Curriculum News

Our focus for next term will be ‘Safety’. In particular, we will be working through the Child Protection Curriculum. The overarching themes are:

“We all have the right to be safe” and “We can help ourselves to be safe by talking to people we trust”

Topics will include:
- Feelings
- Safe/Unsafe
- Early Warning Signs
- Relationships
- Fair and unfair
- Trust and networks
- Parts of the body
- Touching
- Secrets

Please be assured all staff will follow Departmental guidelines when sensitively teaching all topics. Families will be kept informed of topics under discussion.

We are intending on visiting the road safety school to support the children in becoming familiar with safety on bikes and the road. Further information next term.

If you have any concerns or queries about any of the topics please speak with Sarah.

We hope to hold an information session for families early in the term.

As always, we will also continue to follow children’s topics of interest as they arise.

Farewell

We would like to say farewell to the following children who will leave us for school - Summer, Penina, Jackson, Alysha, Kate, Sobanha, Flynn, Jelena, Athena, Isaiah, Kristian, Imogen. It has been a pleasure to watch you grow in confidence and skills and wish you all the best for your futures.

Kindy fees now overdue

Thank you to the many families who have contributed towards their child’s fees.

We ask that all families make some contribution towards their child’s fees. $5 a week is a relatively small amount for the services provided by the kindergarten. Your money goes towards materials and equipment for the children. Staff wages and cleaning costs are paid from the Government grant we receive. Your money is greatly needed for all other materials. Thank you for your consideration.

Closure Day term 2

Governing Council approved a closure day on Thursday 16th June - week 7 - to allow staff to attend a professional development session about assessment tools for children’s literacy learning. There will be no kindy on this day. Please make other arrangements for your child.

Dates to remember

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Shared lunch

Invitations are in pockets now. The children voted on food choices for the end of term celebration - Party food won. Please add your name to the food list on the whiteboard. This will ensure a variety of food on the day.

Please note the earlier start for the pm children and later finish for am children. Please note: We ask that you stay with your child for the lunch to assist with supervision.

If possible, please heat any food before coming to kindy. Thank you.

Easter Raffle

Thank you to the families who have donated to the raffle. Please return tickets by Tuesday 12th.

Raffle will be drawn at the shared lunch on Wednesday 13th.
### Tips about school holidays

#### Things to think about...

- **Planning ahead** - as a family spend some time thinking about what kind of activities you would all like to do during the holidays. Make sure everyone’s ideas are used.

- **Make the most of free or inexpensive activities in the community** - children can find a lot of “normal” activities really interesting! Also check the local newspaper for holiday activities.

- **Consider including some vacation care activities**. Vacation care gives children the opportunity to make new friends and do new things. Contact the Region Office (8256 8111) to find out about vacation care in this Region.

- **Take time out for yourself**. By looking after yourself you will be in a better position to enjoy the holidays with your child.

- **Most importantly, make a point of doing fun things with your child**. Children may like to spend time with other friends and family, but your child will also appreciate spending time with you.


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### School holidays

Check out our community notice board for school holiday activities.

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### Websites of interest

- **Teacher Tom** - [http://teachertomsblog.blogspot.com](http://teachertomsblog.blogspot.com)

- **Reading Rockets** - [www.readingrockets.org](http://www.readingrockets.org)


- **Smart Preschooler** - [www.smartpreschooler.com](http://www.smartpreschooler.com)


- **Early Childhood Australia** - [www.earlychildhoodaustralia.org.au](http://www.earlychildhoodaustralia.org.au)

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**Happy, safe holiday to all**