

ALBANY CREEK KINDERGARTEN

COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER AUGUST 2019

We are now well into Term 3 and as always there have been lots of things happening for the children, families, Educators and with the community. We look forward to the next few weeks with new interests emerging and plenty of activities for families to get involved in.

Tracey Wilson (Nominated Supervisor/ Educational Leader)

- **Committee Meeting 7pm Tuesday 3rd September (Committee minutes are available to families in the office.)**
- **Bush Care Group meeting 1st Sunday of the month outside the Kindergarten**
- **Fundraising Bunnings BBQ at Brendale Saturday 7th September**
- **Working Bee Saturday 14th September**

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

Find us on Facebook at:
Albany Creek Kindergarten

Our Children

The four Kindergarten groups had the opportunity to explore the rainforest with the Evergreen Theatre Group last week. The children have developed concepts of the importance of maintaining the trees of the rainforest as they give the animals a place to live and help give us air (oxygen). They also discussed the importance of taking our rubbish with us if we enter the rainforest. This experience links to the Early Years Learning Framework (EYLF) Learning Outcome 2 (Children are connected with and contribute to their world).



Mrs Taylor's Young Kindergarten has been making connections with Australia as some of the class members have done extensive travel in Australia. They have utilised stories and discussions about many parts of Australia and what can be seen. The children have also enjoyed hunting for various objects in the garden, role playing in their restaurant and observing some interesting science experiments.

Our Children



Mrs Wilson's class began the term with the continuation of their interest of animals that hatch from eggs and then moved into dinosaurs (who also hatched from eggs). The children combined prior knowledge with discussions to extend this interest. They became creative with art mediums, explored literacy to build knowledge and utilised song and music to make better connections.



Miss Russell's class have been involved in a wide variety of experiences including extending their knowledge of Aboriginal culture, exploration of the park and upper creek area beyond our Kindy, completing different forms of artwork for the QIEU art competition, exploring more about dinosaurs as well as participating in Ninja Warrior courses that are challenging their gross motor skills, perseverance and ability to work as a team.



Mrs Bull's classes have been extending interests in Space following discussions and connections to a recent eclipse. They have used a variety of resources and discussions to build and extend their knowledge. They have also been involved in science experiments to hypotheses, research, investigate and inquire.



We were overwhelmed by the amount of Woolworths Earn and Learn stickers we were able to collect this year. We gained over 21,000 stickers which as allowed us to order over \$2200 resources. In term 4 we will be receiving a range of STEM resources to promote early coding skills, building and constructions sets to promote creativity and fine motor strength, Aboriginal games and puzzles to link to the development of our RAP and immerse our children in cultural connections and other resources to enhance our play environment.

Child protection is everyone's business

Parents play a part in protecting and caring for children and young people in their community. Parenting can be challenging.....NAPCAN recommends for parents:

- Link with services that support you
- Discover what helps reduce your stress
- Play with your children
- Take time out when feeling stressed – look after yourself
- Make plans for enjoyable family time
- Talk about safety with your children
- Access parenting courses
- Celebrate your children and their achievements, values and interests
- Get involved in your community – join groups where your child can meet people and have fun.

For more information, visit www.napcan.org.au

Bunnings BBQ Fundraiser

Saturday 7th September



We need your help!

Please find on the front verandah a donation sheet towards soft drinks, sauce, ice, sausages and other supplies needed for the event. These can now be dropped off at the office. Please ensure all donations are delivered by Thursday 5th September.

A roster sheet will also be available to allow you to volunteer your time on the day. If you are available for pre-day pick up of bread, sausages etc on Friday 6th September please see Deonne.

Thank you to those who have already donated and volunteered their time!!

TRIVIA

Thank you!

A huge thank you to Kath Sansom for coordinating an amazing Community/Family event.

Thank you to families who supported this event through attendance, donations and volunteering. It was great to see everyone having so much fun!!

ParentTV

A friendly reminder that all of our current families have less than 6 months free access to parenting information via Parent TV. You are able to access short videos with wonderful information across a range of relevant topics, all presented by highly respected professionals and experts in their fields. If you haven't been able to sign up with our free account please ask one of your teachers.



Working Bee

Date: Saturday 14th September 2019

Time: 8am to 11am

Goals:

- Pruning trees
- Tidy up gardens (focus on back garden near playground fence)
- Mulch
- High pressure cleaning of paths and retaining walls

We need:

- YOU!! Please volunteer by filling in the form from your child's pocket
- Trailers (4) for tree pruning's and garden waste
- Pruning shears
- High pressure cleaners
- Garden tools (pitch forks, shovels, rakes, brooms etc.)

Please note!

Children are unable to participate due to health and safety reasons.

Revised and new policy documents

The following documents have been reviewed:

- [Procedure Reporting allegations of harm occurring within a C&K centre](#)
- [Procedure Administration of Medication](#)
- [Form Medication Authorisation Record](#) (NEW)*
- [Procedure Child Enrolment and orientation](#) (Branch only)
- [Form Cream, ointment, insect repellent authorisation](#)
- [QRG Completing an incident review](#)
- [Procedure Keeping animals](#)
- [Procedure Provisionally registered teachers](#)
- [Cleaning](#) and [Outdoor Safety](#) Posters NEW

Should you wish to have more information about any of these please let us know.

HONEY FOR SALE



In foyer area
One Kilo \$13.00
500 gm Jar \$7.50
500 gm Squeeze Bottle \$7.50

Parent Survey

Please return completed forms

The kindy has issued a parent survey in week beginning 29th July. We hope that everyone can participate and have the survey completed by **22 August.**

Our Educators

Educators have been reflecting on the new C and K Curriculum Approach and how to begin to action this throughout the service. This Approach will see the phasing out of Building waterfall by December 2019 and the complete implementation by January 2020.

Educators have also developed two new QIP (Quality Improvement Plan) goals.

1. To ensure all documents relating to curriculum and the planning cycle are reflective to the revised QKLG and C&K Curriculum approach documents.
2. To develop a RAP reflective of the Educators, Children, Families and Community of Albany Creek Kindergarten.

Educators have also continued to evaluate and reflect on their professional goals and attend a variety of Professional Development opportunities.

Bush Care

Thank you to the new and returning families who have come to Bush Care over the past few months. This is a great opportunity to connect with nature and the community.



Last month we were able to purchase over \$200 worth of books from the rewards earned from Scholastics!

Points of interest

- The “Australian Early Development Census 2018 Queensland Data snapshot” is available if anyone would like to look at it. We find this a valuable tool to see where children in our local areas sit compared to the rest of the state.
- We have 2 vacancies in the centre
 - 1 in red group as at now – Thurs/Friday 2nd Wednesday 8.40am to 2.45pm
 - 1 in blue group as at now - Tuesday Wednesday 8.30 to 4pm
- We are looking forward to sharing our amazing Kindergarten with visitors on Tuesday 3rd September. We currently have limited positions available for 2020. If anyone you know is interested in enrolling at Kindergarten or would like to register for this event please let us know. Please note that as a Not-for-profit Community Kindergarten we do not have a catchment area- everyone is welcome



We have had quite a few children in both units coming down with seasonal illnesses. The staff thank each parent for keeping these sick children at home. We look forward to Spring arriving, to hopefully return everyone to a healthy state! It is timely to remind parents that a child with fever, vomiting and/ or diarrhoea must remain at home for 24 hours without symptoms before re-attending.