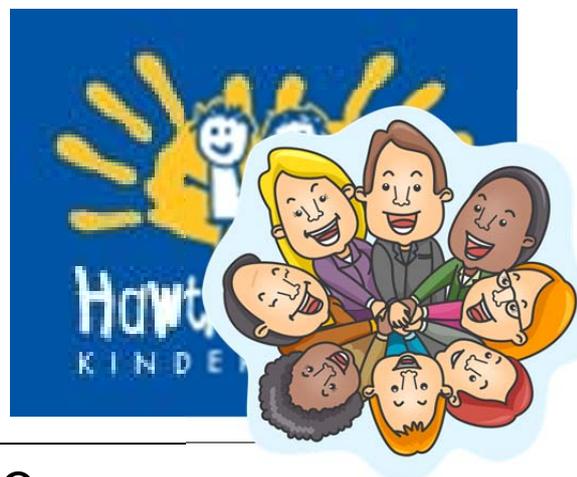




Newsletter

WEEK 1 TERM 3: 20TH JULY 2015



Remember, no nuts at kindy please

Welcome back everyone for a terrific Term 3!

I'm sure you enjoyed a break from the routine of kindy as did the staff team. It was good to take some time to enjoy life at a slower pace but it is good to be back with you all again. This term our focus will be looking at how science and man's discoveries have impacted on our lives as well as looking at natural science this will culminate in our annual Community Science Night, Wednesday August 19th for which we been successful in gaining a grant from the National Science Week committee. Please put this date in your diary today! We have had confirmation that Science Teachers from Blackwood High School will be bringing some exciting equipment and experiments and other volunteers have also confirmed their involvement. Each year we enlist the support of local science/engineering professionals who are able to come and show some aspect of their work to the children often this is a hands on exhibit which can stimulate interest for later life. To host a night like this which is open to all the community families with children aged 3 to 8 years we need volunteers to supervise experiments and activities as well. If you would like to be involved either setting up a display or volunteering to supervise please speak with the staff team as soon as possible. A large pavilion will be erected at the front of the building including heating and lighting to provide extra space for activities. Our event has been posted on the National Science Week website so please bring it to the attention of friends and family.

During the term the children will have opportunities to take part in experiments and explorations of scientific phenomena and we hope you will join us in providing interesting Science activities. The children will be bringing home a letter with an explanation of how they can share a science story at group time shortly.

This term we will also be holding our first ever Outdoor Week at kindy. Please make sure you have some suitable clothes and shoes so they can make the most of their investigations.

I will be giving a special presentation about my research study tour of Nature Kindergartens and Forest Schools which I conducted last term for interested parents and friends on Friday 7th August at 7pm. Coffee and cake will be served I hope you will be able to join me with the staff team. Some of the ideas I have gleaned will be used in our Outdoor Week.

This term the children will participate in 'Dancify' with Heidi. She will come for 3 sessions for each group and this will give everyone opportunities to increase their skills in learning pattern sequences for several different routines. Last year the children were thoroughly absorbed in the activity for the entire 45minute session and were disappointed when it finished so I am sure that the children this year will be just as excited and might even teach you some of their 'moves' when they come home. *(programme included in kindy fees)*

Cynthia Meredith

Diary Dates

Kindy Governing Council

Tuesday 28th July

7:15pm coffee, 7.35pm meeting

Community Science Night

Hawthorndene Kindergarten

Wednesday August 19th

Alioune Market Week

Regular Events

Tuesday

Afternoon:

HPS Mrs Waters' Reception Class
visit

Wednesdays

Morning:

Funtastics/ Shared fruit

Afternoon:

HPS Ms Manna's + Mrs Miles'
Reception Classes visit

Thursdays

Morning:

Funtastics/ Shared fruit

Fridays

Playgroup

9:30-11:30am

Governing Council -Tuesday 28th July -Don't miss it!

7:15pm for coffee, 7:35pm for the meeting

Our first meeting for the term! Don't miss this opportunity to get to know other parents and learn more of how the kindergarten works and how you can be involved in the program.

Come and share your ideas about what we will be doing for our Outdoor Week and our Community Science Night.



Kindy Working Bee Saturday 1st August 8am-12noon

Please put this date in your diary and plan to be here to tidy up our wonderful kindy grounds. All hands on deck so to speak will be great! Even if you can only come for a short time your support will make a difference, bring the children so they can help as well!

"Science is Child's Play" Community Science Night

Special **Science Week** Event at Hawthorndene Kindergarten - Wednesday 19th August

Please keep the date free for hands on-science activities for 3-8 year olds and their families.

- 6pm for light dinner (e.g. soup and rolls)-*this is for kindergarten families and presenters*
- 6:30pm---8.30pm "Science is child's play" hands-on activities---for all the community

Name all belongings at kindergarten

Please name all items your child uses. Often children are so busy or in a hurry to return to their learning that items may not make it back into their bags or lockers. If the following items are named it helps us return them: lunch boxes, drink bottles, snack containers, coats, jumpers and spare items of clothing.

Clothes for kindergarten

During the colder months at kindy we encourage the children to play outside as much as possible as they learn many things through active play, however it is important that they are dressed appropriately so that they are still warm. The staff team is encouraging them to **dress in layers** so that they can take off their outer layer when they are inside. Sometimes children need encouragement to wear appropriate clothing including warmer jackets or coats, beanies can also help them to keep warm outside. (There are special kindy logoed beanies for sale) To ensure that the children are not subject to big changes in temperature when moving between the inside and outside learning environment the staff team use the heater to take the morning chill from the room.

Another consequence of the winter season is that often young children have more frequent toileting accidents and this requires changes of clothes. We are also asking that if possible you place a **change of underpants, socks and long pants** (all named) in a plastic bag in your child's backpack each day to ensure that we do not have to ring you during the day to arrange spare clothes if your child has an accident. Thank you for your support!

Special opportunities available at kindergarten: "Would you like to..."

- Look after Star and Bluey, our kindy budgies for a weekend or for a week in the next holidays. Add your child's name to the list by speaking to Tess.
- Help with washing roster. See Tess to add your name to her list.
- Spend one morning or afternoon at kindergarten,
- Help with preparation of craft materials for making.
- Share your expertise in any way with the children
- Collect items for our collage and making table---plastic bottle tops
- **for Community Science Night we need pop top lids and old CDs or DVDs**

We thank everyone for all their help to make our kindergarten run smoothly and assist us in these simple ways. We appreciate your assistance and the effort required to make these things happen.

Work Books and Learning journals

Please return your child's work book as soon as possible so they can be used to record special memories.

Don't forget to have look at this term's Learning Journal as you come in to the kindy and if you would like to have a longer look at Term 1 or 2 Journals please speak with the staff team so that it can be arranged.

Please share any concerns or comments with us!

Cynthia, Louise and Tess

Our kindergarten fundraising committee has been busy looking at creative ways to add to our finances. Several of our families attend the Safe-T-Swim school and have been impressed with the facility and the standard of service offered. The promotion below has been arranged by the fundraising committee. If you would like further details of the school please take a look at the website.



124 Sturt Road Warradale
SPECIAL OFFER

Safe-T-Swim currently has an offer for our kindy for a "FREE" come and try lesson. The lesson is absolutely free with no obligations.

Should you decide to continue and book regular lessons, they will donate a \$50.00 gift voucher to Hawthorndene Kindergarten for each family that enrolls for a term.

Safe-T-Swim is a small private family owned business that offers swimming lessons to all age groups from infants to adults. The standard of teaching is of the highest quality and they offer smaller group classes, (maximum of 4 students), to maximise the quality time that each student spends with their instructor.

Safe-T-Swim only hold 2 classes at any one time to minimise external distractions to the students and parents are able to watch their children from the comfort of an air-conditioned viewing area and enjoy a complimentary cup of tea or coffee while they watch their children's class.

The pool is fully enclosed and is maintained at 31 degrees all year round so there is no need to stop swimming over the cooler months.

If you wish to see more about the swim school you can look at their website "safe-t-swim.com.au "

Telephone: 8298 4836 or 0409 674 043 (Martin) if you would like more information, or to make a booking.