



# Rostrevor Kindergarten

## NEWSLETTER Term 1 Week 4

### Term One Dates

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

This is the second newsletter for the year and it seems as if the children have all settled into the routines of Kindy well and are showing us they are all keen to learn which is great! They are learning each others names and it has been great to see them all engaging in social games in the hospital play, home corner, sandpit and with their disco they wanted to set up outside.



### Curriculum: Lifecycles -

On the bench in the Kitchen is the caterpillar of a Monarch butterfly. Keep an eye on it to see if you can see any changes. We have been observing closely and children have done observational drawings of the chrysalis, butterfly drawings and paintings.



### Gardening -

Rebecca Mumford from Greenhill Living

Rebecca Mumford is coming throughout the year to build on our food garden education program. This term's sessions are about introducing children to gardening, learning about the life cycle of a carrot plant and insects we might

find in the garden. She has created a series of books and introduces "Gaye the Garden Girl" which is available if families want to read them with their child at Kindy. We will be taking observations of the garden throughout the term and watching carefully as our carrot seeds and other seedlings grow.

*(EYLF outcome 1: Children have a strong sense of identity – children learn to interact in relation to others with care, empathy and respect)*

STEM – Learning seasons, plant life cycles, insect life cycles, colours, duration in days of the week, months and seasons).



## Reminders:

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

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

The Kindy still needs to report Covid 19 cases to the Education Department, so please notify staff if your child tests positive and keep them home from Kindy until they are better.

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

## Emergency Evacuation

A constant discussion is our protective behaviours curriculum around feelings, safe and unsafe behaviour and emergencies. We will be practicing our emergency evacuation to Stradbroke School once we have received permission from all the families. We also talk to the children about how we use the equipment safely at Kindy. So far we have had discussions about being safe on and around the swings and one at time on the slide and how to move around Kindy safely with scissors.

## Family Information Sheets

Thank you to the families who have already brought back their family photos and sheets. We would really appreciate if families can still please fill out the Information sheets which we have handed out in week 2 and bring in their family photos. We find this information very valuable and we use it to help with our future planning.

## Literacy and Numeracy Indicators at Preschool

**Literacy:** I use language to connect with my world  
Our Literacy focus this term is about encouraging children to communicate and express their ideas through conversations, asking questions and listening. We have set up story tables with a focus book and read stories to the children each day.



## Numeracy:

This term we are focussing on:

- Explore symbols and patterns in my environment*
- Identify and talk about shapes and properties*
- Investigate same and different*



Over the next four weeks we have planned many experiences to help children gain an understanding of shapes and their properties. We have planned shape hunts, shape bingo, making shape pictures and using playdough and natural materials to make shape designs. We have read shape books and play shape games. Hopefully you will start hearing some of this mathematical shape language at home.

## Fees:

We would appreciate if families could please pay the fees by 24<sup>th</sup> February 2023 the details to do a bank transfer are on the invoice. 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 please speak to Tina if you want to be on the Governing Council, we still need families to join. It is a great way to find out what is happening at Kindy and meet other families.



# POPCORN

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The children have really been enjoying playing the popcorn song at group times. They keep requesting to do it again and again! It is a game where there are 5 children in the middle. They pretend to be popcorns in a pot and then they jump to the crazy frog popcorn song. To extend this interest we decided to give children the opportunity to make popcorn at Kindy. The children were very excited to watch the popcorn come out of the "Poposaurus" Mouth and listen to the popcorn popping. We put the popcorn into some paper bags and they ate their popcorn while watching a story at group time.



## Benefits of cooking

Children learn to develop independence  
Encourages children to work co-operatively  
Helps children to learn about nutrition



## Links to Early Years Learning Framework

Children have a strong sense of identity  
Children have a strong sense of well-being  
Children are confident and involved learners

