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ALBANY CREEK KINDERGARTEN COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER OCTOBER 2022

Calendar Of Events



2022 Term 4 Dates:*

Queen's Birthday Public Holiday:
Monday, 3rd October

Term 4 Starts: Tuesday, 4th October

Bush Care (final for the year):
Sunday, 6th November, 8am–10am

Pupil Free Day: Tuesday, 6th December

Term 4 Ends: Thursday, 8th December

** Please refer to your 2022 Calendar for individual group start dates.*



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

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WELCOME TO TERM 4!



Our four-year-old kindergarten classes had the opportunity to participate in a hands on Science show in week 5. The show allowed the children to become active thinkers and learners. They were able to think, test and evaluate many experiments related to air and motion. 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, writing about shared experiences, following recipes, documenting science experiences and much more. On average each child had 22 literacy experiences throughout the week. The Kindergarten also welcomed the Albany Creek Library Librarian's during book week, who shared stories from the short listed books and continued to build community connections. We continued our connections with the local community with visits from the Albany Creek Police station and our beginning of the week groups were visited by Bunnings who generously provided their time and resources to redo our worm farms and create a scarecrow. During August and September all groups have participated in Fire and Lockdown Evacuation Drills. These experiences can be linked to National Child Protection Week (4th – 10th September). At Kindergarten we aim to instil a concept of personal safety for children and this can be covered throughout the program with sun safety, road safety, personal space, body awareness and building positive relationships. Individual classes continue to extend on the children's interests to create positive learning outcomes.

- Tracey Wilson, Nominated Supervisor/Educational Leader/Teacher

OUR CHILDREN



Mrs Tracey Wilson's Green group enjoyed all of their science related activities and experiments. Some of the favourites included magnets, early coding with bee bots, a balloon car, testing how the water level can rise and bicarb and vinegar testing. They also began to extend their knowledge of community workers and road safety with the police visit. This led to continuing to practice stating their home address and dramatic play with dressing up, creating police cars and fire trucks and creating checklists to monitor peer behaviours. As a group they have also been refining gross and fine motor skills with ball activities, hopping and balancing, challenges in the obstacle course and cutting.



Have you tuned
in yet??

ParentTV

We hope that many of our families have been enjoying their free subscription to Parent TV—an on demand video streaming website from trusted experts. If you have not been able to sign on with our free account, please email our Educational Leader, Tracey Wilson: tracey@albanycreekkindy.com.au

<http://www.parenttv.com>



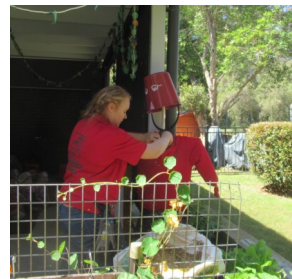
VOLUNTEERING

Thank you to Cooper (Green Group) and his family for sanding and staining all of our outdoor wooden blocks- they look amazing and will now last for years to come.

We still have a few sanding and staining jobs needed around the Kindergarten if anyone is able to volunteer. If you are interested in helping to restore some of these items, please discuss with Deonne or Jennie in the front office. Thank you to any interested parties for your time and consideration, as we really appreciate any help you can provide!



Mrs Carli Wilson's Red group have been developing their strength and independence on the obstacle course. They have also been enjoying their visits to Bush Kindy, making sea saws, building camp fires and finding interesting bugs. There was a big interest in Pirates which led to a dress up as a pirate day with fish and chips for lunch and a pirate cake treasure hunt. Following the Police visit, many children have been interested in playing a police game and there have even been police dogs at the police station. Science week led to some creative experiments including making rainbows through reflecting light by crystals and CD's and blowing up balloons from a bicarb and vinegar reaction. The smoothie game has led to discussions about healthy food and sometimes food. Banana smoothies are on the menu for the end of term.



Mrs Janelle Bull's Blue group have continued to read some favourite stories and looked at the different ways stories can be told; in song, in art and dance, after the library visit. The class enjoyed dressing up for their Wacky Wednesday after reading this story. The children have been using their imaginations to tell stories and complete pictures which tell a story. They acknowledged how the First Nations people told the history of their families in their stories, songs and dance. The Blue group have been practicing a new Aboriginal and Torres Strait songs with actions and songs in Auslan. The class has been keen to participate in new painting experiences.



Mrs Janelle Bull's Yellow Group also used their visit from the library to continue to read some favourite stories and looked at the different ways stories can be told; in song, in art and dance. The children have also been using their imaginations to tell stories. The group acknowledged how the First Nations people told the history of their families in their stories, songs and dance. They have been practicing the new Aboriginal and Torres Strait songs with actions and songs in Auslan. Some children already knew the actions which helped. The class has been very keen to participate in new painting experiences. Currently, they are revisiting Space, thanks to a big refrigerator box which they have made into a rocket.

Mrs Taylor's Young Kindy class have been role playing in a hairdressing salon and in a restaurant. They have been doing several experiments where they could make predictions and discover reactions. Everyone has now had a turn sharing something from home and developing the ability to speak in front of a group. They have been learning about and using instruments and ended the term with a Teddy Bear's Picnic.



PARENT ROSTER

We are once again welcoming families on roster—please see your class teacher for details. We welcome you to join in the activities and help out with our daily program—you may even like to showcase your special skills or interests during our last term of the year!

FAMILIES



Thank you to all of those families who completed the Family Survey last month. The team have analysed the results and will use them for future planning.

All groups were pleased to be able to have an opportunity to invite the Dads or Special guests to Kindergarten for an Open night. The children and their guests enjoyed a range of activities including songs, dances and lots of fun play.

At the beginning of August many families took up the opportunity to have their child's hearing checked prior to starting Prep next year. This once again proved to be an extremely worthwhile service with 36 children across the kindergarten being tested. The results indicated 53% of children tested displayed hearing within normal limits, 28% of children tested were recommended to monitor tube dysfunction and 19% of children tested received referrals for further investigation by hearing specialists. We have been lucky enough to secure a spot to offer this service again next year.

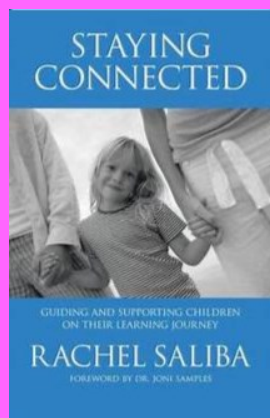
We are also very grateful to those families who have been able to support our recent fundraising activities and Bush Care on Father's Day. Save the date in your calendar for the last Bush Care of the year which will take place on Sunday 6th November from 8-10am. The Moreton Bay Regional Council team hope to bring the cameras out to show the children what is inside the nesting boxes.



Coming Soon to our Parent Library!

"Staying connected" by Rachel Saliba- a journey of discovery for parents of children who are about to begin school or who are already on their journey through education.

This book has been very kindly donated to us by Rossi (parent and committee member).



EDUCATORS AND STAFF

Recently Educators have been involved in many Professional development opportunities including First Aid Recertification, transition Statement updates and strategies through QCAA, Sue Larkey webinar about extending children on the spectrum, native bee workshop and developing numeracy through patterns and structure. All of these opportunities allow our Educators to remain up-to-date with all of the latest developments in Educating Young Children, and allows the team to share ideas and reflections with each other and our families.



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to know what
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ABOUT OUR AMAZING COMMUNITY KINDERGARTEN
TO BOOST OUR ENROLMENT NUMBERS FOR NEXT
YEAR AND BEYOND?

- ★ Share your positive experiences with friends and family
- ★ Like our Facebook page and share our posts to friends and community/business groups
- ★ Give a 5 star review on our Facebook page or via a Google review
- ★ Ask neighbours and community members if they have put their child's name down on our waiting list to secure a future position (names taken from birth)



COVID UPDATE

GREEN

Low Response

As of 4th October, we have returned to the COVID-19 Response Level of **GREEN**, as per C&K Branch service directives.

This means that we are now able to:

- ★ Use communal water bubblers
- ★ Use cloth towels - please have a washer with centred hanging hook packed into your child's school bag ready to be used
- ★ Stop performing 2-hourly clean of frequently touched surfaces
- ★ Permit more than one parent/guardian to accompany the child at drop off and pick up

C&K will follow all directions given by Queensland Health regarding COVID-19 testing and isolation requirements.



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Our new Bathrooms!

We are pleased to have both of our children's bathrooms now completed- just a few tweaks to go. We would like to thank the many families who have made this possible through participating in fund raising events and donating to our building fund over many years. We would also like to thank many of our Management Committee team members who successfully gained the Gambling Commission grant a few years ago.

