



NEWSLETTER No. 7

23rd July 2013

Welcome

We have a group of children beginning kindergarten through an Occasional Care program that is operating Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday mornings, once a fortnight for the next two terms.

I welcome these children and their families and hope that this time is full of fun and learning as they prepare for full time kindergarten next year.

Staffing Changes

The kindergarten staff will be working a little differently this term as we have lost our funding for the 15 hours of Preschool due to the low enrolment numbers this term (this is because of the same first day initiative). Therefore there will be times when there are only two staff members on the floor with the children while the third staff member does planning, preparation or administration.

This will not affect the children's experience at kindergarten at all. Three staff will be operating when the Occasional Care children are in attendance.

Display at Tea Tree Plaza

We have booked the community stand at Tea Tree Plaza this week, Tuesday 23rd and Wednesday 24th of July. We are having a promotion along with the Tea Tree Gully Primary School and the Tea Tree Gully Primary School OSHC service. If you have some time to help us to run this stand during those two days please see a staff member.

CURRICULUM NEWS

This term we will be continuing to follow children's interests with regard to curriculum planning. We will continue with learning about space as long as the children are still interested. We will also be learning about shadows in preparation for the performance 'Me and my shadow' which we will be seeing in week 5.

Only full time children will be attending the excursion.

Occasional Care children due to attend on this morning (Thursday 22nd August) will be offered an afternoon session in lieu of the morning session.

FEES

Please pay fees promptly as we rely on these to help us fund your children's kindergarten experiences.

Full time fees are \$90.00 for the term and Occasional Care are \$35.00, which includes your child's profile folder and library bag. T- Shirts, hats and windcheaters are available for purchase. Please see a staff member if you wish to purchase any of these items. All payments for fees, clothing, excursions etc. needs to be placed in an envelope with the amount, child's name and what the money is for on the front and then is placed into the fee box near the office door.

NUT FREE ZONE

Please remember we have children who are allergic to nuts at kindergarten so PLEASE do not send anything with nuts to kindergarten. Sesame seeds also fall into this category so please do not send bread, rolls etc. with sesame seeds.

Parent helpers

We love parents help at kindergarten and welcome all parents and grandparents to give any time that they can Please remember when you are staying at kindergarten to sign in the visitor's book. This is an OHS&W requirement and keeps you safe in case we have an evacuation.

If you would like to be a parent helper with excursions etc. you will need to have a police clearance. Forms are available from Anne and the kindergarten will fund the cost of the clearance.

FUNDRAISER- Kyton's Pie Drive orders are due Thursday 25th July. Please order for friends and family.

Please remember to return your profile folders from last term.

Diary Dates

Friday 20th September: Kindy Disco and Family Fun night, 6.30-8.00pm

Governing Council: Tuesday the 30th of July at 7.00pm at the kindergarten.

School Term Dates 2013

Term 3: 22nd July - 27th Sept.

Term 4: 14th Oct -13th Dec.

Term 1 2014: 28th Jan- 11th April