



NEWSLETTER No.1

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<p>WELCOME</p> <p>Welcome to all families. If you are an 'old' parent who has been at kindergarten last year, welcome back and if you are a new family beginning with us this year welcome! I hope you all found time over the summer break to spend quality time with family and friends.</p> <p>Proof of age requirements - if we do not have a copy of your child's birth certificate please provide one of the following: a current Passport, birth certificate or official Centrelink documentation which states the child's name and birth date. At the time of enrolling in preschool, parents or guardians are required to provide proof of their child's birth date.</p> <p>Staff 2017</p> <p>We welcome back Brooke Williams as the teacher for 2017!</p> <p>We also welcome Jill Clarke back this year who will be working as the ECW and Cheryl Tatarelli will be working on Tuesday and Thursday mornings to support individual children who may require additional support. This term we also have Karen Gardiner, a teacher to add to our staff team as our enrolments are currently 36.</p> <p>Governing Council</p> <p>It is that time of the year when we are looking for new Governing Council Members. The AGM will be held in conjunction with Acquaintance Night and we would love parents to become Governing Council Members. This is your chance to have a voice in the running of your child's kindergarten!</p> <p>Please see a staff member if you would like to be a member of the Governing Council this year. Meetings are once a month and are held at the kindergarten.</p> <p>Acquaintance Night and AGM</p> <p>We are having an 'Acquaintance Night' and AGM on Thursday the 18th of February at 6.00pm. Parents and children are invited to the Acquaintance Night, parents attend the AGM and children have 'Wobbles' the clown to entertain them. There is an information flyer with details of this event in your newsletter pocket Wobbles is a fabulous entertainer so put the date in your diary or phone now so your child doesn't miss out!!!</p>	<p>Help!</p> <p>Do you have some spare time and would like to do something to help at kindy? We would love to hear from any parents willing to help at session time. Jobs include helping with library/story kit borrowing, library book covering, reading, cooking with children etc. The kindergarten relies on the generosity of parents to help out with rosters and fundraising. We are able to keep kindy fees low because of this. Please help out wherever you can to ensure we are able to keep our fees low. If there are any handymen or handywomen that are able to do maintenance jobs, we would love to hear from you as there are always little jobs that need doing at kindy</p> <p>Thank you!</p> <p>Thank you to Kerrie-Anne Watts and Cathy George and families for looking after the lawn and garden during the school holidays ☺</p> <p>Gardening/Laundry Rosters</p> <p>All families are placed on a roster for laundry (washing kindy smocks etc) and gardening. The new rosters will be in children's newsletter pockets if you have been chosen for gardening or laundry this term. If you are not sure what you need to do, please ask a staff member.</p> <p>Lunches and snacks / Healthy Eating</p> <p>Please remember we have a healthy food policy at kindergarten. Lockers are inside so snacks are kept cool in children's bags. Fresh fruit or vegetables are the best option for snack time. Lunches are placed in the baskets and then placed in the store room where it is cool, so that children don't eat them at snack time! If you have anything in your child's lunch that needs to be kept cold (meat, dairy etc. please place an ice brick in their lunch box. Please keep messy things, yoghurt, preserved fruit in cups etc. for lunches after their sandwich or salad. 'Nude' food is best, that is food that comes with no packaging. Try to pack 'nude' food wherever possible as we are aiming to reduce landfill. Water only in water bottles please. We also ask that no nuts or nut products are sent to kindergarten as we have children enrolled at kindergarten who are allergic to these products.</p>
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Visitor's Book	Fees
<p>If you are staying at Kindy for more than 10 minutes (which you are very welcome to do) please sign in the visitor's book, which is located on the table outside the front door. It is a requirement of OHS&W in case of an emergency that we know who is on the grounds at all times. When you are on the gardening roster we will ask you to sign an outside visitor's book just so we know who was on the grounds. Just enter your name, the date, what time you arrive and what time you leave.</p> <p>Parent Authorization Sheets</p> <p>Next to the Visitor's book is a parent authorization sheet where we would like you to fill in when some-one other than you will be collecting your child. Please ensure that a staff member is informed so that they can sign this sheet also. If you have forgotten to fill this sheet in or if there is a change in plans a phone call to the kindergarten is all that is needed and we will fill in the appropriate details. This is for the safety and security of all the children and for staff.</p> <p>Summer Safety- Please supply a named hat</p> <p>Please remember to dress your children in sun-safe clothing - no strappy tops with exposed arms and no thongs. Please ensure your child's shoes are suitable for running and climbing. Most trips and falls at kindergarten are due to inappropriate footwear!</p> <p>Also please put sunscreen on your child before you leave home.</p> <p>All children must have a hat for kindergarten which can be left in their bag. Children like to play with water when it is hot so therefore a change of clothes in their bag is a good idea too. We encourage children to play in the shade and drink plenty of water and they will be brought inside to play when it is very hot.</p>	<p>Kindergarten fees are due now and are \$100.00 for the term. Please pay fees as soon as possible- envelopes for fees are next to the fee box, outside the office door. Hats and t-shirts/jumpers are available for purchase, please see a staff member if you wish to purchase these items.</p> <p>Signing your child in and out</p> <p>In response to a comment from a parent in the Parent Opinion Surveys last year, we are now asking all parents to sign their child in and out each day. The sheet for this will be placed on the table by the door near the children's lockers.</p> <p>At this stage we are not asking children to sign in as there are a lot more children this year and that process can lead to a traffic jam out on the verandah!!</p> <p>Kindergarten starts at 8.45am. Prior to this staff are setting up for the day. If you arrive earlier than 8.45am, please wait outside or go to the playground for a quick play.</p> <p>We have changed the setup of the kindergarten environment this year and are trialing some new ways of doing things. We would love your feedback, so if you have any comments, questions or ideas please let us know.</p>
<p>What's On This Week- some of our activities</p> <p>Getting to know you! Making friends Rules of kindy for safe play Learning the routines of kindy- we are teaching children to be independent in routines, so please help your child but do not do things for them if they are capable of doing it for themselves.</p> <p><i>Please name all your child's belongings Lunch box, drink bottle, hat, shoes, socks, jumpers and jackets (anything that may be taken off during the day). It is impossible for staff to keep track of children's belongings if they are not named. The kindergarten has permanent markers which you are welcome to use to name items.</i></p> <p>New DECD policy DECD have a new policy on immunization. Please ensure you show a staff member proof of your child's immunization status. A letter to explain this will be sent home soon.</p>	<p>Diary Dates</p> <p>Monday 6th Feb: First playgroup session for the year (9.00-11.00am) Tuesday 14th Feb: Chinese New Year Incursion- "Chinese Dragons" Thursday 23rd February:- 6.00pm Acquaintance night and AGM</p> <p>School Term Dates 2017 Term 1: 30th Jan-13th April Term 2: 1st May-7th July Term 3: 24th July-29th Sept. Term 4: 16th Oct-15th Dec. School Term Dates 2018 Term 1: 29th Jan - 13th April Term 2: 30th April - 6th July Term 3: 23rd July - 28th Sept. Term 4: 15th Oct - 14th Dec.</p>





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