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# ALBANY CREEK KINDERGARTEN COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER MAY 2021

## Calendar of Events

2021 Term Dates: \*



Term 2  
 Ends: Friday 25 June 2021

Term 3 Resumes: Monday 12 July 2021

Term 3 Ends: Friday 17 September 2021

Term 4 Resumes: Tuesday 5 October 2021

Term 4 Ends: Thursday 9 December 2021

*\* Please refer to your 2021 Calendar for individual group start dates.*

2021 Open Day:

Saturday 22 May 2021



*\* Please spread the word to local families you may know who would like to place their child's name on the wait list, to come down to our open day and join us for some fun and play! Meet our staff and see our facilities .*

Working Bee:



Saturday 15 May  
 2021 7:30am – 10:30am.

*\* We welcome parents if they can spare even an hour to attend this Saturday.*

## OUR CHILDREN



Mrs Taylor's Young Kindy children have done several science experiments using bi-carb soda and vinegar. They have also learnt more about the garbage trucks who visit kindergarten. The children have completed a group artwork which is displayed at the unit 1 entrance. They also continue to learn how to manage routines and connect with others.

All of our 4-year-old Kindergarten classes had the opportunity to become involved in a "Waterbugs" presentation. The children had a hands-on experience with some creatures which can be found in creeks and waterways and were able to learn about these eco-systems. This opportunity linked well to the Early Years Learning Framework (EYLF) Outcome 4 ("Children are confident and involved learners") and the Queensland Kindergarten Learning Guidelines (QKLG) Connectedness ("showing respect for environments). We view children as 'Powerful learners', 'Thinkers and theorists' and 'Active citizens', this is reflected within each class as they explore a range of learning opportunities.



**ALBANY CREEK KINDERGARTEN**

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

Find us on Albany Creek Kindergarten [albanycreekkindy.com.au](http://albanycreekkindy.com.au)



**OPEN DAY**

**SAT 22 MAY**  
**10am - 12 noon**

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

## Albany Creek Early Educators Network



On May 5 Mrs Janelle Bull and I attended the newly formed network ACEEN (Albany Creek Early Educators Network) hosted by Albany Creek State School. We were able to have shared discussions about the 2020 transition statements to Prep, key skills and characteristics teachers look for when children are starting Prep, Early Start assessments within schools and a tour of the Prep classrooms.—Tracey Wilson (Nominated Supervisor)

### ADMIN OFFICE HOURS

Contact: Deonne or Jennie

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Mrs Wilson's class have been following an interest in fire fighters. They have shared their own knowledge with each other and used many resources such as songs, stories, Lego, dress-ups and outdoor spaces to role play firefighting and connect with these community workers. The class also made connections to ANZAC day through stories, craft and cooking. They were able to share what they knew (e.g., "neighbours gather in their driveways" and "ANZAC biscuits").

After our Waterbugs experience, Mrs Bull's Blue and Yellow groups, revisited Reduce, Reuse, Recycle...ways we can eliminate waste and protect our environment. This term they have discussed what happened in the school holidays and learnt about Anzac Day. They also made Anzac biscuits and were interested to see the medal display on loan from the Queensland Museum. They have recommenced their classroom helper's jobs and have been excited to be able collect the chicken eggs. Both groups have shown an interest in finding out about space after seeing the international space station and the pink moon in the sky.



Miss Russell's Red group ended last term by investigating waterbugs and participating in a variety of easter activities, including making chocolates for their families. This term they have began by developing an understanding of Anzac day, preparing for mother's day celebrations, strengthening fine and gross motor skills and beginning their Bush Kindy program.

## PARENT ROSTER

We continue to welcome families on roster who have been enjoying being part of the program or sharing their skills or interests.

### FAMILIES



During week 9 of last term, 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

We hope that many of our families have been enjoying their free subscription to Parent TV. We would love to hear your feedback about any videos you have enjoyed or found useful.

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



### 2021 Parent Committee

On Tuesday 4th May we held our Second Parent Committee Meeting for 2021. We have a great team of volunteers for the year and if you would like to view the minutes from the meeting please contact the Office.

### EDUCATORS AND STAFF

During week 1 of this term our centre was visited by our C and K Early Childhood Pedagogy Advisor, Miranda Slape. She was able to share her expertise in curriculum and shared ideas about planning, documenting and reflection. She was also able to give specific support to teachers in the form of possible effective strategies within the groups.

Our educators have continued with professional development. I (as Educational Leader and Nominated supervisor) attended a C&K Welcome Day which had been postponed from January. It was an opportunity to network with other C&K teachers and C&K head office. We explored the concepts of an "Inquiry Approach" and "Powerful questions". These new learnings have been shared with the Albany Creek Team and we will continue to make connections to this learning and reflect on how we can make it relevant to our Kindergarten Community.

### KINDY PURCHASES

Purchases have included some new release children's story books through Scholastics rewards, a mini trampoline and new outdoor mats to replace worn ones using fund raising funds. All other purchases have been related to regular Kindergarten classroom resources.

### FUNDRAISING—Can you help??

There are several projects the Kindergarten is keen to complete by the close of 2021! Our main goal is to demolish the toilets and rebuild a beautiful and more functional space for our children and staff. However, we are still needing additional funds to cover the expense. We also continue to look at adding to and improving our outdoor and indoor learning spaces.

Our Mother's Day Raffle will be drawn next week—please watch this space for our lucky winner!! If you would like to support our community please contact Renee:

[reneecrosthwaite@gmail.com](mailto:reneecrosthwaite@gmail.com)

**Lucky door prize for  
those in attendance!!**



## **TERM 2 WORKING BEE**

**Date:** Saturday 15th May 2021  
**Time:** 7.30am to 10.30am

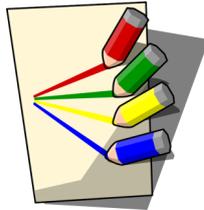
Please contact David Allanson (Maintenance Co-Ordinator) on 0403 757745 or Email [mdallanson@gmail.com](mailto:mdallanson@gmail.com) if you have any questions.

N.B. Unfortunately, children are unable to participate due to health and safety reasons.

### **Picture Plates!!**

Watch your child's kindy pocket and via email in the next week for more details! There are exciting new options in addition to the plate this year.

Bask in your child's creative genius for years to come (while giving them incentive to eat their broccoli to see their creation)!



### **Important Information: Assessment and & Rating**

Our Kindy has been advised by the Dept of Education that our Assessment & Rating will take place between the 18<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> of May 2021, at this time you may see a representative from the Department of Education – Early Childhood observing the centre and asking questions to staff and possibly families.

We look forward to sharing the results of this assessment in due time. Should you have any questions relating to this, please email our Nominated Supervisor Tracey Wilson at [tracey@albanycreekkindy.com.au](mailto:tracey@albanycreekkindy.com.au)