



## ALBANY CREEK KINDERGARTEN & PRESCHOOL ASSOCIATION INC.

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# ALBANY CREEK KINDERGARTEN – COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

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## November 2018

## Dates for the diary

- Class end of year celebrations -  
Please see your classroom teachers  
for details
- 13<sup>th</sup> December - Toy Catalogue  
online orders due\*

\*Please see below for further details

\*\*\*Please note the Albany Creek Library will be closed from 12 November - 16 December for refurbishment\*\*\*



Keep up to date and share our wonderful kindy with our local community.

Find us on Facebook at:  
Albany Creek Kindergarten

### Grants

Please continue to keep a lookout for any grants we might be eligible to apply for.

Successful grants have paid for significant improvements & resources for the kindy.



**THANK YOU** to everyone who supported the End of Year Celebration at Chipmunks. A great night was had by all and such a lovely, relaxing way to catch up with other Kindy Families before the end of the year.

**THANK YOU** to everyone for supporting our personalised tea towel fundraiser – we raised an amazing \$779.50!

Orders will be distributed by the teachers before the end of term.

Everyone would agree, the children did a fabulous job on their drawings and handprints – what a wonderful keepsake for the Albany Creek Kindy classes of 2018!

**ARE YOU WORRIED YOU MISSED OUT?**

Never fear – we have a couple of spare tea towels but get in quick! \$15 to Deonne in the Kindy Office and you too can own this limited-edition memorabilia!



**HURRY, HURRY, HURRY - LIMITED NUMBER OF BOXES REMAIN**

Selling for only \$15/box (that's from 42c/card) they are GREAT value. Buy a box and be prepared for all those kid's parties or buy a box in time for Christmas!

**TOY CATALOGUES**

Just in time for Christmas gift planning – easy to shop from home and delivered to your door! All orders provide credits back to our Albany Creek Kindergarten allowing teachers to purchase valuable educational resources for our Kindy children.

Catalogues were sent home at the end of Term 3 – please collect catalogues from the Kindy office if you didn't receive one.

Order online by 13<sup>th</sup> December to ensure delivery for Christmas.

**DON'T FORGET** to include our group name to ensure the Kindy receives the fundraising credits. Place your order today to avoid that Christmas Eve shopping madness!



<https://parentdirect.com.au/>

(our school name – Albany Creek Kindergarten)



Don't forget, when ordering with "Stuck On You" (labels, bags, stationery and more!) to enter the fundraising code for Albany Creek Kindy (**erniestreet**). Any rewards from "Stuck on You" contribute towards valuable resources for our Kindy.

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## In case you haven't heard the exciting news.....



We were awarded 1<sup>st</sup> prize in the Best School Garden category by the Albany Creek Garden Club. This is our 4<sup>th</sup> consecutive 1<sup>st</sup> prize in this competition. I would like to say a very big 'thank you' to everyone that helped us to maintain the garden and make it such a wonderful space for our children to enjoy.

**Natasha, Maintenance/ Working Bee Coordinator**

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## Director's Report: October 2018

All groups have returned ready to commence their last term of Kindergarten for the year. We have a strong focus on continuing to prepare our Kindergarten aged children for Prep and continuing to increase independence. We are also aiming to create a smooth transition for our Young Kindy and returning children into 2019.

Already this term our 4-year-old Kindergarten classes have had a visit from the Albany Creek Library to share a Storytime together. (Building waterfalls: Connecting (Community)).

Our program continues to utilise children's interests to facilitate learning. Mrs Taylor's Young Kindy had fun on the last day of term 3 with a Teddy Bear's Picnic and lots of Teddy Bear activities. They continue to watch the silkworms grow and an area of interest lately has been Australian culture and the concept of big and little. They are also planning another combined artwork for this term.



Mrs Wilson's class ended the term looking at occupations within our community and finished the term with a "dress as a worker" day as voted by the class. This term the class has had some

small interests emerge including castles, bees and pirates- they look forward to seeing where these interests will take them.

Mrs. Bull's groups have continued discussions about what happened on holidays. The Blue group have had lots of discussions about how long it takes to fly to other places in the world. The other topic for discussion has been castles since some children saw the royal wedding on TV. The Blue group have been building structures with blocks and match sticks similar to the Eiffel tower while the Yellow group have built a castle and are working on making armour for the knights and crowns for kings, queens and princesses.

Miss Russell's class ended last term by exploring the wider community through participating in the Fresh Food Kids Discovery Tour at Woolworths, as well as an excursion to Coles, the Albany Creek Library and the South Pine sports fields. They have explored life as a pirate, which culminated in a dress up day and enjoying fish and chips for lunch. This term they have continued learning about community members that help us. They've had a police officer visit and this week are looking forward to meeting some paramedics and looking inside an ambulance, this will further extend the recent play in the kindy hospital.

Families have continued to share their time with us within the classroom on roster or sharing their skills and knowledge with our groups. Many families continue to make great contributions to the portfolios and are and will be starting to contribute to the children's transition statements for those going onto prep.

We would continue to encourage parents and carers to read or take a photo of the notices on class gates and on verandas to keep up to date with all of the end of year activity.

We were very pleased to announce over the school holidays that we were again successful in receiving first prize in the Albany Creek Garden Club's Garden competition (School division). This is our 4<sup>th</sup> consecutive win in a row and our 6<sup>th</sup> win since 2004. A huge thank you to Natasha, our maintenance coordinator; Matt our employed maintenance officer and all the families who have given up their time to support working bees and activities to care for our much-loved garden.



Last term we invited all families to give feedback about our Kindergarten via our Family survey. We were pleased with the 53% response rate and will continue to evaluate to gain stronger numbers for future years. Some of the strengths identified were:

- 99-100% of respondents "strongly agree" or "agree" to all 7 quality areas.
- Strongest response rate (89% or more strongly agreed): "Children are encouraged to be sun-safe when playing outdoors", "Educators are qualified and experienced", "Educators are professional and display commitment to their work", and "Educators interact with children in a respectful and caring manner".



- Strongest quality areas: QA 4 (Staffing arrangements), QA 5 (relationships with children) and QA 2 (Children's health and safety).
- 78% of respondents also included children's feedback
- 41 of 43 children responded happy to all questions.

The comments and results will be evaluated at our upcoming staff meeting to identify or refine goals to continue to improve the quality of the service we provide.

Educators are heavily involved in the enrolment process for 2019. We have been busy preparing documents and offered two information sessions to the families on Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> October. All classes for 2019 are full and it would appear that our current structuring of classes is meeting the needs of the community. Our information sessions were well attended and it was nice to see some familiar faces. A big thank you to Carly and Shona from our Executive Management Committee for attending our Information night and sharing their experiences as committee members and parents.

Educators have also continued with professional development particularly in the area of the National Quality Standards and extending our knowledge of the new assessment guidelines.

On the 20<sup>th</sup> October our Kindergarten celebrated 20 years' service for our much loved and appreciated Administrative Officer, Deonne Ehlerth. Deonne dedicates her time and skills and shares her kindness with all families and Educators within our Kindergarten. During our most recent Management Committee meeting Deonne was awarded a certificate, flowers and a congratulatory cake to mark this special milestone.

We look forward to enjoying Term 4 with you all.

*Tracey Wilson and Janelle Bull, Co-Directors.*

### Transition to School

Starting school involves a big change for your child and your family. It can be a time of great excitement, but also a time of potential challenge and stress. Families, alongside the service, play an important role in supporting children to manage the transition to Prep.

At the service we will support your child's transition through:

- Talking about what school might be like
- Using language associated with school e.g. tuckshop, bell, library, oval, Principal, office etc
- Visiting a school
- Talking about eating at school
- Talking about the changes that happen at school
- Sharing the excitement of school with your child
- Preparing a Transition Statement
- Changing meal and rest time to be similar to school
- If possible, hosting transition information nights at the service with surrounding schools.

For more information on helping your child make a successful start to school visit:

<https://www.kidsmatter.edu.au/families/starting-school> or

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## Targeted Hearing Screening Project

### What is the Targeted Hearing Screening Project?

The project is an initiative to improve hearing screening access for children in the community and will run until June 2019.

### Who does it cover?

The initiative offers free hearing screening for children and young people aged from six months to 16, who hold a current Medicare card. It is performed by an Allied Health Assistant under the supervision of a Senior Audiologist.

### Where is it based?

- Logan Central Community Health Centre, Level 1, 97-103 Cnr Wembley and Ewing Roads, Logan Central QLD 4114
- Inala Community Health Centre, 64 Wirraway Parade, Inala QLD 4077
- Caboolture Square, Level 5, 60-78 King Street, Caboolture QLD 4510

### How do I make an appointment?

You can make an appointment if you are concerned about your child's:

- Speech and language development
- Pronunciation or speech clarity
- Hearing loss, raised by professionals working with your child (e.g. a teacher, family doctor or child-care educator)
- Learning or behavioural development, which may be related to hearing loss

### Contact

p: (07) 3290 8970

e: [Hearing\\_Screening@health.qld.gov.au](mailto:Hearing_Screening@health.qld.gov.au)

f: (07) 3290 8934

### What's next after my appointment?

Following the appointment, you will be given a report outlining the results of the hearing screen and any recommendations for further follow-up, if necessary.

