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ALBANY CREEK KINDERGARTEN COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER JUNE 2020

Calendar of Events

- Bushcare Sunday 2nd August 8-10am
- Return to term 3 - July 13th
- Class photos – Monday 14th Sept, Wednesday 16th Sept. and Friday 18th Sept.

Welcome back after the extended time at home. I'm sure everyone is excited to have their children back at kindy. We have recently held our Management Committee Meeting. If you would like to view the minutes of the meeting please enquire at the office".

OUR CHILDREN

Our program continues to view children as thinkers and theorists. It is with this belief that many of the children's interests form and this then facilitates their learning. Over the past few weeks, the ideas we have been following have come from within the classroom and through information shared by families while "Learning@Home" was taking place.



Mrs Wilson's group returned to continue their interests in nature and gardening. Many children shared their gardening experiences from home and this was extended within our Kindergarten garden with more planting, watering and re-establishing the worm farm. Some of the class then shared their knowledge of other languages and the class began to explore other cultures including our First Nations Peoples through books, songs, craft, games and resources.

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Mrs Taylor's Young Kindergarten class have settled back very nicely and have made a fish and chip shop and a grocery shop. Outdoors the children have been busy finding things in nature and were lucky enough to discover 'fossils' in the digging patch. The children also have a current interest in pirates and treasure maps.

Welcome to our
Prep 2021 Virtual
Information
Session



Albany Hills have provided this link for families to investigate their school as an option for Prep 2021.

<https://albahillss.eq.edu.au/enrolments/prep>

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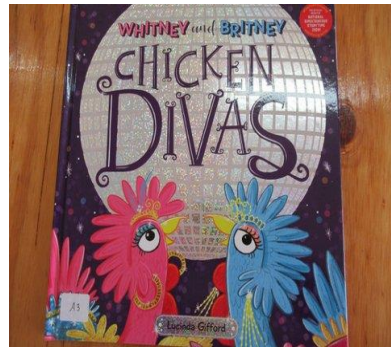
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Both of Mrs Bull's groups returned for Term 2 exploring "working in the office". This allowed the children the opportunity to practice writing letters and numbers as well as seeing the purpose of writing. They joined in reading "Chicken Divas" for National Simultaneous Storytime and have revisited and continued exploring First People's Culture and learning about caring for the land we call Australia. This coincided with Reconciliation week's theme "In This Together". Both groups have discussed what they like to play as part of Under 8's week theme "Play, Playfulness, Engaged Learners" where, as staff we have joined in the playfulness, spontaneity, imagination and fun play is for children. They have enjoyed playing games like Hide and Seek and What's the Time, Mr Wolf?

Since returning to Kindergarten Miss Russell's group have enjoyed many simple pleasures such as playing with friends and teachers, searching for insects in the playground and creating with natural materials. They have celebrated Mother's Day in a new way, continued to embed learnings about our First Nations Peoples into the program, discovered the properties of magnets, explored different countries and learnt about life cycles of frogs and other animals. They were also thrilled that a family of fairies have recently moved into our playground. They have become our new pen pals and are excited to hear about their daily adventures.



Families:

This term has been very different for our families and their involvement within the Kindergarten. We are very thankful and grateful for the way our families have embraced the current procedures and appreciate the kind words and donations many have shared with us.

Our Executive Management Committee worked tirelessly to support our Kindergarten during the beginning of Term and assisted us to ensure that our Kindergarten remained viable, operational and safe for all children, families and educators during this time.



Educators:

Educators have been participating in many online professional development opportunities including, but not limited to additional needs support, exploring nature, emotional development, health and safety training, Reflective Practice in Kindergarten Teaching and Learning, Speech and Language Development, Setting up Home Learning, Responding to gifted children in Kindergarten, and Rich Relationships and Connections - What have we learnt from COVID-19?

Unfortunately, we had to cancel our planned Open Day in May and staff have been brainstorming ideas to create a virtual tour of the Kindergarten to assist in marketing the Centre. In the past our Open Day has supported us by increasing our waiting list numbers.

How can you help us "spread the word" about our amazing Community Kindergarten to boost our enrolment numbers for next year and beyond?

- Share your positive experiences with friends and family,
- Like our Facebook page and share our posts to friends and community/business groups,
- Ask neighbours and community members if they have put their child's name down on our waiting list to secure a future position (names taken from birth),
- Let us know any marketing ideas you may have.

Recent Purchases:

The purchase of new story books was made possible through vouchers obtained from Scholastic book club sales.



FUNDRAISING:

What a year so far....! Covid restrictions and subsequent safety measures have meant we have had to rethink our usual fundraising activities for 2020; unfortunately, we have not been able to have our Bunnings sausage sizzle or cake stall (on Open Day) but have brought forward the "Picture Plate" Fundraiser to Term 2. Submissions and payment are due on Thursday 18th June, so thank you if you have been able to participate!

In Term 2, we will be having a spring roll drive. More information about this will be sent home in week 2 of next Term.

We appreciate your support so far and look forward to the rest of 2020.



Let's move - Ideas for physical activity (3 to 5 yrs)

- ***Play with different sized balls***
- ***Twirl and run with streamers***
- ***Play with balloons – punch, kick or throw them to keep them off the ground***
- ***Blow and chase bubbles***
- ***Play games - hide and seek, obstacle courses, follow the leader, stuck in the mud***
- ***Move to music or try action songs***
- ***Pretend to move like different animals***
- ***Play dress ups and act out different roles***
- ***Jump on the trampoline***
- ***Ride bikes or scooters instead of driving***
- ***Try 'hoola hooping' and skipping***

Check out the National 24 Movement Guidelines.

<https://www1.health.gov.au/internet/main/publishing.nsf/Content/npra-0-5yrs-brochure>



“Would you like to help support our Community Kindergarten? If you collect lots of eligible bottles and containers (e.g. 10c refund at collection depots) and would like to share your contribution with us simply bring them into Kindergarten and deposit them into our orange bins located near the main entrance. Alternatively you can take your 10 cent containers to a drop off point and ask to have the funds added to our scheme account. Our account number is C10157789. Thank you for your ongoing support.”



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