



Rostrevor Kindergarten

NEWSLETTER Term 2 Week 1

Term One Dates

- 24th May (new date)
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

Welcome back to everyone after the holidays. The children have been talking about the things they did spending time with their family. We are happy to welcome Vicki back after her long service leave. We also have 1 new family who have started this term. Francis is in the Yellow group and he has settled in well.



Learning about plant life cycles, plant food and more!

Rebecca from Greenhill

Living is visited Kindy in week 2 to spend time with the children in the garden. She has cleared the garden beds and made the most of the compost and "worm juice" to prepare the garden beds for planting. The carrots and bok choy, spinach and radishes have been growing well. As the weather becomes cooler, now is a good time to plant broccoli, because we start to see less of their common pest, the white butterfly. The children learn about the part they can play to protect the garden.

Gaye the Garden Girl teaches us about the life cycle of the broccoli and how caterpillars grow and change, while showing how to control them from being a pest in the garden.

Check out her website for more information:

[Greenhill Living - Curriculum linked food garden education](#)



(S T E M – Learning plant life cycles and seasons. Measuring the height of the plants as they grow.)

EYLF Outcome 4:
Children are confident and involved learners

Children develop dispositions for learning such as curiosity, cooperation, confidence, creativity, commitment, enthusiasm, persistence, imagination and reflexivity)

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

The fortnightly learning program

We have our learning program displayed outside on the window near the children's sign in sheet. We encourage you to have a look. It is our fortnightly overview and we encourage you to contribute ideas/make comments or offer to help. We also love families to share with us if their child has been talking about the learning at home.

Numeracy

This term we are focusing on "I quantify my world".

Through play and planned activities we are encouraging children to:

- Notice and use numbers to describe quantities
- Number games and stories at group times
- Patterning and sorting making "sets" of numbers
- Dice rolling games and looking at numbers in the environment.

Literacy

This term we are focusing on "I use language to connect with my world".

Through stories and games we encourage children to:

- Participate with others, share ideas, use literacy in their play, listening to the ideas of others.
- Rhyming
- Book making with the children

Children who are able to listen to and interpret stories are demonstrating literacy skills which will benefit story writing and reading in the future.

Aboriginal education

At the beginning of our morning group time, we do an Acknowledgement of Country in the Kurna language—We will be gradually introducing more Kurna words and phrases, so don't be surprised if your child comes home with some unfamiliar words!

We use the recently published Kurna Dictionary "Kurna Warrapiipa" to help learn

relevant words to use here at Kindy, as well as Jack Buckskin's YouTube channel which is also an excellent resource to help with pronunciation.



[Purchase the Kurna language dictionary](#)

[Jack Buckskin – lessons in Kurna language - YouTube](#)

Nature Education Centre:

We have organised to borrow some animals again this term from the Nature Education Centre. For weeks 3 and 4 we have the hopping mice and then 5 and 6 is the bearded dragon.

Angela has started some woodwork with the children. We have done a risk assessment on how to use the tools and she is working with the children to hammer nails into some materials onto pieces of wood. These woodwork creations will start coming home soon.

We are seeking regular supplies of untreated pine/soft timber offcuts for our woodwork table.

Mid-year Intake:

The government is introducing a mid-year intake to preschool in 2023 and to reception in 2024. You may be aware that, based on estimated mid-year enrolments at our preschool and growth in our local community, we were planning to partner with Stradbroke School to run a pilot program of preschool children starting reception mid-year this year.

We can now advise you that, based on our current mid-year enrolments, this pilot program will not be proceeding.

The mid-year intake children will now be coming to Kindy on Fridays and one other day during the week. We have started planning for them to come in and we will have visits for the new children during weeks 9 and 10 this term.

Governing Council:

Thank you to those families that were able to attend the Governing Council meetings. The next meeting is Wednesday 24th of May at 6pm. If you are interested in attending please let Tina know. There is also an online link on the Kindy website.

Fees:

Fee invoices have been distributed to families. If your situation has changed due to the recent events can you please let me know either via email or text or I am happy to chat.

Reminders: Parking

We ask families to not use the car park outside the Kindergarten to drop off and pick up children as it can create a safety issue with children coming in and out. If you have a circumstance where you require a disabled car park please speak to staff so we can help accommodate your needs.

Emergency Evacuation

Next week (weather permitting) we are planning on practicing our emergency evacuation again with the children. We will walk to Stradbroke school and do a roll call and then come back to Kindy again.

What did you do at Kindy today?

It can be common for young children to find difficulty in answering the question "what did you do at Kindy today?" At kindy we focus on the process of learning rather than the end product.

Open ended questions like "tell me where you played inside" or "I wonder if" or questions that start with "what, how, why or where " tend to be good conversation starters.

There are also lots of ways you can stay informed about what is happening at Kindy. We have our program displayed on the window, newsletters, our floor book on the easel near the entrance, and the seesaw app and each child has their individual learning folder.

We welcome a quick informal chat any time or if you have concerns you can make a time to speak with staff. This term we will be writing mid-year statements of learning that will include future planning to meet the individual needs of each child. We are hoping to discuss these with families before the end of this term,

Vicki and Angela also do a very interesting curriculum report at each Governing Council Meeting which all families are welcome to attend. The next meeting is Wednesday 24th of May.