

# ALBANY CREEK KINDERGARTEN COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER MARCH 2020

## Calendar of Events

- **Committee Meeting 7pm**  
Tuesday 21st April
- **Working Bee – Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup>**  
May (details to follow)
- **Open Day – Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> May**  
10am-12noon
- **Fundraising Bunnings BBQ at**  
Brendale Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> June  
(TBC)

**WELCOME** On behalf of myself and all the staff at Albany Creek Kindergarten we would like to extend a warm welcome to all new and returning families for 2020. We would like to thank parents for volunteering to take on roles in our management committee. - Tracey Wilson

## OUR CHILDREN

We acknowledge children as thinkers and theorists and therefore they drive the learning within the classroom. Here is a snippet of what has been happening within our classrooms -



Mrs Wilson's class have begun the year following the interests of dinosaurs, colour mixing and recycling. These interests have led to experiments, measuring and number concepts and fostering sustainability conversations.

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Mrs Taylor's Young Kindergarten children are settling into their new environment well. The children have been meeting new friends and learning new routines. They have experimented with colour mixing, learnt a little about dinosaurs and are about to explore a new interest in sea creatures.



We had an amazing turn out to our Clean up Australia Day activity with 62 volunteers from the Kindergarten and the local community. Now in our fourth year, we are seeing considerably less rubbish being collected. We will continue to promote the Bush Care group through the Kindergarten, Facebook and local school newsletters. **Bushcare** will continue to meet **outside the Kindergarten** on the **1st Sunday** of the month with an aim to tidy and revitalise the local creek. Our goal is to engage children in mini excursions to this area and continue to build links with our local community.

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Mrs Bull's Blue and Yellow groups have taken an interest in their Acknowledgement to Country which has led to caring for country, sustainability and gardening. The Yellow Group has also explored a Medical interest.



Miss Russell's group have been enjoying exploring the Kindergarten environment, learning all of the routines and developing new friendships. Within the classroom they are loving creating with playdough, block building, making roadways for cars, collaging and painting. They have also been exploring colour mixing.



Families have been involved in Information sessions or information gathering documents with their classroom teacher where families were able to gain a better understanding of the program. Families also had the opportunity to gain further knowledge about the centre at the AGM.

## Have you tuned in ?

### ParentTV

ParentTV is an on demand video streaming website for parents delivering the help you need from trusted experts anytime of the day or night.

Experts include a paediatrician, occupational therapist, psychiatrist, psychologist, accredited practising dietitian, autism consultant, behaviour therapist, sleep consultant, technology expert, social worker, health and wellness expert, counsellor with new experts coming on every month.

<http://www.parenttv.com/membership>

## Parent Roster

We have begun to welcome families onto roster. This is a valuable opportunity not only for the family but the children as well. Please nominate a day with your class and if you have any special skills, interests or career to share with the children we would love to hear about it.

### Preventing Infection

With an early childhood service, the three most important ways to break the chain of infection and stop the spread of diseases are:

- Effective hand hygiene
- Exclusion of ill children and educators, and
- Immunisation.

Other strategies to prevent infection include:

- cough and sneeze etiquette
- appropriate use of gloves, and
- effective cleaning.

Within the learning program, C&K educators teach, model and support children to wash their hands properly. Coughing and sneezing etiquette is also taught. Educators also use gloves as required and implement effective cleaning schedules.

For more information, visit [www.nhmrc.gov.au](http://www.nhmrc.gov.au)

## OUR EDUCATORS/STAFF

Staff began the year completing self-assessments and setting goals for the year with myself, as Educational Leader and then their teams. These goals will be worked on and evaluated throughout the year.

During the pupil free week in January all educators were involved in developing a new Kindergarten philosophy based on information shared from our 2019 Families, Children and Educators. This will be continued to be refined and shared with the Management Committee for their input at the next meeting. Staff also reflected on information gathered in 2019 from families and children to create new QIP (quality improvement plan) goals. These can be seen in displays outside each unit, with the full document in the foyer.

Staff have already begun to participate in professional development such as inclusion support and supporting children's emotional development.

On March 5 we were chosen to host the Department of Education Regional Managers and Assistant Regional Directors (state schooling), to give them an overview of Early Childhood Education (ECE) services and how ECES operates.

We have also had the opportunity to meet with our C&K Early Childhood Education Consultant, Tara Franks. She was extremely open to being involved with the daily program and answered questions from our team.

### KINDY PURCHASES

\$ New books valued at around \$150 from funds accumulated from the Scholastic Book Club sales and general Kindergarten supplies.