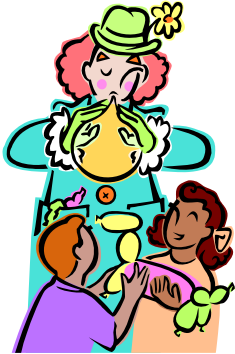





NEWSLETTER No.1

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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>New kitchen and toilet</p> <p>There have been many changes here at Kathleen Mellor Kindergarten over the holidays! We have changed our entrance due to the redevelopment of the toilet area and the entrance is now at the other end of the building. As yet there is no ramp at this entrance, so if you wish to come in with a pusher or wheelchair please ask staff to open the doors to the original entrance. Lockers are now inside so snacks are kept cool. Lunches are still placed in the baskets so that children don't eat them at snack time!</p> <p>Staff 2014</p> <p>We welcome Margaret Yates back as the teacher for 2014 and Charmaine Maulitz as the ECW. We also welcome Jill Clarke back this year who will be working on Tuesdays and Thursdays as our Preschool Support Worker, working with individual children who may require additional support. Margaret will be away in weeks 2 and 3 and we have Brooke Andrews relieving during this time.</p> <p>Acquaintance Night and AGM</p> <p>We are having an 'Acquaintance Night' and AGM within the next few weeks. A date hasn't been set yet but we will let you know as soon as possible. Parents and children are invited to the Acquaintance Night, parents attend the AGM and children have a clown to entertain them. There will be an information flyer with details of this event soon.</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 with children etc. <i>We have library books that need to be covered at the moment, please see a staff member if you can do this job for us.</i></p> <p>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.</p> <p>Thank you!</p> <p>Thank you so much to Ashlee Ivkovic and family for helping us to look after the garden during the school holidays. As you can imagine there was a lot of hot days where the garden needed a drink.</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 are 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>Profile Folders</p> <p>All the children have a folder where we collect samples of work learning stories etc. If you wish to take the profile folder home and look at it over a week-end, just let a staff member know. You are encouraged to add to the folder if something special has happened at home. You could put photos or stories in the profile book for us to share with your child. The education of children is a partnership between families and staff, the more we can work together, the better the outcome for your child.</p>	<p>Diary Dates</p> <p>Tues 28th Jan: Day 1 of term Friday 31st Jan: First playgroup session for the year 9.00-10.30am School Term Dates 2014 Term 1: 28th Jan -11th April Term 2: 28th April - 4th July Term 3: 2^{1st} July - 26th Sept. Term 4: 13th Oct -12th Dec.</p>

<p>Visitor's Book</p> <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 top of the children's lockers. 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. Also please put sunscreen on your child before you leave home. All children must have a hat for kindergarten which can be left in their bag.</p>  <p>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>Healthy Eating</p> <p>Don't forget our healthy eating guidelines. Please send fruit, vegetables, cheese or a sandwich for snack and a healthy salad or sandwich for lunch. Water only in water bottles please. '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. We also ask that no nuts or nut products are sent to kindergarten as we have children enrolled at the centre who are allergic to nut products. Absolutely No muesli bars please.</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! 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>Fees</p> <p>Kindergarten fees are due and are \$90.00. Please pay fees as soon as possible- envelopes for fees are next to the fee box, outside the office door.</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>Kindergarten starts at 9.00am. Prior to this staff are setting up for the day. If you arrive earlier than 9.00am, please wait outside or go to the playground for a quick play.</p>	<p>What will your child learn at kindergarten this year?</p> <p>To be a friend Turn taking Sharing Independence Persistence Organisation How to relax/rest Self worth Reflection on their own learning To be curious To wonder To experiment To problem solve To have fun Plus a lot more!</p>