

ALBANY CREEK KINDERGARTEN

COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER MARCH 2019

Calendar of Events

- Committee Meeting 7pm
Tuesday 2nd April
- Bush Care Group meeting 1st
Sunday of the month outside
the Kindergarten
- Open Day – Saturday 25th May
- Fundraising Bunnings BBQ at
Brendale Sunday 16th June

ADMIN OFFICE HOURS

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It is hard to believe that we are over half way through first term. A huge thank you to those families who were able to attend our AGM and to those who volunteered to take on positions within our Management Committee, we are extremely excited to be working with such a capable and diverse team.

Tracey Wilson, Nominated Supervisor

OUR CHILDREN

Since the beginning of the year our children have been involved in our program which utilises children's interests to facilitate learning.



Mrs Wilson's class have begun the year following the interests of recycling, our worm farm and planting seeds. They were able to link these interests to routine aspects of the program and the recent Clean-up Australia Day campaign. More recently they have begun to explore colour and experiment with mixing.



Mrs Taylor's Young Kindergarten children have settled into their new environment very nicely. They have all taken turns planting in pots for the entrance, have been experimenting with pipes and water, learnt about the worm farm and have been decorating rocks.



We had an amazing turn out to our Clean up Australia Day activity with 50 volunteers from the Kindergarten and the local community. Now in our third year we are seeing considerably less rubbish being collected.

We will continue to promote the Bush Care group through the Kindergarten, Facebook, letterbox drops 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 shown interest in the Doctor's surgery, looking at the X-rays and being part of the medical team.

Since the beginning of the year they have discussed the Kindergarten rules, learnt a number of songs and rhymes, used the instruments, enjoyed the lovely lycra and



Miss Russell's children have been exploring our Kindergarten environment. Inside they love to create at the collage table, paint, build with blocks, dress up and cook in home area, as well as exploring the mixing of colours. In the playground they have enjoyed completing the daily obstacle course, building 'rivers' in the digging patch for the dinosaurs and boats as well as using the bikes and wheelies.



In week 6 we invited Judy Marin (local speech pathologist) to come and share her knowledge about language development and encouraging communication in children. This was well attended and we hope everyone walked away with some useful information.

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.

KINDY PURCHASES

\$ A new outdoor mat and book valued at around \$250 from funds accumulated in Scholastic book Club sales

\$ Art and Craft supplies from vouchers raised in the 2018 Toy Catalogue

\$ Deposit for a new water pump to be installed at the digging patch curtesy of funds raised from our 2017 and 2018 families



HONEY FOR SALE

In foyer area

One Kilo \$13.00

500 gm Jar \$7.50

500 gm Squeeze Bottle \$7.50

OUR EDUCATORS/STAFF

Staff began the year completing self-assessments and setting goals for the year with their team and Directors. These goals will be worked on and evaluated throughout the year.

During the pupil free week in January all educators were involved in reflecting on information gathered in 2018 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. Our new goals focus on strategies to enhance critical reflection throughout the service, assisting in the promotion of healthy eating and varied dietary needs of groups, developing an appreciation of the natural environment, extending professional development opportunities, building children's emotional development, strengthening networking with local school and creating further opportunities for smooth transitions and developing systems for the Educational leader to be effective and supportive.

Staff have already begun to participate in professional development such as researching the new Queensland Kindergarten Learning Guidelines and C and K curriculum approach due out in June. They have also participated in information sessions around the new C and K Affiliate model and inclusive funding.



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Spent time in our amazing learning spaces! Have a chat with our teachers!

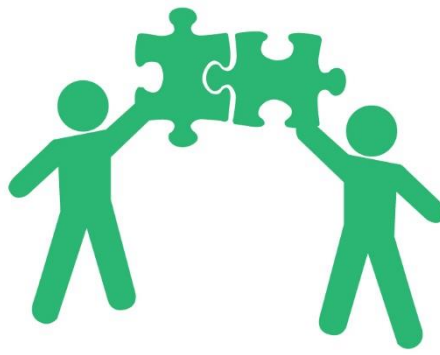
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OPEN DAY

SAT 25 MAY
10am - 12 noon

Visit us at 16 Ernie Street
Opposite the Albany Creek
Community Centre
Ph: 3264 1838

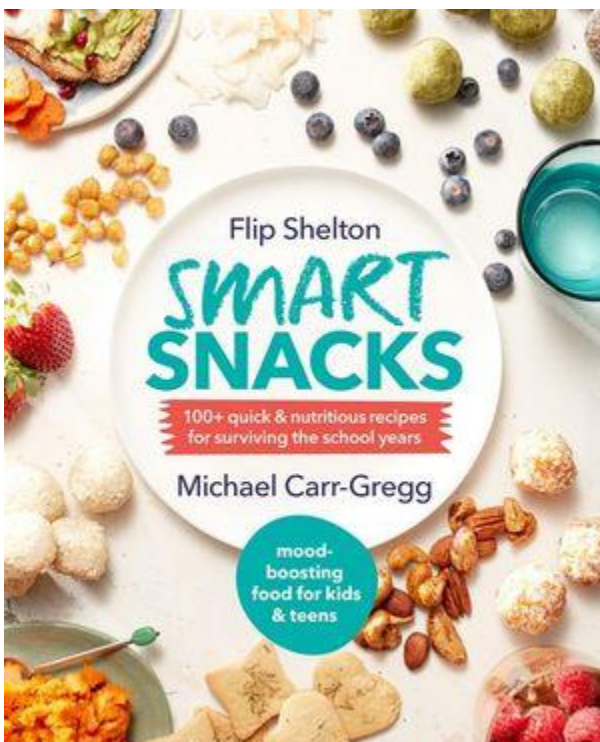


How can I find out what is happening at Kindergarten and what my child is experiencing?

Here at Albany Creek Kindergarten our number 1 priority is to spend time with your child throughout the whole day. We aim to engage them in a variety of child-initiated, child-directed, intentional teaching or teacher-lead experiences. At Albany Creek Kindergarten we highly value sharing these experiences with families and carers.

Some ways we can collaborate together:

- Parent Roster (a bird's eye view of the day to day experiences at Kindergarten)
- Informal conversations with educators at drop off and pick-up.
- The Day Book/ Collaborative Journal with a summary of the day/weeks activities (Young Kindy receive a newsletter after the day is complete)
- Photo displays
- Class and Centre newsletters
- Children's individual portfolios
- Displays and daily notices
- Email (please be aware that educators do not regularly check their email while teaching, if you have urgent communication please phone the Kindergarten)
- Formal meetings (this can be requested at any time and a mutually convenient time can be arranged)"
- Scheduled informal chats



Visit the Parent Library for Advice, Help, Ideas

There is a fabulous array of books in the Parent Library if you are looking for a bit of inspiration. If you have a spare few minutes take a look this week.

You will find books on Nutrition, How to handle difficult discussions, Advice on dealing with behaviour and more.

A new book to see is:

Smart Snacks
by Michael Carr-Gregg



Sustainability Tips...ways to go green at home

- Collect rainwater and use it to water your houseplants and garden
- Create a homemade compost bin
- Stop using disposable bags
- Wash laundry in cold water instead of hot
- Donate to – and shop at - thrift stores
- Use cloth instead of disposable wipes to clean
- Walk or ride a bike where possible
- Turn off your computer completely at night
- Support your local economy and shop at your farmer's market

For more information, visit

<https://theartofsimple.net/tips-to-go-green-at-home/>

On behalf of all of the staff at Albany Creek Kindergarten we would like to thank the following people for volunteering to take on roles in the:

Management Committee

President	Bec Weatherford
Vice President	Sarah Hex
Secretary	Deanne Burton
Treasurer	Kerry O'Donnell

Sub Committee

Workplace H&S Officer	Annie Lang and Catherine De Maria
Newsletter	Michelle Waller
Maintenance & Working Bee	Roberto Rosazza
Fundraising & Events	Jessica Marrinan and Kath Sansom
Book Club Convener	Emma Sweeney

As a community organisation, we would be unable to operate without so many willing and capable volunteers. If you would like to get in contact with any of the committee members please see Deonne in the office.

Can you help us?

We would love to speak to you if you work for Telstra and are eligible to apply for the \$1200 community grant. We have some wonderful ideas which would help the kindy be more energy efficient and save us money in our general running costs.

If you work for another company who also offers community grants and you think we might be eligible to apply please see Deonne in the office.

NEVER HAVE A CARD WHEN YOU NEED IT?



LIMITED NUMBER OF BOXES REMAIN

Selling for only \$15/box (that's from 42c/card) they are GREAT value.