

Nangwarry Preschool Newsletter

Term 2, Week 2, 2017



Welcome back!

It's set to be a busy, creative and exciting term for all of us at Kindy. Together with Reception /Year One, we will be going on an excursion to explore our local caves and environment later in the term. We are so lucky to be in such a unique area where our environment is still in such a natural state. At the moment we are creating our own 'Land before time' play area and have added lots of natural objects as well as all of our dinosaurs and texts. Already there has been a lot of arranging and rearranging by the children, so it is sure to look very different next week!

Mother's Day is coming up. We are busy planning a little sewing project for the mums and there is also a Mother's Day stall at the school on Wednesday where the Kindy kids can purchase a Mother's Day gift at a cost of \$3—\$6.

Reminders

Health Checks

Josie our Health Nurse will be visiting on Monday 29th May. She can only fit 4 children in this term but will be back in Term 3 to visit the remainder of the group. To book, please fill in the appointment sheet near the sign in sheets.

Parent/Teacher Interviews

If you missed out on Parent /Teacher interviews last week, we can arrange another meeting this Wednesday after Kindy. If that time doesn't suit, I'm sure we can find a time that will :)

PROFILE BOOKS

Your child has special profile book that celebrates their time at preschool. It is located on top of our library shelves. Feel free to read these with your child, and add photos, thoughts and messages whenever you like.

Literacy in the early years

"Literacy Is one of the greatest gifts a person could receive" Jen Selinsky

Whenever I am asked my opinion on the best way to teach a child to read, I always think of Mem Fox's advice in her book '**Reading Magic: Why Reading Aloud to Our Children Will Change Their Lives.**' Her message - '**Read with your child for 10 minutes a day**' - sounds almost too simple to be true, but when you think about this statement you start to think about all the other things that happen when you read with your child. Let's face it, whenever you read with a young child it is almost always a two way process. There are questions, wonderings and new vocabulary that we don't often use in every day conversations. I call this extended vocabulary 'book language,' and I believe it enriches and expands a child's world. When you find a book that your child loves, you may indeed have to read it over and over (and over) again, because children love a good story, and if you can instil a love of literature in them from a young age then they are going to pursue reading with a life long passion.



At Kindy we have an amazing library full of great stories, from well loved classics to factual texts. I like to set up a regular story table that enables the children to explore our current focus story. At the moment we are reading Wombat Stew by Marcia K Vaughan which is full of fun, friendship and how to hatch a plan to save a wombat friend! It is full of rich language, music, rhythm and rhyme. Already I have heard the children chanting the verses and as we go deeper we will explore the levels, yet another a story more than

*Yours in Education and Care,
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story on many more good reason to read once!