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## **NOVEMBER 2017 NEWSLETTER**



Interwoven throughout this have been activities based on children's interests such as make mini books, threading, clay modelling and a variety of construction materials.

Wednesday's Breakfast in Pyjamas, was prompted by a child asking to have bacon and eggs at kindergarten, after collecting the eggs. Quite a number of children become very excited when taking on the role to collect eggs; just one of the many roles of looking after the kindergarten animals. Deep opportunities for engaged writing, reading and oral language have occurred as a result of this interest.

Documentation from this term's Inquiry Project will be displayed on the fireplace wall.

### **Veteran's Day Celebration**

To celebrate Veterans Week, the Largs Bay RSL kindly invited us to join in with their Family Day at the Semaphore foreshore.

We caught a bus, arriving in time for shared fruit followed by games with some of the primary school students also attending. Next a ride on the carousel and then it was time for a lovely lunch of sausages, chicken and salad.

Back to some more games, this time a relay was organised for young and old, before another carousel ride and then home or returning to the kindergarten. This was a lovely community event, allowing the children to interact with members of the community and school children.

### **Christmas Card Fundraiser**

Thank you to Mel for organising this term's Fundraiser, and for all the families who have supported this fundraiser.

### **Hats, Drink Bottle and Sunscreen**

The UV Index is now exceeding three on some days, our policy states that sunscreen is to be applied when the UV index exceeds 3. Kindly ensure children arrive with sunscreen, drink bottle and hats daily, until the end of the year. We will provide sunscreen for reapplication after lunch, for children attending for a full day..

### **Take home Packs**

Some families have borrowed the take home packs, or books from our collection throughout the year. Please return these prior to the end of this term.

## ***Important Calendar Dates***

### **Beach Kindy**

*Tuesday, November 14*

### **Breakfast at Kindy**

*Wednesday, November 15*

*(For children in that session)*

### **Governing Council**

*Proposed – Thursday, 7<sup>th</sup> December*

### **Family Night – Carousel**

*Thursday, 14<sup>th</sup> December*

### **Last day of Term 4**

*Thursday, 14<sup>th</sup> December*

## **Curriculum**

The thinking and planning behind this term's Inquiry Project is that we can journey with the children in the changes that are occurring for them presently. Foremost is the transition to a new learning environment, but also celebrating their time at kindergarten, and acknowledging other life changes such as a new baby in the family, and other changes to family structure. We will also be celebrating connecting with our community as a life experience with the RSL Day and our End of Term celebration at the Semaphore Carousel.

In the first few weeks, part of the learning has been focussed on the silk worms, observing them make the transition from worm to cocoon. (We have also been observing transitions in animal's lives throughout the year with the stick insects, chickens and frogs (when we have some!)). Group discussions have connected the changes in the silkworm's lives with the changes that we have in our lives, reflecting on our own life cycle including talking about their transition to school. Children have been given opportunities to talk about this change in their lives and what they will experience at school. The cubby has been set up as a school classroom; school uniform, writing table, stories etc. We have also done our second lot of visits to Largs Bay School for this year (in our beach groups) and made that point with the children that it even if they aren't going to school there, it would be like their school in some ways.

## **Carousel – Family Night**

Our Family Night will be held on

**Thursday, December 14.**

The event will commence at 5.30pm and conclude at 7.00pm.

Please bring a picnic dinner. The children and siblings will be placed into two groups to ride the Carousel for half an hour each.

### **Tea towels**

Thank you to the families who have supported the tea Towel fundraiser.

### **Fees**

The Term 4 Fees will be available shortly. In the interim, please feel free to finalise any outstanding amounts, including this term.

### **Safety**

In the interests of safety, we request that children avoid climbing the entrance gate upon arrivals and departures please.

### **Our Stories**

We still have two **Our Stories** folders missing. Kindly check for these folders, so that we may continue offering the remaining children, the opportunity to participate, prior to the conclusion of the term.

### **Play-based Learning**

This video was presented to the 2018 parent cohort at our Family Induction Night. We would love your thoughts about how you have found the play based curriculum.

**Parents - Are your children playing enough in preschool?**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ntaLIMw-JEk>

Thank you,

Cheryl, Louise, Janet, Chantel and Connie