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## Diary Dates

## Week 4 Term 1 2020

<b>March</b> Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup>	PUPIL FREE DAY No Kindy or Occasional Care sessions today
Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup>	Mobile Junkyard play sessions
Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup>	Curriculum Night for parents
Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup>	Mobile Junkyard- pm session
Tuesday 31 <sup>st</sup>	Mobile Junkyard- am session Child Youth Health screening
<b>April</b> Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup>	Last day of Term 1
Tuesday 28 <sup>th</sup>	First day of Term 2- this is a 3 day week.
<b>FUTURE DATES</b>	Mother's Night 6/5 Disco 17/8 Father's Night 9/9 Wheel-a-thon 17/9 Grandparent's Day 11/11 Graduation Night 3/12

# Robyn's News

## The Year Ahead

As we begin our preschool journey with a whole new group, I thought it would be useful to give you all a brief rundown of the year ahead- what will be coming up and how you as parents can be involved in our community.

### Newsletters

Newsletters come out twice a term and are jam-packed full of information for you. Please take the time to read them. They will be emailed to all families, but paper copies are always available on the sign in desk if needed.

### Family Events

**Mother's Night, Father's Night, and Grandparents Day** – the dates for these events are on the calendar on the front of the newsletter. These are a wonderful opportunity for family members to come along and have a play with their child. With all of our events- if there is no Mother/Father/Grandparent available to attend please feel free to ask another close relative or family friend to come along. Details for each event will be sent home before the event

**Graduation Night-** at the end of the year we will have a Family Picnic and Graduation Night- extended family are welcome to attend and the date is also on the front of the Newsletter.

### Fundraising

Our Governing Council will organize some fundraising events throughout the year (yet to be planned). If anyone is keen to be involved in helping with this let us know.

A big fundraiser for the Kindy is our Wheel-a-thon. This doubles as a fantastic family/community event and again, the date is on the calendar. It is a daytime event so you might want to plan your leave now.

Kindy photos- each year ( usually in term 3) we have Kindy photos taken for each child- the cost is generally around \$25 for a pack including group photo. We also provide an opportunity for families to purchase a usb of the photos we have taken of your child throughout the year. These are \$20 and go home at the end of Term 4. A note will be sent home later in the year.

***And speaking of fundraising- we have a great raffle at the moment. The Beltrame Family have donated a trailer load of wood (value \$350) for us to raffle. Proceeds will go to the Woodside CFS. Tickets are available at Kindy and are \$2.00 each. The raffle will be drawn at our Curriculum Night***

### Curriculum

On Wednesday March 11<sup>th</sup> we will have our Curriculum Information Night. We encourage all parents to attend this- it is a fun night with an opportunity to find out what your child will be experiencing and learning over the preschool year. The invitation will be coming home soon, but you can put the date in the diary now.

**Sharing Books-**Sharing books are going home tonight for families to have a look at what we have done so far this term. Please feel free to look through and discuss these with your child- they may even like to do a drawing (*one page only please*) before you return them to Kindy on Tuesday so we can keep working on them. These books are a collaborative effort between families, children and staff and the children receive them on our Graduation Night as a memory of their amazing journey this year. We try and set aside a Thursday morning a couple of times a term for parents and children to work on the books together at the start of the day.

Please remember that staff usually work on these in their own time and if the books are not here, we can't keep them up to date so don't forget to bring them back to the next session after they have gone home.

### School Transition

If your child will be attending Woodside Primary School all information regarding enrolment and transition will come to you through the kindy in Term 4. If your child is attending another school, you will need to make contact with them to ensure they are aware of the enrolment. They will then notify you of enrolment and transition information.

If you change your decision regarding schools during the year please let us know so that we can support the transition process of each child.

Regards,  
Robyn

# Our Learning

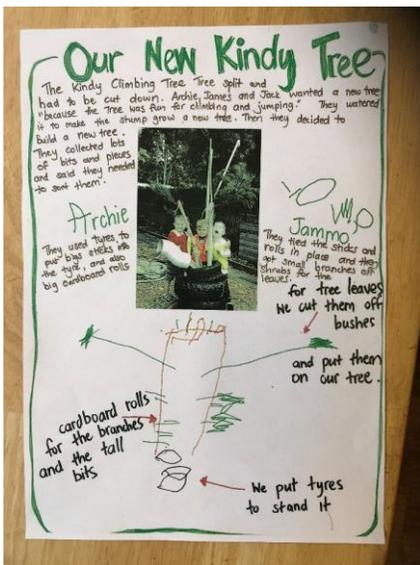
After a harrowing summer in the Adelaide Hills, our little preschool community has come together and settled into some normality of routines and the security of sharing a space that is safe, nurturing and an exciting place to learn. We are back where we *belong*! For the past three weeks we have all been extremely busy getting to know each other and the routines and transitions of the day. Along the way so much learning has already been evident.

Children taking responsibility for the morning routines; carrying their own bags, finding their name rocks, storing their belongings and settling into the preschool day. Some days are easier than others but we are always there to support both children and families in this process.

Children have been playing with and alongside new friends and teachers and are sharing in what makes them special. It has been wonderful hearing about the children and families of our Kindy community. We have shared some Family pages, Sharing books are almost ready to go out, lots of games and songs have been had to learn each other's names, little interviews with our teachers to gather important

snippets of children's lives have been enlightening, self-portraits are on display and finally our family picnic, which was a lovely way to spend time together as a community.

We aim to continue to foster this sense of belonging throughout our year together, because we feel it's so important for children to feel secure and safe in their surroundings to better equip them with the confidence to learn and grow.



Other highlights of the term so far:

- Our visit to the Life Education Van.

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- Dress

- Fairy gardens and Octonaut adventures
- Investigations into trees, after the loss



- Discussions around the regeneration of plants and trees bushfires. ups and role play of our climbing tree.

We are looking forward to many more exciting including Big Buddy visits, Harmony Day and



learning experiences this term community walks.

Sayonara

Kathy, Jodie and Jane 😊

# Occasional Care

Occasional Care has again started the year full of energy and action! The children who are returning are all looking so competent, with new developments like toilet training and becoming more responsible for routines and belongings. Children starting for the first time or having only been a few times last year have settled well. Please be assured that if your child is upset when you leave, it almost always doesn't last long. Jane, Tash and Kylie are very accustomed to helping children settle and we will call you if we feel they are distressed. Of course, we also encourage you to call us to check on their progress after you leave to put your mind at rest. We often comment, it would be great to have CCTV at the gate because the children are often fine by the time parents get to their car!



This term, Kylie is running Wednesday sessions and Jane and Tash are continuing with Monday sessions. Sessions are generally fortnightly, but please feel free to call on your week off as we often have vacancies pop up.

Please remember children need a HAT, spare clothes, a drink bottle with water and some FRUIT. All these things can stay in their bag this term and we will access them as needed. Please note that hats must be broad brimmed or legionnaires style with NO STRINGS attached. Strings are a safety hazard when children are using a range of equipment at Occasional Care.

At the end of the session please try to collect any paintings or artwork your child may have done as we can't usually store these until next time.

Keep an eye out for our Occasional Care Floor Book which we try to display near our sign in sheet. This contains photos, observations and plans for future activities. It may provide a starting point for you to discuss what your child has been doing at Occasional Care. We also put regular updates about our sessions on Facebook.

If you have any questions about our program or any concerns about your child's participation, enjoyment or general development please feel free to chat to Jane, Tash or Kylie at any time.

# Governing Council News



What a great night we had last week for our Family Tea and AGM-the weather was kind and it was a lovely opportunity to get to know each other better. Fritz the Clown entertained the children and some parents while other parents attended our Annual General Meeting and election of our new Governing council for the year.

We would like to thank our outgoing committee from last year for their efforts supporting our centre.

Welcome to our new Governing Council for 2020:

Chairperson- Jodie Squiers

Secretary- Kristy Wheeler

Treasurer- Ann Swarbrick

General Members-Yohannah Beltrame, Tom Lord, Sharon Smith, Melissa Ince, Romy Wasserman, Elisabeth Lloyd, Lisa Hollitt, Millie Galvin, Bonnie McShane (Playgroup Rep), Tracy Joyce, Rachel Tanner

Meetings this year will be on Wednesday Nights from 7.30pm and all are welcome to attend.

**Next Meeting-Wednesday March 25th**

# Snippets

## Community News



One of our community members, Bailee is raising funds for the Variety charity Hair with Heart. Hair with Heart helps kids with disabilities, chronic illness and disadvantages!

The reason behind Bailee wanting to do this is because one of her family's friends was diagnosed with cancer at the age of 10 and she had long hair just like Bailee. Bailee was so inspired by her battle with cancer she thought that no little girls should ever be without hair, So She wanted to donate her own so that they can feel comfortable to go out in public and feel normal.

Hair donations like Bailee's gives kids with cancer hope and the chance to blend in and be "normal".

It is an incredible and thoughtful thing for a little kid to want to be a part of. Bailee will be having her hair cut on the 28th of march by Kerry Penny!

Wigs cost families up to \$6,000, lasting 1-2 years, meaning families can spend tens of thousands of dollars on the purchase of wigs throughout a child's youth. By making a donation to Variety - the Children's Charity, you can help provide a wig or other vital equipment to a child in need.

Thank you for helping raise money for an amazing cause!

The link to donate , if you would like to is:

<https://hairwithheart.everydayhero.com/au/bailee-s-hair-with-heart-fundraiser>

## Community Awards

On Wednesday we took all of the Kindy children for a walk to the Woodside Bike Track for some fabulous community presentations following the Tour Down Under success. The town of Woodside won Best Dressed Town due to the amazing community efforts of the Love Woodside Group. Our very own Denise was very active in this group and you may have noticed her incredible paintings decorating the Main Street during the Tour.

Tash and her family won the 'Best Dressed Private Property' and it was great that we could all be down there for the presentation.



## Immunization Statements

If you have not yet provided us with a copy of your child's Immunization history please remember that we are now required to have a copy of this for each child. We can no longer accept the Blue Book. You can bring us a copy of your Medicare Immunization History Statement (available online) or bring an original and we will copy it for you. If you prefer you can email it to [natasha.hortle545@schools.sa.edu.au](mailto:natasha.hortle545@schools.sa.edu.au). When emailing, please make sure you download the statement and then email it- we cannot access the link if you share it with us.

## Roadworks

We have been advised that commencing Monday 24<sup>th</sup> Feb there will be roadworks in Moffat St for approximately 4 weeks. We appreciate that parking is challenging at the best of times, but please note that speed limits will be in place and parking will be very restricted during these times. It will be best to park away from Moffatt St and walk in.