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MAY 2017 NEWSLETTER



Important Calendar Dates

KESAB Visit

Thursday May 18th, 10.30am

Working Bee

Saturday, May 20, 9am – 1pm

Governing Council

Thursday, May 25th 7.00 p.m.

Family Night

Tuesday, May 30, 5.30pm – 7pm

Kindergarten Photos

Tuesday 13 & Wednesday 14 June

LAST DAY of TERM 2

Thursday, July 6

STUDENT FREE DAY

Monday, July 24

Curriculum News

Inquiry Project

As a connection and follow on from our Term 1 Project – 'Belonging, Identity, Community', this term we are focussing on 'Caring'. We will begin by exploring what caring means, feels like, looks like in action etc. in our small groups. This is in relation to each other and to the world in which we live. Taking the children's lead, we will then delve deeper into the idea of caring through various resources.

We will feedback about this learning through displays, the next newsletter and in an informal power point that will be playing at Family Night.

Literacy and Numeracy

Did you know the Numeracy concept

- 'upside down' is about position and direction?

Position (where something is) and direction (where they go) are key ideas in mathematics.

- 'grouping things together' is about noticing if something is the same or different?

Lots of experiences with 'same' and 'different' help children later on with describing how something may be different (e.g. has three more), rather than just how things look.

(Source 'Early childhood literacy and numeracy: Building good practice', DEEWR, Flear & Raban).

Beach Kindy Help

Dear Families,

Thank you to all Beach Kindy volunteers.

We are in need of assistance for Beach Kindy Sessions again this term. Specifically, on Tuesdays and Thursdays, we need one more person on a regular basis please.

Working Bee

Our Annual Working Bee will be held On Saturday, May 20 from 9am – 1pm. A job list has been placed on the board above the sign-in table. If you are able to assist, please write your name on the list against the nominated task. Please see Cheryl, if you have any queries arise.

Kindy Photos

We will have Simon Fleming Photography at the Kindergarten on Tuesday, June 13 and Wednesday, June 14. The album cost is \$45.00 and further information regarding costs and individual photos will be available in the package.

Learning Folders

Thank you to families who have returned Learning Folders. There will be further opportunities to share the learning as the year progresses. If you have a Learning Folder at home, kindly return it at your earliest convenience, so that we can add assessment items.

Fees

Fees for Term 2 will be placed in Family Pockets in week 3. Thank you to families who have paid Term 1, or the entire year's fee. The term fee is \$135.

Drake's Fundraiser

Mel (Casey's Mum) has kindly placed key tags in Family Pockets this week. Use of the key tags entails shopping at Drakes Supermarkets, where points will be collected and then converted to a dollar value, which the Kindergarten can use to purchase resources.

Chicken Roster

We need help caring for our chickens (we have some new chickens arriving) during the weekends. The roster is on the sign-in table. If you are available to assist, we would greatly appreciate it. Thanking you in anticipation.

Sustainability and Nude Food

Allen, from KESAB will join us on Thursday, May 18 to discuss sustainable practice.

Your child/ren may have been talking about the new recycling methods that have recently been introduced at the kindergarten. These initiatives support the sites sustainable practice and



this term's inquiry into caring, including for the environment. A bottle has been dedicated for the collection of bottle lids only. Plus we are now promoting the collection of soft plastics. Were you aware that plastics that can be scrunched into a ball can be recycled? These are not part of the kerbside collection as they cause havoc with the recycling facilities machinery, but can be placed in a REDcycle bin. These bins are at participating supermarkets such as COLES (Port Adelaide and West Lakes).

Please see the link www.redcycle.net.au for a list of plastics that can be recycled by this method – you'll be amazed at how much can be recycled this way, reducing the amount going to landfill.

Despite the expansion of the kindergarten's recycling program, it must be remembered that a priority is to REDUCE (e.g. nude food) and REUSE (e.g. wash zip lock bags), before recycling, in caring for our environment.

Family Night

Family Night will be held on Tuesday, May 30th. Details will be in an Invitation that you will receive via your child soon.

Wanted

Milk crates or something similar, lengths of wood, 2 metre or more lengths of tree branches, rope. These items referred to as 'loose parts', they provide open ended experiences for the exploration of maths, engineering and literacy concepts. They have no right or wrong way in how to construct with them.

Adult shoes for our dress ups. The children have shown keen interest in this role play set up in the cubby, especially after a recent kind donation of children's costumes. This play develops social (sharing and negotiating) and communication skills.

Thank you,

Connie, Chantel, Cheryl, Janet, Louise