



# Newsletter

WEEK 7 TERM 3: 31<sup>st</sup> August 2015



## Remember, no nuts at kindy please

Hi Everyone,

A big thankyou to everyone who was able to come and help at the working bee a couple of weeks ago, it was great to have the garden tidy for our visitors. We have been having some very exciting and busy times at kindergarten in the last few weeks. The Community Science Night gave everyone the chance to have fun with experiments and learn some interesting facts in many different areas of science.

We really appreciated the involvement of special presenters.

- Dr Deane Hutton—'Going green with Dr Deane'
- Matt Cattanaach provided the pond search activity
- Paul Magarey with a rock display
- Danny Wilson exhibit showing aspects of disease discovery
- Natalie and Michael Peachey fantastic balloon inflators
- John and Isabella Meredith
- Students for Hawthorndene Primary School  
Jonah, Lily, Charlee, Grace, Chloe, Emily

A huge Thank you to the cooks who provided delicious soup for tea with rolls provided by Banana Boogie bakery at Belair and fruit donated by GD Wholesaler and thankyou to everyone who supported the raffle. Community Science Night was made possible with a grant from National Science Week sponsored by the Australian government. The raffle and family tea raised \$460 and this will be used to purchase a microscope suitable to be used with the interactive board for our investigations.

Thank you to everyone who attended the evening and enjoyed sharing the many activities with your children.

Last week we had a wonderful time exploring various outdoor activities with the children. We spent the whole week outside and as there was no rain until the last day we were able to keep the fire going all the time. The children were very careful to follow the safety rules as they cooked bread on bamboo poles as well as spending time sitting around the fire and watching the flames. There were some special times singing around the fire which started on Monday with a special guest, Aimee's uncle and continued with the staff team. We know it was a big challenge for some of the children to stay outside all day but everyone had a successful time learning to explore new areas of the outdoors. They learnt some new skills balancing on a rope, mixing up their dough and putting it on the poles, colouring materials with plants, making designs with natural materials and investigating how shelters can be made with long sticks. The staff team were pleased to see the way the children engaged with the outdoors and have learnt more about how to work outside and extend the children's learning, thankyou for your encouragement,

*Cynthia Meredith*

## Diary Dates

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

**Dancify**  
from this week for 3 weeks  
1/9, 2/9, 8/9, 9/9, 15/9, 16/9

**Kindy Class Photos**  
Tues 9/9  
Wed 10/9

**CAFHA preschool children's health checks**  
Mon 14/9

## 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

## This Week

### 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

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. A skilled dance teacher will be the instructor and the staff team will join in with the children. Last year the children really enjoyed these sessions and returned home and in other places to teach the steps they had learnt to others. There is no extra cost for your child for this program which will begin this week and continue for three weeks so that all children will have 3 sessions. See diary dates on the front of this newsletter for days.

## CAFHS

On **Monday September 14** there will be a preschool health check with a CAFHS nurse. If you have not had a preschool health check done with your child as yet and are able to come in to the kindy on Monday September 14<sup>th</sup> please speak with Tess about making an appointment. These checks include a hearing test which most GP's are unable to do. It would be good to have the check done so that all physical areas of your child's health can be assessed. If you would like to speak with the nurse about any concerns you may have you can also book an appointment time.

## Nature Play presentation---Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> September 7pm

For anyone who missed the presentation Cynthia gave about her recent study trip looking at Nature Kindergartens in Ireland, Scotland and Norway there will be another chance to see the photos and talk about nature play on Thursday September 24<sup>th</sup> at 7pm. If you know of anyone else who has an interest in the way children learn outdoors please let them know about the presentation. Coffee and cake will be served as well. Please let us know if you would like to come.

## Last week of term activities

Our celebration of the learning for this term will be in our last week in the form of a 'talk and play' on **Wednesday September 23<sup>rd</sup> and Thursday September 24<sup>th</sup>**. We invite you to come (if you are not able to attend perhaps you could arrange for another family member or neighbour) and share your child's favourite learning space at kindy to have a play with them, we hope to be able to show you some of our dance moves as well. We would like you to come from 11am and bring a shared party lunch. After the party lunch we will be doing some clean up jobs and then we will watch a movie together. Do you have some suggestions for this? On this day your child will bring home their work book to share with other family members over the holidays and bring back on first kindy day next term.

## Borrowing the budgies for the weekend

Our budgies are homeless for this weekend and the following weekends as there is no-one on the list to take them home, would you like to care for them for a weekend or for the next school holidays?

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