



Newsletter

WEEK 3 TERM 2: 11th May 2015



Remember, no nuts at kindy please

Hello Everyone,

We hope that all of you had a Happy Mother's Day celebrating our wonderful mothers. Did you receive the special gift your child had made for you at kindy? The children were very excited as they busily prepared for this special time.

It was lovely to have some parents and other relatives come to share in our May Day celebrations last week with the Maypole Dancing presentation. The children were so enthusiastic during our practise of the dancing and were thrilled to have an audience to watch their dancing. Have you seen some of the photos from the two days have been in the Learning Journal?

We have been delighted to see have many of the 'Creature' posters have been returned and shared with the rest of the group. The enthusiasm from these children to share their knowledge and passion has been wonderful. We have been looking at numbers and measurement during the last couple of weeks during play. Leo and Saxon shared their information relating to their favourite creatures, Blue Whale and Humpback Whale on the same day. As a result we were able to do some measurement work using the children's bodies to compare the length of each creature. There are 10 weeks to this term so please don't feel pressured to have them all returned in the next couple of weeks 😊

Whilst Cynthia is away on her study tour in Scotland, our two UniSA students, Amanda French and Tulasie Hollis will be commencing a four week teaching block. The students have been coming for Wednesday visits during last term and have been setting up some interesting play spaces for the children both inside and outside. We are looking forward to them being part of our team from 20th May until the 19th June. Another change for the next four weeks will be Crystal Morphett joining our staff team. She has been a regular relief teacher during staff absences, and is very familiar with our program and has already developed a great rapport with the children.

Louise Montesi

Diary Dates

Next Week

Alioune Market Wk 4
May 18th—22nd

Lift the Lip- SA Dental
(Mon/Wed Children)
25th May (Wk 5)

Cynthia Meredith away of
Study Tour
23rd May-20th June 2015

Regular Events

Tuesday

Afternoon:
HPS Alicia Waters' class visit

Wednesdays

Morning:
Funtastics/ Shared fruit

Afternoon:
HPS Nadine Manna's + Prue Miles'
rec classes

Thursdays

Morning:
Funtastics/ Shared fruit

Fridays

Playgroup
9:30-11:30am

Family Funtastics Fundraising

Have you seen our wishing well board showing the total of our Funtastics Fundraising Event we had last term? Thank you to everyone who has already returned their sponsorship money. If you haven't already, you can by placing it in the butterfly box on the kitchen bench. This money will go towards an end of term excursion to the Adelaide Zoo for the both groups.

Alioune Market-- Monday 18th May ---until Friday 22nd May

Please gather all your unwanted good quality clothing, toys, books, plants, home-made food and other Bric-A-Brac items ready for next week's Alioune Market. Alioune is the African boy and his community that we sponsor through World vision. Thank you in advance for your creativity in making next week's market another success.

Lift the Lip- SA Dental

An early notification for the Monday/Wednesday families that we will be having SA Dental coming in on Monday 25th May to briefly check the dental hygiene of the children. A consent form to have this checked will be sent home this week with your child. Please fill it out and return it on the day.

Norway Celebrations

On Thursday, Hanne (Eva's mother) will be sharing about the Norwegian celebrations they have during Norway Day. We will look forward to learning more about this region of the world.

Hawthorndene Kindergarten Governing Council----Tuesday May 12th

The next meeting will be held tomorrow, Tuesday 12th May 7:15 for 7:30pm start. We hope you will be able to join us at this meeting, when we will be looking at the Quality Improvement Plan and reviewing the plans for the future including an excursion later this term. Cynthia will also be sharing further information about the director's study tour.

Washing Roster

Here's your chance to have a positive input into kindy in a practical way! Yes it's the washing roster which needs filling again. Thank you to everyone who has helped in the past. Here is your chance don't miss out this term! See Tess for the location of the roster if you are not sure. The staff team really appreciate your contribution to the all aspects of the kindergarten's operation.

Kitchen Sink!

The staff team would like to establish a Mud Kitchen Play area in the outside environment for the children. It would be great to have an old kitchen sink including a drain board that could be attached to a table or bench and possibly 'plumbed' using a hose to the outside tap. If you know of anyone who is getting rid of their kitchen sink+ drain board, please let us know so that we can take these ideas further.

Plastic Bags

Do you have an oversupply of plastic bags in your cupboard or drawer that is driving you mad? Well we have the solution --- send them to kindy as we have depleted ours and need them for wet or muddy clothes and toileting accidents.

Kind regards,

Cynthia Meredith, Louise Montesi and Tess Gibbs.