



Rostrevor Kindergarten

NEWSLETTER Term 1 Week 9

Term One Dates

31st March
Stradbroke School
Principals Tour 9.30 am
2nd April
Easter Friday (Holiday)
5th April
Easter Monday (Holiday)
9th April
Last Day Term One

Term Two Dates

26th April
Anzac Day (Holiday)
4th May
Gardening with Rebecca
4th May
Governing Council 6pm
5th May
Gardening with Rebecca
27th May
Pupil Free Day
8th June
Kindy Photo Day
8th June
Governing Council 6pm
10th June
Kindy Photo Day
14th June
Queens B'Day (Holiday)
2nd July
Last Day Term 2



Dates Term 2
Yellow Group
3rd May, 10th May,
17th May, 24th May
Blue Group
28th April, 5th May,
12th May, 19th May

It is hard to believe it is Week 9! The children are showing us they are keen to learn and we have been following up on many of their interests in our planning. This term we have had KahMun who is studying her Diploma to work with children. We also have Kyal from University of SA who is in his third year of his early childhood degree. He has started his lead in days this term and will be doing his placement block next term. At our Kindy we are happy to support students and feel the children benefit from their different strengths and ideas.

Curriculum



We have introduced some STEM learning with the concept of being a scientist. We encourage children to talk about their ideas and what can I see, What do I think is happening to the magnets? And I wonder what would happen if...? Children have

been exploring the cause and effect of what a magnet does, through personal discovery.

We also have a blue tongue lizard from the Nature Education Centre at Kindy for two weeks. The children have been creating observational drawings of what they can see "Sylvia" doing. Angela has also been getting the lizard out of the enclosure so children can have a closer look. We encourage children to focus on body features, movements and needs of the lizard.

The children have also been very creative with their "under the sea" paintings they did with Rachel. This was an introduction to looking at sea creatures, and what might live in the ocean as part of our turtle sponsorship of "Hector". The children started their artwork process with the background. They used different shades of green and blue water paint to cover the whole page. Once it was dry they drew creatures of their choice like fish, sharks, crabs, sea stars, jellyfish, octopus, seagrass and coral. The children's amazing artwork is hanging under the verandah.



Garden Report

We are very excited to have our new garden beds. We have started planting some seeds from the Woolworths



promotion and next term Rebecca will follow up with her gardening program in Week 2. The children from both groups have also planted a broad bean. As the beans grow it will encourage lots of numeracy conversations about "how tall is it growing?" and we can measure and compare beans. The children can then take them home.



Instagram page:
"Rostrevor
Kindergarten"

Instagram page
Families are
welcome to follow
the page it will be
general information
about what is
happening at
Kindergarten and
not about specific
children. Please be
mindful if you
comment on photos
as we want to keep
it positive for every-
one, staff also need
to adhere to DECD
policies to ensure
safety for everyone.
If you have any
concerns please
speak to Tina.

Stradbroke
School
Principal
Tour

Wednesday

31st March at
9.30 am

Please RSVP:

83375349 to

Bookmaking

Bookmaking is a focus for us again at Kindergarten this year as it is our literacy priority on our Quality Improvement Plan. The children have started making their first books and it has been pleasing to see how keen they have been to then share their books with the rest of the group.

In 2019 the staff attended training and development and we have had a "book making expert" working with us and the children. Book making gives children the opportunity to see themselves as writers and illustrators, and staff use intentional teaching and feedback to encourage them to add a bit more each time depending on where children are in their development.

Through the bookmaking we are encouraging children to have a go and "write like a four or five year old" as we don't want to send a mixed message that "you are a writer" but the adult still needs to add the "real" writing". As a result we don't write on the children's books but record their words and thinking separately. The children have been very proud to share their books at group times and with their friends. We have also been discussing different types of books with the children in our small groups eg. Information texts, how illustrations tell the story and what you might find in a book eg. title, author, blurb etc. or how a particular author writes.



Taking Risks at Kindergarten

Providing opportunities for children to experience reasonable risk—where they challenge themselves and develop authentic life experience in making judgements about risks and their own capabilities is essential in building the foundations for managing the risks and challenges inherent throughout life. It is a strong part of our learning for children to engage in their own risk assessments. The children are actively encouraged to engage in self-reflection about whether an activity is safe. Throughout the year we provide experiences like hot glue guns, saws and woodwork tools, climbing challenges and water play. Before we engage in these experiences we conduct "risk assessments as a staff team and with the children. These risk assessments are available for families if you are interested.

Dancify—Dance Education Dates Term 2

Yellow Group (3rd May, 10th May, 17th May, 24th May)

Blue Group (28th April, 5th May, 12th May, 19th May)

Dancify comes to Kindergarten and teaches a wide range of different dances and styles in a familiar environment.

Located in Adelaide, these fun and engaging dance courses combine skills of flexibility, fitness, fundamental movement and body awareness.

Dancify places special emphasis on building self-confidence, creativity and self-esteem in young children.

We have booked Erin from "Dancify" to come and run some fun dance sessions with both groups of children. The sessions cost \$5.00 each and the children will do 5 sessions over the term with the last session as a disco for the children where families can see what the children have learnt (time and date to be confirmed) (Total cost is \$25 per child which is included in the excursion levy).