



2023 KINDY NEWSLETTER 1

Dear Parents,

Welcome to our first newsletter for Kindy, 2023. I am very pleased to tell you that we have 15 Kindy friends – 9 girls and 6 boys! We also are lucky to have Sheena Bloxam as our Education Assistant in the Kindy. This term, we also have Alyce Donaldson completing her Pre-Service Practice.

The children have settled into Kindy life very, very well, with only a few little tears, from the kids (and mums!!). Our morning routine has continued to run quite smoothly, with the children seeming to have picked up the routine beautifully – and hopefully the mums and dads are finding this a suitable routine. Most children are completing their little tasks in the mornings with more confidence and showing some “independence” ~ the clever little cookies! It is wonderful to see these little learning changes taking place already.

In Kindy, it is very common for the children to start to mix with different Kindy friends each day, spread their wings regarding what they like to do and not do, and become more attuned to what is happening around them. Please bear this in mind if your child does talk about “friends”; however, please let us know if your child is unhappy or feeling left out, as we want all the children to feel loved. 😊

Inquiry Time:

Our Kindy friends have been enjoying lots of different play opportunities involving how they are growing and changing. We have measured heights and BIG Kindy smiles; looked at eye and hair colours; started counting and doing lots of sorting activities. They are also enjoying the Home-Corner, painting, drawing, using the sensory tubs, dress-ups and blocks, and the list goes on. It has been wonderful to see all the children having such a lovely time!

Specialist Teachers:

The children have been slowly meeting all the teachers who will be teaching them in Kindy this year. These teachers are:

- Mrs Hastie - Music
- Miss Sutton- Sport
- Mrs Ong – Library

Health: The children will learn about “Resilience and Well-Being” through stories, pictures and talking about their feelings. This topic is taught throughout all schools and is an essential way of keeping all our little “treasures” feeling happy, healthy and self-confident.



Weekly Circle Focus: “Using Kind Words”

In the mornings, in our welcome circle, we will be focusing on a short, but specific discussion about talking nicely to our teachers and friends by using **kind words**. The children will learn this makes us, and our friends, feel “warm and happy inside”.

Library Books on Monday

Please remember to pop your child’s LIBRARY BOOK into his/her **LIBRARY BAG EVERY MONDAY**, and place it in your child’s schoolbag. We will swap books on Tuesday every week.

News Day on Tuesday:

We are encouraging ALL children to **bring an item from home** to “show and tell” to the rest of their Kindy friends, **every Tuesday**. This is an important part of the Oral language programme, however, will be a gradual learning experience for some children. There is no pressure to bring anything at this stage, if your child chooses not to.

Laundry Roster:

Thank you to all the parents who have helped so far this term with the Kindy laundry – it is most gratefully appreciated. The roster is up and running and will be posted on the Kindy door **for you to place your name**. Laundry will come home with your child on a Wednesday, to be returned on the following Monday morning please.

Fruit Time:

Please ensure your child brings 2 lots of fruit each day. They are hungry little “vegemites” at the moment! We are also asking **each child to bring one packet of savoury biscuits per term** to share with the class. Thank you to the many parents who have done this already.

Family Photo: To help our little Kindy friends feel closer to home, could I please ask you to send in **a family photo in a frame** for us to display all year in the classroom. We have a couple so far, which the children have enjoyed looking at.

Thank you for all your help with your son or daughter’s learning. I truly appreciate any assistance that you can provide. I am looking forward to a wonderful learning journey at Kindy – both academically and socially – with your gorgeous child!

Kindest regards,

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(Kindy Teacher)