



ALBANY CREEK KINDERGARTEN & PRESCHOOL ASSOCIATION INC.

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ALBANY CREEK KINDERGARTEN COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER AUGUST 2020

Calendar of Events

- Class photos – Monday
14th Sept, Wednesday
16th Sept. and Friday
18th Sept.

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.

Usually at this time of year we are in full swing with children coming down with seasonal illnesses. This year we are seeing a huge decline and I thank each parent for keeping sick children at home. We can also see that with the current increase in hand washing and social distancing is assisting with this. We hope that everyone continues to be vigilant and that everyone remains healthy.

We currently have limited vacancies within some of our 2020 classes. If you know of anyone looking for a place please encourage them to contact us.

OUR CHILDREN

During week 3 the 4-year-old Kindergarten classes were visited by Dr Joe and his travelling science show. It was amazing to look at the children's sense of wonder as they were immersed into the world of science. They explored the concepts of air, light and experiments. They discovered a variety of resources that allowed them to become thinkers and theorists- What metal do magnets attract to? How does the Newtons cradle move? Why do some things make a sound?



Keep up to date and share our wonderful kindy with our local community. Find us on Facebook at: Albany Creek Kindergarten

ADMIN OFFICE HOURS

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Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday Thursday

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Our updated philosophy states "We empower children to become powerful learners and active citizens. We value their input and respect their individuality". Here is how each class has embodied this statement: Mrs Wilson's group have continued to follow their investigations of space and planets, with the dwarf planets being a topical discussion. The group has enjoyed a new source of imaginary and dramatic play within the classroom shop and have explored the concepts of literacy and numeracy through the creation of lists and making of money. Both of Mrs Bull's groups have been discussing fire emergencies. They have been practicing calling 000 and will continue to practice their names and addresses. For the Blue group, they appreciated a Dad coming to talk about his job as a firefighter. He showed them his special uniform he wears. Over the coming weeks, both groups will be using their inquiring minds to pretend to be scientists making discoveries and developing theories. After reading the story of 'Wombat Stew', the Young Kindergarten children became very interested in Australian animals. They had more stories, songs and activities about Australian animals and even made their own Wombat Stew. Recently they played a variety of musical instruments and have decided to explore this more with demonstrations and experimentation of various instruments. Mrs Taylor watched a webinar about the use of loose parts in a Kindergarten setting. As a result, the class have been thinking of new uses for items that can be recycled in play or collage.



Miss Russell's group enjoyed a pyjama day and Teddy Bear's Picnic to celebrate the end of last term. This term they have been developing knowledge of our First Nation Peoples, exploring and completing different styles of artwork for the QIEU art competition, exploring interests of dinosaurs and Australian animals, learning more about gravity and magnets, as well as encouraging scientific thinking through their continued experiments. They have also delved deeper into the genre of a recipe as they cook, to further embed literacy and numeracy concepts into their play.



FAMILIES

We have been pleased to slowly welcome back families onto roster. It has been nice to have that connection again.

A huge thank you to families who have been making donations of regular Kindergarten supplies into our basket at the entry. This goes a long way in supporting our Kindergarten program.

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. As the Educational Leader, one of my roles is to share information with educators, families and the community. Parent TV is a great platform for sourcing the latest information. Thank you to the new families who came along to Bush Care on Sunday 2nd August. It was a great opportunity to connect with nature and the community once again.

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>

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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.

Educators have been reflecting on the progress of many our Quality Improvement Plan goals. Educators have also continued to evaluate and reflect on their professional goals and attend a variety of Professional Development opportunities.

They have had the opportunity to participate in many online professional development webinars including C&K Compliance training, QCAA curriculum training sessions and an online Play Summit. The Play Summit covered a range of topics and made links to the impacts of COVID-19 and how now more than ever we need to be valuing play and connections with the natural world for children.

Our enrolments for our kindergarten classes in 2021 are in full swing and we have had a gradual increase in our waiting list. We will continue to build on our marketing efforts to ensure the future viability of our Community Kindergarten. We had some great responses to our marketing video on our Albany Creek Kindergarten Facebook page and we invite you to share it with your friends and family or leave a positive review. Have you ever considered 'tagging' Albany Creek Kindergarten or C&K on your Facebook page or Instagram posts with **your** child?

We recently purchased two new swings, this was made possible from donations into our Containers for change fund from 2019 and 2020.

We were also able to purchase some more new books from the rewards earned from Scholastics Book club.

(Shared by Tracey Wilson (Nominated Supervisor/Educational Leader))

Understanding the National Quality Framework and the Assessment and Ratings Process

Did you know that all services are assessed and rated against seven quality areas of the National Quality Standard?

1. Educational program and practice
2. Children's health and safety
3. Physical environment
4. Staffing arrangements
5. Relationships with children
6. Collaborative partnerships with families and communities
7. Governance and Leadership

Services receive a rating for each of the quality areas and an overall rating based on these results.

Our rating is **EXCEEDING**

For more information, visit <https://www.startingblocks.gov.au/at-child-care/child-care-ratings/>

"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."



We have not been able to hold any of our valuable working bees so far this year, but in coming weeks we will be sharing some information about specific jobs that need doing and asking individuals or small groups to attend to carry out these jobs. There will also be one or two jobs that may be able to be taken home to complete.

Spring Roll Fundraiser

Handmade Spring Rolls in packs of 15
for \$15

Both pork & vegetarian available.

Spring rolls will be frozen &
ready to store in your freezer.

Orders & payment
due by: 24th August

Mister Bui Nundah is a Vietnamese
café/restaurant located in Nundah.
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