They had opportunity to draw their ideas in their work books. Some of them have also been exploring making their own story books at the literacy table..... *continued next page*

Diary Dates

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

Hawthorndene Reception Children
Visiting with us to share learning together
Monday 23rd and Tuesday 24th March at
2pm.

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

Director's musings continued from front page

and we will continue with this focus as we help them to develop their mark making skills. Scribbling followed by more discernible drawings allow children to express themselves and later they start to do their own writing which may not be decipherable at first. The kindergarten Quality Improvement Plan outlines a Learning Outcome in Mark Making and how the staff team are working on improving the curriculum for the children. We have been reading some recent research papers and attending some training, this will continue as a staff agreement for progressing children's skills is developed. At the upcoming Annual General Meeting Louise and myself will be sharing some important information on how we can support the children and ways in which you can encourage them as they explore in their home environment.

Kind Regards, Cynthia Meredith

AGM Kindy Governing Council Meeting for 2020 Wednesday March 18th - 7:15pm for coffee and dessert ----7:30pm meeting start

Cynthia and Louise will commence the meeting sharing about how children begin to express their ideas through mark making and how we will develop this at kindy and how you can encourage this progress at home. Please make this meeting a priority on your calendar. 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 dessert before the start of the meeting at 7:30pm.



High School Volunteer—Leila-Grace Ward

We are pleased to announce that on Monday afternoons we have a school student coming to support our programme, Leila Grace is an old scholar and now attends Mercedes College and is in Year 11. This is a community service subject and she comes every Monday afternoon to work with the staff team in a supporting role. She has been a great asset so far and we are delighted to have her cheery presence with us each Monday.

Monty Pryor—Aboriginal Cultural Entertainer

Thurs March 12th & Wed March 18th 10am

Monty (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. Please note that the performances are not in the same week.



Reception Children from Hawthorndene Primary School visit the kindy

On Monday 23rd March and Tuesday 24th March we will be hosting a visit from the reception children who will be coming over at 2pm to share learning stories with us. We hope this will be a fun time for everyone where the children from both sites will be able to talk about the things they know and can do together and the staff team can chat with the school children and see how they have grown.

Preschool Health Check---Wednesday April 1st



Each term the CAFHS nurse comes to the kindergarten to do preschool screenings of the children with a parent or carer present. These checks include a hearing and sight test and give an opportunity for parents to discuss any general concerns about child development. If you would like to make an appointment please speak with the staff team.

Kindy Working Bee --- Sat April 4th from 8am -12noon

Come and have some fun working together with other families who are part of this kindergarten community. Each term it is necessary to have a working bee to tidy up the grounds and clean up the equipment. Your help would be much appreciated if at least one member of your family could come along and help with these tasks or offer to do a task as a more convenient time. The children often come along to help with the clean-up as well. This term we need to

- replenish the soft fall to ensure the children are kept safe when climbing



- clean the windows, lockers
- sweep/blow vac all the paths including behind the building
- weed and tidy the vegie garden, butterfly garden and areas around the bike track.
- add new sand to the sandpit
- clean the path around the gates
- clear out the boat
- sweep out the walkway between the building and the shed
- sweep out both of the sheds

The following tools would be useful at the working bee:

Wheel barrow, Shovel-----the kindergarten has some of this equipment but it may be useful to have multiples of these tools.

Funtastics Family Days Wed 8th April, Thurs 9th April

The Annual Family Funtastics Day is our biggest fundraising family event for the year, the money will be used to fund the Dancify program in Term 2. This year there will be two Funtastics Family Fundraising Days.

The first day will be Wednesday 8th April and the second day will be Thursday 9th April which will give the children an opportunity to show friends and family their gross and fine motor skills as they move around the obstacle course 4 times.

The day starts at the normal time for the children so that they can have a chance to go around the course before their cheer squad (parents and friends) arrives. Spectators are asked to arrive at 10:15am. The staff team construct the course early on the first morning and if there are any parents able to come and help that would be great. We also need parent volunteers to supervise some of the activities on the day as well so that the children are well cared for as they complete the course. At various points around the course the children gain stamps on their competitor cards so parent volunteers can help with this.

Each child is sponsored by family and friends for each lap of the course they complete. Sponsorship form is attached to this newsletter. The sponsorship money will be collected next term and will be used to fund the Dancify program. The maximum number of laps all the children will complete is 4.

The mornings will finish with a family sausage sizzle / sweetcorn lunch. There will be a small charge for the food (Sausage, bread and onions \$2.50/sweetcorn 50c). There will be no shared fruit on those days but please could provide a plate of shared fruit for afters.

Don't forget your cameras and spare chairs so that you can take in all the action! As this is the end of the term if you would like to take your children home after the sausage sizzle, on either day please ensure that you sign them out and let the staff team know that you are leaving with your child.

We still need some parent volunteers, to collect the food prior to the event as well as cook and serve on the days. Can you help we can't do this without your support! Please let us know if you can help.



A great quote

"For a small child there is no division between play and learning; between the things he or she does 'just for fun' and the things that are 'educational'. The child learns while living and any part of living that is enjoyable is also play."

Penelope Leach

**Our Best Wishes for fun times ahead with learning together in play,
Cynthia Meredith, Louise Montesi, Tess Gibbs, Lenka Velisek and Crystal Morphett.**



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2020 Funtastics Sponsorship Form

Child's Name.....

Please return your sponsorship form and money to the kindergarten no later than Week 3 of Term 2 please. This money will be used to fund the Dancify programme in Term 2.

Thankyou for supporting our fundraising event!