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JANUARY 2017 NEWSLETTER



Important Calendar Dates

STUDENT FREE DAY

Monday February 27

BEACH KINDY

Commences week 3

AGM

Thursday, March 2 at 7.00 p.m.

LAST DAY of TERM 1

Thursday, April 13

Welcome

Dear Families,

Welcome to Largs North Kindergarten. We look forward to being co-learners with you and your child/ren throughout the year. The newsletter is one of the main modes of written communication and will be emailed twice per term. Please check your family communication pocket (in the foyer) regularly, as items such as consent forms, term fees and other incidental information is placed there.

STUDENT FREE DAY - Monday February 27

All Schools and Preschools in the local area will be closed on this date, for Professional Development. Please make alternative arrangements for care, if required. No staff will be on site. We apologise for any inconvenience.

Sign-in and Sign-out

Sign-in procedure is for children to sign their own name on the template located on the sign-in table and signing out is only required by families when children are collected early. There is a diary on the sign-in table for this process.

Fees

Fee invoices will be emailed during week 3 each term. Payment can be made by cash, card, cheque or bank transfer (BSB and Account number is provided on the invoice) Please include your child/ren's full name with all payments.

RAN TRAINING – North Haven Kindergarten

Some families have enquired about the RAN Training (Responding to Abuse and Neglect) session required in order to volunteer for Beach Kindy or other events. Please take the opportunity to attend this training (**date and time to be announced**) if you intend to volunteer or participate in Governing Council, Beach Kindy etc. at Kindergarten or School during 2017 and beyond.

Volunteers

We are still in need of volunteers for Beach Kindy and feeding the chickens during weekends. The rosters are located on the sign-in table. Please speak to a staff member for further information, if required.

Family Night

Family Nights will be held twice this year during terms 2 and 4. These nights enable families to connect with each other, educators and the curriculum in a meaningful way.

Kit Borrowing

We have a wooden trolley that houses Literacy Kits. These are for borrowing purposes and there is a folder in which to record the borrower's details and kit data. Please feel free to access these items.

Term 1 Project

The term 1 project is centred on Belonging, Identity and Community. Children will be developing their sense of identity and belonging as they develop relationships with peers and educators. Beach Kindy sessions facilitate children's knowledge of the local community, sustainability and marine environments.

NQS Assessment and Rating

We were recently notified of our assessment and rating process outcome. Largs North Kindergarten has now been assessed as exceeding under the National Quality Framework. This year we will work towards maintaining this standard. Staff will be involved in review processes to ensure that we have considered all the standards within the Framework.

AGM for GOVERNING COUNCIL

There will be an AGM to nominate the Governing Council members for 2017. This will be on Thursday, February 23 at 7pm. You are invited to attend the Annual General Meeting on this date. Please consider becoming a Governing Councillor to facilitate the ongoing management of the Kindergarten, including fundraising, policy review, and curriculum; Quality Improvement, Work, Health and Safety. These meetings, held twice per term, also enable families to build relationships with each other and educators.

Kindy Website

The Kindy website has been updated to reflect current policies and contact details. We will upload newsletters as they are published.

Sustainability and Nude Food

We have a strong focus on the environment, encouraging sustainable practices and building children's knowledge about preserving resources and therefore the planet. Could you kindly support us in these efforts through discussing recycling and garbage disposal processes at home and reusing any plastic packaging offered in lunch boxes. We also encourage any packed items to be removed from their wrappers prior to placing in lunch boxes. Healthy eating is promoted and we have a number of children with allergies attending, we therefore appreciate nut products not being offered for Kindy

Sun Protection

Please apply sunscreen to your child/ren, as it is part of our site policy for children to use sunscreen, wear hats and sun protective clothing during terms 1 and 4. Please supply broad brimmed hats or Legionnaire's caps as regular caps will not protect the entire face, ears or neck.

Session Times

To assist children, families, casual staff and students, a timetable can be located near the staffroom door for reference. This is particularly useful for children as a frame of reference to discuss various routines within a typical Kindy day. The session times are as follows:

8.45AM – 11.45AM and 11.45AM – 2.45PM.

A full day is 8.45AM – 2.45PM

General Information

- A working bee will be held sometime this term, with a date to be announced.
- Please use the side gate for arrivals and departures.
- Some items have been found unnamed, please label all belongings to ensure all items are returned to their rightful owner.
- If anyone has collage materials (e.g. empty recyclable containers), we would appreciate donations.
- Uncollected art work can be located in the cupboard near the fridge in the foyer.

Mobile Phone

The Kindergarten mobile number is:
0429 938 784.

This phone is taken on excursions for the purpose of contacting families in the event of an emergency. Staff will send text messages to families occasionally; however, we ask that the land line is used to communicate absences and other information.

Thank you,

Connie, Chantel, Cheryl, Janet, Louise