



ALBANY CREEK KINDERGARTEN & PRESCHOOL ASSOCIATION INC.

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ALBANY CREEK KINDERGARTEN COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER SEPTEMBER 2020

Calendar of Events

Tues 15th September-
Management Committee
Meeting (If you would like to
access the minutes of this
meeting please let us know).

Tues 6th October – Term 4 Starts

Sat 18th October – Volunteers
needed to spread sand in our
sandpit. (see details below).



“Our centre acknowledges and pays its respects to the Turrbal people, the traditional custodians of the land on which our Kindergarten is placed. We acknowledge and pay our respects to all elders past, present and emerging.”

We have had a very busy and fulfilling term. Since our last newsletter all groups had the opportunity to participate in the “Premier’s reading challenge”. Throughout the week each group of children were involved in a number of shared literacy experiences at Kindergarten and at home. Some of these included story books, big books, creating their own books, dramatic play libraries, writing about shared experiences, following recipes and much more.

Our Educators have been involved in lots of Professional Development and networking opportunities. They have completed and updated their first aid training for the year, attended online webinars about changes and updates to transition statements with the QCAA and C & K and training through Nature Play. On Wednesday 16th our teachers will be meeting with the Albany Creek State School Prep teachers, Deputies and other Early Years providers around the area through an online meeting. We look forward to being able to reconnect and share ideas.

Father’s Day this year was celebrated a little differently at Kindergarten, but each group created their own unique way of making a connection.

Individual classes continue to extend on the children’s interests to create positive learning outcomes.

Mrs Wilson's class have enjoyed exploring science concepts such as magnets, chemical reactions, Bee Bots, marble runs and colour mixing. They definitely proved that they were powerful learners. The group had a bush walking excursion to our 'beyond' space and enjoyed exploring, discovering and watering some new plants that were added at the last community bush care event. The class have also enjoyed continuing to learn about different musical concepts and were lucky enough to have one of our parents play the piano for us.



"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."



Both of Mrs Bull's groups have been looking at ways to make up stories using felts, magnets, puppets and drawing. They have discussed how to make up a story. They practiced thinking of an idea, character and setting. Then the story needed a beginning, middle and an ending. The children have also been very keen to see how the new chicken pen goes together. They looked at the plan and for the numbers on the different sections to see what went together. They have been thinking of names for chickens and are eagerly awaiting their arrival hopefully after the holidays. The boxes the materials were packed in have been made into a bus as part of dramatic play.



Young Kindy have been very busy designing and constructing houses. They especially love to do this outdoors. As a group they painted their own set of timber blocks which were later used for collage. They have been discussing the many types of birds and observing our new pets - the silkworms. The children continue to develop their independence especially with bed making and bag packing.



Miss Russell's group have been developing their creativity by exploring various art mediums and extending their collage skills, building their literacy and numeracy understandings through the grocery shop play and showing their ability to problem solve and investigate as they construct in the digging patch. While restrictions allowed, they relished the opportunity to further explore 'beyond our kindy fence'. The class investigated the upper creek and park areas. They found possum boxes, helicopter leaves, nests, insects, plants, vines and much more. They thoroughly enjoyed playing games, having races and more on the expansive grassed area.



ADMIN OFFICE HOURS

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Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday
Thursday

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Thank you to all families who have been able to complete the Family Survey so far. We look forward to being able to analyse the data and information when it is finalised. If you haven't had a chance to complete it please follow the link or scan the QR code at Kindergarten by the 9th October.

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/W2WNRMP>

During August and September all groups have participated in Fire and Lockdown Evacuation Drills. These experiences can be linked to National Child Protection Week (6th - 13th September). Our aim is to instil a concept of personal safety for children and can cover sun safety, road safety, personal space, body awareness and building positive relationships. For great parenting and information brochures please have a look at:

<https://www.napcan.org.au/napcan-brochures/> and the new Queensland campaign "Look before you lock" ([Look before you lock](#))

This is always a timely reminder to ask families and carers to:

- Continue to provide appropriate sun safe hats (6cm full brim hats), clothing (shirts covering shoulders at a minimum) and complete the sunscreen register on the sign-in sheet upon arrival at Kindergarten.
- Ensure your child holds the hand of an adult in and around the Kindergarten carpark and discuss road and car safety.
- For the safety of all please avoid leaving children alone in cars.
- Talk to your children about supportive adults in their own network e.g. Mum, Dad, Grandparents, Family friends, teachers, police etc
- Remember to use the hand sanitiser upon arrival and maintain social distancing while waiting.

PURCHASES

We were excited to be able to purchase new bark for our playground and had some amazing volunteers (Forbes, Wilson and Lakeland families) to spread it out. Perhaps a future statistic to update= 5 volunteers moving 12 cubic metres of bark in 1-hour 😊. We were also able to purchase two book packs of the latest short-listed children's books for our teacher and children's library and a new outdoor mat through vouchers received from scholastic books.

Another new addition to the Kindergarten has been the long awaited, new and improved chicken coop. This has been made possible through a 2019 grant from the Brisbane Airport Corporation and a generous donation from the Bank of Queensland (BOQ) Albany Creek.

(Director's report shared by Tracey Wilson (Nominated Supervisor and Educational Leader).



We need your help!

Saturday 17th October at 8am

Volunteers are needed to spread sand and also add new sand to our sandpit.

Shovels and Wheelbarrows required.

Please email Tracey (tracey@albnaycreekkindy.com.au) or Admin (admin@albnaycreekkindy.com.au) if you can help out.



Thank you to the Altmann/Magann family for taking on our sanding and oiling jobs.

Thank you to the Pashen family for the donation of new hoses and wall thermometers.

Thank you to all of the families who have been making donations to our contribution basket.

FUNDRAISING UPDATE (message from our Events coordinator)

We are excited to report that \$1000 was raised from the Spring Roll drive! Thank you for such overwhelming interest and support.

Coming up in Term 4, the children will be working on the 2020 Tea Towel that will be available to purchase and a Bunnings sausage sizzle will hopefully be booked in before the end of year. We will keep you updated with dates and what help is required.



We wish everyone a safe and relaxing school holiday break and look forward to the excitement of term 4.