

NEWSLETTER Update Term 1 Week 1 2016



Congratulations, what a fabulous 1st week of Kindy

When reflecting on our week, staff commented that the general feel within the kindy environment was calm and settled. The staff thank you for your open and informal conversations regarding your child. Their well being is always our priority. Building trusting and caring relationships with your child is our focus. Please feel free to chat with staff about your child and if needed a convenient time can be arranged if more time is required.

Mat time/group time is an important time where children learn many social skills (listening, speaking, turn taking and following instructions), this is done through songs/rhymes, reading books and participating in a variety of learning activities. We have been very pleased that the parents have respected this teaching time and have entered the kindy quietly and then wait and observe the group. At the end of the day we are aware that many parents arrive to collect children before 3:15pm due to co-ordinating a school pick up as well. If you require your child to leave upon your arrival please encourage your child to remain on the floor (if they have seen you), the teacher will then make eye contact with you, asking you if you would like to sign out straight away. Staff will then farewell your child. We require the children to remain with the group and discourage children running out the door to meet a parent out in the foyer. This routine is for their safety so we can observe who is collecting the child and ensure no child is left unsupervised out in the yard. We thank you with supporting us as we establish this routine.

"When children feel safe, secure and supported they grow in confidence to explore and learn" (DEEWR, 2009).

Sessions: Monday to Thursday 8:30 am to 3:15pm. Friday 9am to 12noon (split group odd and even weeks). Please collect your child on time (unless prearranged, or there is an emergency) to allow staff time to plan and prepare.

Dates to Remember

Annual General Meeting 17/2/2015

You are cordially invited to attend the kindergarten Annual General Meeting which will be held on Wednesday, February 17th at 7:30 pm.

Term Fees

Fees are \$120 per term plus a \$10 fundraising levy. Invoices will be placed in your communication pocket during Week 1. Current fees include lunch care. Direct Debiting is available.

Taking Photos: A photo can speak a thousand words. Throughout the day children are involved in many learning experiences. Some of these experiences can show creativity, problem solving, feeling confident and a sense of belonging, (just as examples). The Kindy staff often capture these moments on camera, as a record of your child's learning journey. Recently we have purchased two mobile phones to be used solely as a camera. It was a more economical choice !!

Making the most of the weather: This first week we had a warm day followed by a warm but very rainy day. On warm days water play is often a popular choice, as was digging and playing in the mud on the rainy day. With this in mind we expect the children to get wet and dirty as they engage in this hands on learning. We ask you to pack a spare set of clothes (or two) so your child can be changed for their comfort.

Lunches: This week we have discussed and looked at what we have in our lunch boxes. We have encouraged the children to eat the savoury foods first (sandwiches, wraps, rolls, savoury muffins, quiches, dry biscuits etc). Then they can eat the sweet foods or snacks (biscuits, cakes, chips etc). We have noted the good variety and balance of healthy choices being packed in the lunch boxes. Please note any food your child does not want to eat we encourage them to take it home.

Kindy Gate: Please note that the entrance gate has now been fixed. We thank you for being vigilant with ensuring it was closed correctly.

Staff carpark: We remind you that this carpark is only for staff use. For safety reasons we ask parents not use this park.

Please ensure hats and all belongings (including bags, clothes, shoes, lunch boxes etc) are clearly named.



Washing Roster

A washing roster can be found on the notice board. A gentle reminder will be placed in your communication pocket when it is your turn. We thank you for helping in this way - by washing items such as smocks and clothes once in your child's kindergarten year.

Thank you.

