

Dear Families

What a fantastic, busy term we have had with lots of highlights.

Everyone had a great night at the family picnic with a great turn up. A big thank you to David - our Community Development Officer - for providing the sausage sizzle and cooking it as well.

Opal provided us with nutritional snacking sessions and this week the children will receive a sustainable lunch box from Opal - lots of compartments so you don't require plastic wrap.

The Outreach visit to Coronation Rd. was a wonderful day where children made connections with others who they will go to school with and the visit introduced them to the concept that we all belong to the same kindergarten community.

The greatest highlight for staff has been observing the children settle into routines, make new friends and explore the learning environment to make new discoveries. Make sure you view and read our displays that continually highlight the children's learning journey.

I would like to thank the staff for their tireless efforts this term and hope they enjoy a well earned break.

Enjoy the holidays with your wonderful children and we look forward to working with you next term.

Regards

Cathy, Pauline, Georgia, Carol, Jo, Maxine, Lakyta and Penny



Thank you to:

- All of our families for supporting us this term and communicating your thoughts and concerns promptly so we can act on them and share information.

If you have any spare time at all next term to lend a hand please let us know.

Governing Council



My name is Kate Simpson, and I am the Chairperson of our Kindergarten Governing Council. This is the 2nd year I've been in this role, and I have thoroughly enjoyed my time helping out. I have a daughter who has just started school, and a son in Occasional Care. My husband and I are both teachers, so we are extremely interested in the education of the young people in our community.

Governing Council is made up of parents who volunteer their time to help the kindy run effectively. Monthly meetings are held to discuss relevant issues, and make decisions to make the kindy experience the best it can be for our children. We raise money for the kindergarten through our one and only fundraiser for the year (Catering for the Antique Fair in August). When this time comes around, we would love to have everyone's support either through baking for us, or giving a few hours of your time to help in the kitchen at the Town Hall. We will provide more information as it becomes closer.

This year is also a very special year for our Kindergarten, as we mark 50 Years

of service. Throughout the year we are hoping to celebrate this milestone with an open day - showcasing some of the memories over the years. If anyone has any information regarding the kindergarten in the past (photos, clothing, teacher names etc) we would love to hear from you.

I hope you have all had a smooth start to kindy life, and look forward to seeing all the wonderful things that happen in our Kindy throughout the year.

Have a safe and enjoyable holiday break - see you back in 2 weeks ready for Term 2!!

Photos



Simon Fleming Photography will be with us next term for our Annual Kindergarten photos. The dates are:

Outreach:	Thursday June 2 nd
Possums:	Monday June 5 th
Koalas:	Thursday June 8 th

Every child (unless requested not to) is photographed and presented a 5x7" keepsake Kindy Memories album with three different individual activity portraits plus a class group photo. Families are given the opportunity to view the albums before choosing to purchase. This year the complete album cost is \$45, or alternatively individual photos can be selected for \$15 each.

Group photos will be at 9.30 am so please ensure you arrive promptly on the day. Children do not need to dress up as the photographs represent them as learners at kindergarten and reflect their daily activities.

Closure Day

Our next closure day will be **Wednesday May 24th**. This will affect children attending Outreach and the Possum group that attend on Wednesdays.

Educators will share in ongoing learning and reflective practice with others from across the Partnership, with a focus on Learning Design and Assessment, using a numeracy lens. The afternoon workshop will be about Interoception which is an internal set of "receptors" that the body responds to, and for many children, learning to read the signals and then act on them is very challenging. We will learn how to teach Interoception to all children in short individual, small or whole group sessions daily. Particular focus will be for children who have behaviour difficulties.

Child and Youth Health checks

When your child turns four they are eligible to have a Child and Youth Health check by a nurse. This includes a hearing and eyesight check and gives you the opportunity to discuss any concerns you might have about your child's development. They are conducted either at the Coronation Rd. Kindergarten or the CYH clinic on Sunter St. We start with the oldest children. We will let you know when your child is due and where they need to attend..

Hats

Children do not need to wear hats in Term 2 as the UV rating is always under 3.

Lost Property

Don't forget to check for lost property on the table under the verendah this week.