



Newsletter

WEEK 7 TERM 2 : 14th June 2019



Remember, no nuts at kindy please

Hi Everyone,

Last week was an exciting time having full days of kindy outside and although the weather was quite cold with our warm clothes we were all able to enjoy many different activities. It was good to see the children trying out new challenges with the balancing rope, mixing herbs with a mortar and pestle and the rope swing. The children spent time reading books in the fort cubby made more interesting with the large parachute, they enjoyed drawing and mark making with the large colouring pencils and spent time exploring with magnifying glasses. The binoculars were used to look for birds and we were entertained by some visiting kookaburras. Many of the children were very excited to cook their own bread over the fire pit using bamboo poles and it was great to see the way they patiently held their pole turning it slowly to avoid burning until the bread was fully cooked. The mud kitchen was another popular place and creating mazes and tepees with the thin bamboo poles also held the attention of many children. Each child now has a small book in which they can use each Outdoor Week to record their experiences. Next term we will have another Outdoor Week building on the learning experiences which the children has gained this term.

The Pet Week which coincided with Outdoor Week gave many of the children a chance to share more of their home life and help everyone to learn more about how to care for an animal. Many dogs visited and it was good to see how the children are learning to ask questions to further their understanding. The teachers have been asking the children to think about whether what they want to share is a comment or question so this may be a way you can help them to learn at home.

Our Dancify sessions began again this week and the children were very keen to learn the movements and complete all of them in sequence for the whole dance. This week was 'Kung Fu' which required them to do some strong movements but keep within their own personal space and not bump any of their peers. They are did very well and Heidi (the Dancify Instructor) was very impressed with the quick way they learnt and how well they controlled their impulses to do the dance at the appropriate time. *Regards Cynthia*

Diary Dates

Sreyne Market Week

Mon June 17th – Fri June 21st

Dancify sessions 1pm

Wed--- June 19th, 26th

Thurs— June 20th, 27th

Walk and Talk Clean-up Days

Wed & Thurs July 3rd & 4th

Regular Events

Wednesdays:

Morning:

Funtastics/ Shared fruit

Thursdays:

Morning:

Funtastics/ Shared fruit

Fridays

Playgroup

9:30-11:30am

Sreyne Market Week-Mon June 17th -until Fri June 21st

This coming week is our market week, you can bring along donated items all through the week. Venessa ApThomas (Leo's mum) is our Sreyne Market Coordinator so please support her with this project.

We are very excited at the moment as we now have 30 wooden chairs to match our tables, they are a better height for the children. However we

now have about the same number of orange plastic children's chairs surplus to our needs. If you would like to own any of them please put a donation into the Sreyne Market box and take your chair home with you when you can. They are very sturdy and would be great for a children's cubby or for use at a small table inside.

Another special purchase has been the new craft trolley which you can see inside near the art sink, this is a major upgrade to this area and is a great improvement to our kindy. The old trolley is very sturdy and could be useful in a shed for tools etc. The trolley is also available for a donation to our market, currently it has some of the items for sale on it so it can be collected at the end of the market, please see Cynthia to arrange pick up.



Hawthorndene Kindergarten Governing Council—Tues June 18th coffee and chat 7:15pm ---Nature Kindergartens 7:30pm ---short meeting from 8pm

The next meeting will be on Tuesday 18th June. As a precursor to the meeting Cynthia will share her experiences when she visited Nature and Forest Kindergartens in Ireland, Scotland and Norway in 2015. This research was undertaken to provide insights into how teachers in these countries used the outdoor environment to stimulate and support young children's development and understanding of their natural environment in a safe way. This research became a basis for the development of our Outdoor Week program.

Community Science Night—'Science is Child's Play—Fri Aug 23rd 6:30pm-8:30pm

This is an annual event and we are pleased to say that the kindergarten has again been given a grant to assist us with the hire of 2 large marquees and lighting and heating. This year we have invited Warrawong Sanctuary to bring some of their Australian animals along. We have contacted several of our previous presenters to ask if they would like to set up an exhibit as well. Each year we try to have some new exhibits as well as some old favourites so if you have any ideas or contacts of people who would be interested in volunteering to set up an exhibit and share their expertise on the night please speak with Cynthia.

We will also be organising soup with the children and we will need some other volunteers to supply some large containers of soup so that the kindy families and the presenters can have a light tea of soup and rolls before the event for a small charge. (The kindy will pay for the ingredients when you bring in the receipts).

Each year we ask a local graphic artist to produce an appealing design for our advertising leaflet. Once again we need a graphic artist to help us with this task so if you know any one that can help please can you speak with Cynthia as soon as possible so that we can get started.

Kindergarten Term 2 Fees 2019

There are still a few invoices for Term 2 fees outstanding could you please check with Cynthia if you are unsure whether your fees are still owing and finalise the amount as soon as possible. If you have difficulty paying the full amount at once please arrange to pay in instalments.

Home care for the budgies on weekends

Have you had a chance to care for our budgies yet? If you would like to experience having a pet that you can give back why not take our budgies home for a weekend soon, add you family name to the list on the art cupboard, no training necessary, food and care details provided.

Holiday care for our pets?

If you are able to care for our pets during the term break please speak with the staff team. We have budgies, a turtle and rabbits that will all need to have a home during the break. A fun way to teach your children about care of animals.

After hours contact

If you have something that you need to share with the staff team out of hours please feel free to email or you may like to ring on 0419295705.

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.

If you would like to discuss any aspects of your child's learning or development please feel free to make an appointment so that you can have a chat about your concerns or interests with Cynthia. Kind regards, Cynthia Meredith, Louise Montesi, Crystal Morphett, Tess Gibbs and Lenka Velisek.