



## NEWSLETTER 3 – May 2020

### Have you read?

➤ The white board

➤ The program inside the centre

### Your check list:

- Close the gates when you come and go.
- Pack a hat, water bottle, lunch and 2 snacks in your child's bag.
- Apply sun screen on your child each day.
- No hat no Play outside
- Sign your child in and out on the daily attendance sheet (they are on a table on the verandah)

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**Occasional Care Sessions** are on Mondays, am and pm and Tuesdays are. **Phone 8322 0677.**

### CURRICULUM

Welcome to Term 2, and the challenges of the 2020 Covid-19 lifestyle. To follow the current Education Department and Health guidelines we are to limit physical access into the centre to absolutely essential workers only. Our current practice of greeting children at the door, with parents being unable to settle their child personally into the site, goes against our best practice beliefs, however it is currently essential safe practice. We are very grateful to all families for their understanding and adherence to these challenging changes. I promise that all children have been supported to settle and engage in the day, if for any reason we were unable to settle your child we would contact you for further guidance. NO child will be left upset and alone at Kindy.

Once again all educators have been very engaged with the children working on supporting their learning in all areas of the curriculum. We have begun our focus on exploring and developing our understandings around measurement, and recording our learning. The children have explored the properties of the changing autumn leaves – size, shape, colour and quantity. We are supporting all children to continue to build strong, trusting relationships with peers and educators. Some children have been looking for missing friends and we are enabling many opportunities for small group learning to assist in building further friendships. There have been a range of Mother's Day/Grandmother's Day activities happening which I cannot tell you about yet as it would spoil the surprise. Next week (week 2) we will have a small gift stall at kindy where children will be able to buy a gift to take home, children will learn further about recognising money and counting as well as taking turns to be a shop keeper. All efforts will be taken to keep children Covid -19 safe with staff handling the money, if you have any concerns please ring and speak to Bridget. A note has been emailed and handed out about the stall.

### LITERACY

Children's library borrowing is on Monday for Kookaburra group and Tuesdays for Koala group. Please remember to bring your library bag on these days.

### COLLAGE

Please donate boxes for children's pasting. Please do not send along toilet rolls, medicine boxes and boxes with chocolates or food which have nut traces. We need lots of boxes due to a high demand by your children.

### About Bridget

While Emmy is away for now I have been fortunate to be able to fill the position of director; normally I would personally greet parents as they arrive at kindy but with our current practices I have put the wellbeing of the children first and have asked the educators that the children are familiar with to be the "greeting face". Hopefully as the term progresses I will be able to be a more visible presence at the start of the day.

I have been in various roles in education for nearly 30 years, most recently as director at Callington Kindergarten (near Murray Bridge) for 12 years, and then in the position as teacher at Bridgewater Kindergarten prior to filling in for Emmy. I live in the Hills near Woodside, I have a daughter who is a physio, a son at Uni and a husband who works away in the far north of the state. Please feel free to ring and chat at any time if you have any concerns or questions. As an "outsider" to this site I am very impressed at the high quality of interactions between educators and your children, all staff speak with care and respect, while maintaining a focus on wellbeing and intentional teaching strategies.

### FLU and Colds / Coronavirus

Please remember to notify the centre if your child has an illness. For further information use SA Health Web page <http://www.sahealth.sa.gov.au>.