



Rostrevor Kindergarten

NEWSLETTER Term 1 Week 1

Term One Dates

30th January

Term 1 Starts
(Yellow Group)

2nd February

Term 1 Starts
(Blue Group)

7th and 8th March

Rebecca from Greenhill
Living Garden Program

2nd March

AGM/ Governing Council
6pm

13th March

Public Holiday

7th April

Easter Friday

10th April

Easter Monday

14th April

Last Day Term 2

Closure Day TBA

Welcome everyone to the 2023 Kindy year! We hope you are all feeling refreshed and ready for an exciting term ahead! We are fortunate the staff will be remaining mostly the same this year, Tina, Angela and Rachel are full-time while Vicki is on leave. Silvina works Tuesdays and every second Monday. Thursdays we have a new teacher yet to be decided. Kimmy is working on Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays doing bilingual support.

We will be communicating with families via newsletters which will be sent through email. We will also set up seesaw over the next few weeks. At the beginning of the year we always make it a priority to focus on building and developing relationships with the children and families, so please let us know if you have any concerns or if you feel your child will need extra support.

Arrival at Kindy 8.15 am

Children arrive with family member and children are encouraged to put their bag in a locker, put their lunchbox on the trolley and their snack stays in their bag separately.

Encourage children's independence by allowing them to carry their own belongings. Support your child to unpack items themselves.

Staff will support children so the adult can leave. *If children become upset we are happy to help and will let you know if they become distressed or you can call throughout the day to check how they are going if you have concerns.*

Departure from Kindy 3.45 pm

Parents wait on the verandah for children to be dismissed.

We will farewell the children when we see you.

Please send a text message or email if your child is unwell or not planning to attend.

The Kindy phone number is 8337 3524

Mobile number is 0437428130

Email: Tina.Wise523@schools.sa.edu.au

Signing In and Out:

Please support the Kindergarten staff to safely look after your child by ensuring you sign your child in and out of Kindergarten each day. **Older siblings under the age of 18 aren't able to collect siblings or sign them out** as these sheets are a legal requirement. The sign in sheets will be available on the trolley under the verandah.

If you would like to speak to a staff member during drop off or pick up time we try to make ourselves available but please be mindful, that especially in term one, our main priority will be settling the children in for the day. If you need to make a time for a discussion please feel free to let us know.

Reminders:

Please name ALL your **child's possessions.**

If your child is showing signs of illness or feeling unwell they must stay at home

Have you enrolled your child at School yet? If you are intending to send your child to Stradbroke School please contact them on 83375349

Learning Environments

The weather is going to be warm so we will have lots of water play outside in the trough and in the sandpit.

During the next few weeks we will be helping the children settle into Kindy so that they feel safe and comfortable. Some of the ways we will be doing this are: discussions at group time about being kind to each other, stories, encouraging children to approach us for assistance, **learning each other's names through group games and supporting them to adjust to Kindy routines.**

The program focus for the next fortnight Links to Learning *Outcome 3: Children have a strong sense of identity* This is evident, for example, when children:

- increasingly co-operate and work collaboratively with others
- demonstrate increasing awareness of the needs and rights of others.



Our Garden is looking great and has tomatoes ready for harvest. We have booked Rebecca Mumford from Greenhill Living to come and work with us again this year. We will be sharing her learning program about



Drink Bottle shelf



Kindy Day

- 8.15 Arrival children play outside / inside
- 10.30 Group Time
- 10.45 Snack Time (Children have fruit from their Kindy Bag)
- 11.00—12.30 play outside / inside
- 12.30 Group Time
- 1.00 Lunch in the Café
- 1.30 Relaxation / small groups
- 2.00—3.00 play outside / inside
- 3.00—Pack up / Second Fruit or snack time
- 3.20—Puzzles / Books / Games
- 3.45 End of Kindy Day

Food: The children's lockers are now located inside while the weather is hot.

Children are encouraged to place their lunch boxes on the lunch trolley (please make sure they are clearly named). They need to leave their fruit in their bag. Cold meats, cheeses, yoghurts need to have an ice cold pack to keep them cold, fresh and safe to eat.

We also have children who are severely allergic to all nuts, so can you please ensure that there is not any nuts or foods containing nuts in your child's lunch box. Nut allergy children can potentially have an anaphylactic reaction to them.

SunSmart Policy

Each family can access a copy of the Sun Smart policy on the website. This has been updated and we have Cancer Council approval for another 3 years.

To comply with SunSmart guidelines, the policy states sun protection is used during terms 1, 2 and 4 (August until the end of April) and whenever UV radiation levels reach 3 or above at other times.

Clothing: When outside, children are required to wear loose fitting clothing that covers as much skin as possible. Clothing made from cool, closely woven fabric is recommended. Tops with elbow length sleeves, collars and knee length or longer style shorts and skirts are best. If a child is wearing a singlet top or dress, they need to wear a t-shirt/shirt over the top before going outdoors. *We have ordered some polo shirts which we hope will be arriving soon.*

Sunscreen: SPF 30 or higher, broad spectrum and water resistant sunscreen is available for staff and children's use. Sunscreen is applied at least twenty minutes before going outdoors and reapplied every two hours. If outdoors, children, are encouraged to apply their own sunscreen under the supervision of staff.

Hats: All children are required to wear hats that protect their face, neck and ears, i.e. legionnaire, broad brimmed or bucket hats. Baseball or peak caps are not considered a suitable alternative.

What to wear: It is essential that your child is comfortable and is able to take part in all Kindy activities. This means they need practical shoes (no thongs). **Please always check your child's bag to ensure there is a change of clothes.** The children love wet sand and mud, and sometimes have bathroom accidents so a change of clothes including underwear is definitely a necessity. If your child comes home in spare clothes please wash and return them so we can use them for another child.

We also have some Kindy T-shirts and hats still available if you would like to purchase these please speak to one of the staff.

Fees:

We would appreciate if families could please pay the fees by *24th February 2023 (Invoices will be in your pockets after Monday)*

If you are paying by cash please put all money to be paid to the Kindergarten in a sealed envelope with your name, the amount and what the money is for. Receipts are written by staff for cash payments.

Governing Council:

The AGM and first Governing council meeting for the year is on Thursday 2nd March 2023 at 6.00 pm. All families are welcome and it is not too late to join us if you want to be on the Governing Council.

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Immunisation Statements

Thanks for all the families who have provided copies of the immunisation statement. If you receive an updated copy can you please forward it to Kindy.