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MARCH 2018 NEWSLETTER

Important Calendar Dates

BEACH KINDY

Wednesday 14th March,
 Thursday 22nd March
 Tuesday 27th March
 Wednesday 4th April
 Thursday 12th April

KINDY PHOTOS

Tuesday, April 3 and Wednesday, April 4

GOVERNING COUNCIL

Thursday, April 5 at 7.00 p.m.

BUGS N SLUGS

Thursday, April 5, 12.30 – 1.30pm

CAFHS

Monday, April 9

LAST DAY of TERM 1

Thursday, April 12

FIRST DAY of TERM 2

Monday, April 30

Welcome to new families

Dear Families,
 Welcome to ten new families who have commenced in the last two weeks. 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. Please also check the blackboard situated either just outside or inside the second entrance gate for daily notices and reminders.

We also welcome Chrissy Wilson who is joining us for the remainder of the year, as we sadly farewelled Chantel, who has taken on a Long Day Care role. Chrissy has extensive experience as an Early Childhood Worker and we look forward to working with her.

Thank you

Thank you to Adele (Haeden’s mum), who has volunteered to undertake the Kindy washing for the entire year(usually there is a roster)
 We also thank Travis (John’s dad) for assembling our Spider Web swing.

Fees

Tax Invoices will be shortly be available for new families. You are welcome to pay the entire year’s fees now or negotiate to pay fees termly. The full amount for the year is \$560.00, or termly \$140.00. We now have EFTPOS available for your convenience. The account details for direct deposit will now be available at the top of each newsletter (in the box) and are as follows:

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Sign-in and Sign-out (reminder)

The sign-in procedure is for **children to sign** their own name on the template located on the sign-in table. Signing out is only required by families when children are collected before the end of session time. There is a diary on the sign-in table for this process. Please also write in this diary if someone other than a regular carer is collecting your child/ren.

Sun Protection

During Term 2, children will continue to require hats and sunscreen on the days that the UV Index exceeds 3. Where possible and/or applicable, kindly apply sunscreen prior to arrival and we will reapply prior to lunch for those children who are at kindy all day.

Health

Please see a letter regarding infectious illnesses that will be distributed to Family Pockets. This information is in the interests of wellbeing for all children (a copy will also be above the sign-in table).

Staff Leave

Louise will be on leave during weeks 10 and 11 this term and weeks 1 and 2 next term. Geraldine will be Louise’s Temporary Relief Teacher for these periods.

Kit Borrowing

We have a wooden trolley that houses Literacy/Numeracy 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

As part of the ‘Rights and Responsibilities’ Inquiry Project this term, children are becoming aware of the Centre’s routines with related rights such as to feel safe, to have quiet times and to have support when feeling anxious or upset. We have also talked with the children about how we help others and what that looks like, along with what makes a good friend. Please take time to have a look at the documentation we have recorded of the Inquiry Project, displayed on the fireplace wall.

Animals Anonymous and Bugs n Slugs visit

We have noted that quite a number of children have an interest in animals such as snakes, lizards, insects etc.

A small table has been set up for play with some of these and insects have been introduced to the playdough table. On several occasions nonfiction books have been referred to, to seek further information.

The following visitors will also support our learning.

Animals Anonymous brought with them 8 friendly Australian native animals. The show is hands on allowing children to hold and pat the animals. Children discovered their responsibilities in looking after these animals.

On Thursday April 5, Bugs n Slugs are visiting. Children again will learn about their role in looking after these invertebrate animals – insects, spiders, lobsters, worms and snails.

GOVERNING COUNCIL

Thank you to the following who have taken positions on the Council:

Chairperson: Chris

Vice chair: Nicole

Secretary: **yet to be filled**

WH&S rep: Karen

Fundraising rep: Mel

Committee: Nicole, Jen, Nicolle, Rachel

We are currently in need of a Secretary. This person can be self-nominated and seconded by an existing Governing Council member. Please consider taking on this role, which involves recording minutes at the twice a term meetings.

Governing Council meetings are open to all families at any stage throughout the year. There is no requirement to be a member; however, non-members do not have voting rights.

Kindy Photos

The Kindy photographer will be present on Tuesday April 3 and Wednesday April 4. Details about cost and methods of payment will be supplied by the photographer on the days they are here. If your child doesn't normally attend kindergarten on a Tuesday or Wednesday, they are welcome to come with a carer to have their photos taken during the morning session. Please see a staff member to get more details about time etc.

CAFHS

A nurse will attend each term to conduct four year old health checks. Each child will be scheduled an appointment according to their birthdate. A family member needs to be in attendance during the check. The first health check will be at the kindergarten on Monday, April 9. Staff will speak to families who are scheduled for an appointment this term.

Facebook Page

facebook.com/largsnorthkindergarten

Please join the Facebook page for updates including news on the blackboard and Daily Reflections.

Sustainability and Nude Food

With our strong focus on the environment, we have a goal to reduce the use of plastic wrapping. We would appreciate your support to help us attain this goal, by sending children with 'nude food' (package free) as much as possible.

For foods that are packaged, the children are becoming well acquainted with sorting their rubbish and being responsible for their planet.

Thank you,

Connie, Chrissy, Janet, Louise

"I will understand:

Problem-solving

Self-exploration

Decision-making

Number relationships

Structures

Complex vocabulary

Healthy living

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Cause and effect

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Creativity

Imaginative thinking

and my natural
world when I am

big.

“Play is the
highest form of
research”

Because I play

outside when I am

little”

-Albert Einstein