



# Newsletter

WEEK 4 TERM 3: 10<sup>TH</sup> August 2015



## Remember, no nuts at kindy please

Hi Everyone,

It's not long now until our Community Science Night Wednesday August 19<sup>th</sup> so make sure you reserve the date and come along to the light tea first, more details follow. Please could you collect your children at 1:30pm on that day so that the staff team can arrange the kindy room for all the exhibits. Several of the children have been presenting their Science experiments and it has been pleasing to see how confidently they were able to share with their peers. Some children had a parent to help them with their experiment while other children showed photographs of their experiment at home and then repeated it for the children. It does not have to be a long experiment but it is worthwhile letting your child have a practice at home first. If you are growing a plant at home or collecting a mini-beast you might like to bring it in soon so that we don't have too many to fit in at the end of the term. Sharing ideas in front of others is a very good skill to practice so please help your child to choose some aspect of Science to talk about.

The staff team have been asking the children to plan what they would like to do each day, then draw their ideas and talk with an adult about what they will need to achieve their plan. Next the children have gone outside to enact their plan. At the end of the playtime the children are then asked about what they achieved thus completing the Plan—Do ---Review cycle. This is another aspect of Executive Function which is an important part of learning for life. The children all showed understanding of these concepts and the staff team will be building on this as we move into our Outdoor Week shortly.

On Friday night a small number of parents came to see the Nature Play presentation but there were many who sent their apologies due to other commitments or sickness. I would be happy to repeat the presentation if anyone else would like to see it but would need to know what would be a convenient time. If you are interested could you please contact me to have a chat, 0419 295 705 or kindy phone below.

*Cynthia Meredith*

## Diary Dates

**Kindy Working Bee**  
Sat August 15<sup>th</sup> 8am-12noon

**Community Science Night**  
Hawthorndene Kindergarten  
Wednesday August 19<sup>th</sup>

**OUTDOOR WEEK**  
Mon Aug 24<sup>th</sup>—Thurs Aug 27<sup>th</sup>

**Alioune Market Week**  
Mon 31<sup>st</sup> Aug---Fri 4<sup>th</sup> Sept

## 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

## Kindy Working Bee --Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> August 8am-12noon--Can you help?

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! We hope the weather will be a bit milder than our previously scheduled date.

## "Science is Child's Play" Community Science Night--Wed August 19<sup>th</sup>

This year we are excited to announce that Dr Deane Hutton who was a co-host of the long-running 'Curiosity Show' (if you haven't heard of it look it up on YouTube) will be a special guest to present two shows called 'Going green with Dr Deane'. This is only one of the many attractions to inspire our young children in Science.

Last week a photographer and reporter from Messenger Press visited kindergarten to find out more about what is happening with Science here, so look in this week's edition for the story.

*Please could parents whose children attend on Wed Aug 19<sup>th</sup> collect children at 1:30pm so that the staff team can prepare the room for the exhibits. Thankyou for your support.*

Don't miss out on all the excitement! See you at Community Science Night --Wed August 19<sup>th</sup> for hands on-science activities for 3-8 year olds and their families. This event is open to all of the community so bring your friends along. if you would like some publicity leaflets please speak with the staff team.

- **6pm for light dinner (e.g. soup, rolls and fruit----\$3)-this is for kindergarten families and presenters only. Thankyou to those families who have agreed to make soup for the night.**
  - 6:30pm--8.30pm "Science is child's play" hands-on activities---for all the community
- We need volunteers to supervise some of the activities if you can help please return the attached form.

## Outdoor Week at kindy.

The week following Community Science Night will be our first Outdoor Week. The verandah, pergola and toilet will be the sheltered areas with some temporary shelters as well. We will be having a fire pit for the children to experience with opportunities for them to cook damper on a bamboo pole. We are also hoping to spend some time outside the kindy grounds in the park next door and in the scrub at the back of the school. Please ensure that your children have warm and wet weather clothes so that they can enjoy the experience. If you have any natural materials which you would like to donate to the kindergarten please speak with the staff. If you know of anyone removing large tree branches or whole trees please speak with the staff team so that we can organise bringing them to the kindy.

## Alioune Market-- Monday 31<sup>st</sup> August ---until Friday 5<sup>th</sup> September

Please gather all your unwanted good quality clothing, toys, books, plants, household items and home-made food ready for our market. Alioune is our World Vision sponsor child who lives in Senegal, Africa. We will be learning some more about life in Africa with the children during this week. Last term our market did not raise as much money as we had hoped so we look forward to everyone getting behind the stall this time please. Thankyou to Kylie (Remi's mum) for her help in organising this event.

## Kindy class group photos

On Wednesday September 9<sup>th</sup> and Thursday September 10<sup>th</sup> there will be a photographer coming to kindy to take the annual kindy class group photos. You do not need to purchase them in advance and the photographer will take a group photo and then 3 photos of each child. He then compiles them in a small kindy photo album and you can view them at kindy before purchasing them. The photographer usually has them for viewing at kindy before the end of the term. Please ensure that your child arrives at the kindy no later than 9am on that day so that the group photo can be taken early when the children are fresh.

## Dancify with Heidi

As part of our curriculum program the children will take part in 'Dancify' which is a series of dance lessons where the children learn a sequence of steps which builds up into a dance at the end of the lesson. in this way they are learning a body movement pattern which gives a broader understanding to patterns in their environment and complements their numeracy understanding. Heidi who is the instructor is a skilled dance teacher and quickly builds a positive rapport with children. the staff team are looking forward to working with her again this year. There is no extra cost for your child for this program.

**Please share any concerns or comments with us! Cynthia, Louise and Tess**

Community Science Night

Wednesday August 19<sup>th</sup>

Family Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Child's Name \_\_\_\_\_

We will be attending Science Night Number attending

We will be eating soup and rolls at the family tea from 6:00pm at a cost of \$3 per serve  
Fruit will be available for dessert.

Number of people eating

**Volunteering for Community Science Night**  
**Tuesday August 19<sup>th</sup> 6:30–8:30pm**

Volunteers are needed to share information about the display and what to do or what principal of Science it explains. All information about the display will be given and details of how to make models will be available so you don't have to be a trained Scientist to volunteer. Time slots will be in half hours. If possible volunteers need to be child free for their shift so that they can focus on the display/activity. Volunteers will take a supervisory role, they can show a principle but do not need to make a model, and will need to make sure that the activity is functioning in the appropriate way.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

6:30pm–7:00pm \_\_\_\_\_

7:00pm---7:30pm \_\_\_\_\_

7:30pm---8:00pm \_\_\_\_\_

8:00pm---8:30pm \_\_\_\_\_

Return to the butterfly box please!