



Rostrevor Kindergarten

NEWSLETTER Term 1 Week 9

Term One Dates

- 5th April
Parent Meet & Greet
- 6th April
Pupil Free Day
- 7th April
Easter Friday
- 10th April
Easter Monday
- 12th April
Child and Youth Health
Checks for eligible
children (*Rachel has
made appointments*)
- 13th April
Photo Make up Session
- 14th April
Last Day Term 2

- 1st May
Term Two begins
Paver Orders due back
- 17th May
Governing Council
Meeting 6pm
- 22nd May
Marty McBubble
Performance at Kindy
Yellow group
- 25th May
Marty McBubble
Performance at Kindy
Blue group
- 29th May
Pupil Free Day
- 12th June
Public Holiday
- 20th June
KESAB visit Kindy
- 22nd June
KESAB visit Kindy
- 7th July
Last Day Term 2

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. Vicki will be back from long service leave next term and we have already started planning some visits from performers to come next term and in term 3.



Harmony Week 2023 took place from Monday 20 March until Friday 24 March. The theme for 2023 is 'Everyone Belongs'. Harmony Day is a time to celebrate Australian multiculturalism, and the successful integration of migrants into our community.

It is about inclusiveness, respect and belonging for all Australians, regardless of cultural or linguistic background, united by a set of core Australian values. We invited all students to wear a touch of orange.

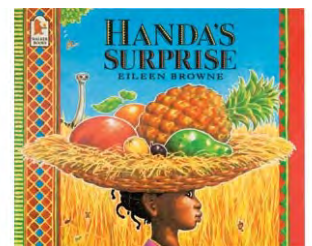


Traditionally, orange signifies social communication and meaningful conversations. It also relates to the freedom of ideas and encouragement of mutual respect.

The children also tasted some orange foods and each group made a mandala. They each placed items on the board to create a pattern and then they decided they also wanted to be part of the pattern as well!



Handa's surprise story which has been on our story table and the



children have been re-enacting, links to the discussions we are having about families and harmony week. It is important for children to develop an understanding of the importance of friendship, caring, sharing, fairness, love and equality in building positive relationships.



Each year we sponsor an animal with the children. This year we have adopted Ginting. The children voted between two different elephants and when we collated the data Ginting got the most votes! Ginting is a beautiful elephant living in the forest of Sumatra. She lives with her male baby names Chrisna and a herd of over 20 elephants. Ginting wears a GPS tracking collar which send the (International Elephant Project data so they can protect her and her herd. It is estimated to be only 1,100 to 1,500 elephants left in the wild due to the forest in Sumatra being converted for palm oil and pulp paper at an unsustainable rate.

We have started our focus on learning about Elephants and their habitat. Through "yarning" with the children Angela has asked the children what they know about elephants....



Amber said it has a big tummy.

Willow said they have a mouth.

Riley said they drink water and spit it out of their trunk.

Kabir said they have big ears, a big trunk, big feet, big ears and a big tail.

Outcome 2 from the EYLF: Children are connected with and contribute to their world and Children become socially responsible and show respect for the environment.

Borrowing Ginting the Elephant....Over the year your child will have the opportunity to take "Ginting" (a toy elephant) home for an over-night visit. We encourage families when they have "Ginting" to take photos or children do drawings to record the adventures he has at your house. We will encourage your child to then share their stories to our group the following day to encourage their oral language skills.

Rachel has also started some drawings with the children focusing on different parts of the elephants body. Like drawing the eyes, legs, body etc separately to see what they can notice. These are displayed near the door opposite the entrance.



Reminders:

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

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

If they have any gastro symptoms they need to wait 48 hours after the last vomit or bowel motion.

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 have practicing our emergency evacuation to Stradbroke School.



It is important to talk to your children at home about what to do in an emergency. How to call 000 on a mobile phone and to learn their address.

Governing Council

Thank you to the parents and staff who have nominated to be part of the Kindergarten Governing Council this year. The Governing Council comprises of parent representatives elected for a term of 1 year. We are pleased to announce the parent representatives elected at the 2023 AGM: Julia Skull (Chairperson), Jessica Shephard (Secretary), Lisa Yelland, Zoe Garnaut and Simone Hughes.

It would be great if there are more families who are interested to come along to meetings. It is a great opportunity to meet other families, find out what is happening at Kindy. The teachers give a comprehensive curriculum report.... *(if your child goes home from Kindy and when you ask them what they did they say "I don't know or nothing" this is a chance to find out about all the children's learning).*

Meetings are held twice a term on a Wednesday at 6pm. The next meeting is Wednesday 17th May.

2023 Excursion Levy

The \$70 Excursion Levy is added on to the fees in term 1. Below is a breakdown of what your levy will cover for this year. Other excursions may arise throughout the year but we are planning to try and stay within the \$70 costing of the levy.

Term One	Term Two	Term Three	Term Four
\$10 Greenhill Living Garden Program	\$10 Greenhill Living Garden Program	\$8 Greenhill Living Garden Program	\$8 Greenhill Living Garden Program
	\$7.00 Marty McBubble	\$10.00 Indigenous Culture (artefact talk)	
	\$7.00 KESAB	\$10.00 Indigenous Culture (dreaming story at Kindy)	

PRESCHOOL OUTREACH PROGRAM

The government has committed to introduce a mid-year intake in term 3 of each year for preschool children from 2023 and reception students from 2024.

A mid-year intake will allow families to enrol children born in the middle of the year (between 1 May and 31 October) to start preschool and reception in term 3 rather than having to wait until the following year.

As a transitional year for the mid-year intake, 2023 has a unique challenge in that a full cohort of preschool children are eligible to start preschool in term 1, with an additional half-cohort joining them in term 3. This creates an anticipated once-off enrolment 'bubble' in 2023.

Outreach preschool pilot programs

To help meet anticipated preschool demand in our community, we are partnering with Stradbroke School to run an 'outreach preschool' at their location in terms 3 and 4 only.

The pilot program will see preschool activities run across both our site and Stradbroke School simultaneously to ensure that all children in our local catchment area can access their full 15 hours per week of preschool.

Please note: This pilot program will only be established if confirmed mid-year intake enrolments exceed our preschool's capacity. Based on our current modelling, this is likely to occur but not guaranteed.

Preparations

Outreach preschool will be managed by Tina the Kindy Director and we will receive additional staffing and resources to ensure the quality of our programs is maintained and there is no disruption to children's learning.

All children will receive the same program content regardless of whether they attend at our site or the outreach preschool.

To ensure a safe and suitable learning environment for preschool children, Stradbroke School will be undertaking temporary facility solutions (which may include fencing and temporary toilets, for example), as well as receiving the resources and play equipment required for preschool programs.

MID-YEAR INTAKE OUTREACH PROGRAM COMMONLY ASKED QUESTIONS FAMILIES

Will there be any change to session times and days?

Session times will remain the same where possible to ensure the least disruption to children, families and educators. The program continues to be 15 hours per week. It is likely it will be run on a Monday and Tuesday.

Who will go to the outreach?

The preschool team will work closely with families to understand their preferences and the suitability of attending outreach preschool. It will only be offered to families if they register interest in their child attending.

Will activities be the same at outreach preschool?

Yes. Outreach preschool will provide the same high quality program and activities under the national quality standards, managed by the Preschool Director.

Who will the staff be?

The Kindergarten will employ an additional ECW and Teacher and all staff will work across both sites to ensure continuity of learning.

Will the children who stay at Kindy still be involved in the transition program to Stradbroke School?

Yes

Will children still have access to performances, garden program etc.

Yes

More information

Families can use the link provided to register interest in their child attending the outreach program. It is not compulsory and children will need to meet criteria outlined in the link to be eligible including being enrolled at Stradbroke School.

This is the link for families... <https://forms.office.com/r/RGkyRVhHcP>

More information and questions can be emailed to Tina or asked at the parent information / meet and greet night next week (Wednesday 5th April at 6pm) The Early childhood leader (Jane) will also be available to help answer questions as well.

REMINDERS

Paver Forms are due back on the 1st of May 2023. If you know someone in the community who used to attend Rostrevor Kindy you can also offer them the opportunity to have a paver made as well. They just need to come and see us at Kindy.

Pupil Free day—Thursday 6th April 2023. Staff will be onsite for training but the Kindy is closed for children.

Family Photos—If you want to bring in a family photo we can add it to your child's drawing of their family on display.

Photo Make up session—If your child wasn't able to attend the photo sessions the photographer is coming back to Kindy on Thursday 13th of April around 10 am. If your child doesn't normally attend that day you can bring them along to get their photo done at that time.

Please when you pack your child's lunch can you put their fruit separately in their bag so they can access it independently at fruit time. The morning snack we encourage fruit and vegetables only please in line with our healthy eating policy.

YOU'RE INVITED!



Parent meet and greet!
Wednesday 5th April 6pm

Join us for coffee, cake and a conversation!

We will have an informal information discussion about the Curriculum, your child's learning and a chance for you to ask any questions about kindy while meeting other parents.



RSVP by Friday 31st March

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Trust in Reading - Literacy



Have you completed the 2023 Parent Reading Survey?

*Pick up a form today, or complete online by
scanning the QR code below or visiting:*

<https://forms.office.com/r/MX0Q0swnri>



Parent reading survey—The Kindergartens in our Partnership are collecting information on reading. Its about how often you read and what sort of books the children enjoy. We use this data to help us with planning for the children.