

Bertram Hawker Kindergarten Newsletter

Term 1 2018

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| W k | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Sat / Sun |
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| 1 | 29 Jan 1 st day of term | 30 Jan | 31 Jan | 1 Feb | 2 Feb Playgroup every Friday 9-11 | 3-4 Feb |
| 2 | 5 Feb 7.30pm: Governing Council Meeting | 6 Feb | 7 Feb | 8 Feb | 9 Feb | 10-11 Feb |
| 3 | 12 Feb Emergency Drill | 13 Feb Emergency Drill | 14 Feb | 15 Feb | 16 Feb Chinese New Year | 17-18 Feb |
| 4 | 19 Feb | 20 Feb 7-8.30pm: Meet the Teachers & Social/Emotional Learning Workshop-for parents | 21 Feb | 22 Feb | 23 Feb | 24-25 Feb |
| 5 | 26 Feb | 27 Feb | 28 Feb | 1 March | 2 March | 3-4 March |
| 6 | 5 March | 6 March | 7 March Trent Hill Aboriginal Cultural visit at kindy | 8 March Trent Hill Aboriginal Cultural visit at kindy | 9 March | 10-11 March |
| 7 | 12 March Adelaide Cup Public Holiday | 13 March Twilight Kindy 6-7.30pm | 14 March | 15 March | 16 March | 17-18 March |
| 8 | 19 March Governing Council meeting pm- Philosophy Statement | 20 March | 21 March Harmony Day & Family Lunch 12-1pm | 22 March Harmony Day & Family Lunch 12-1pm | 23 March | 24-25 Working Bee, 9-12 SUN |
| 9 | 26 March | 27 March | 28 March | 29 March PUPIL FREE DAY | 30 March Good Friday | 31 March -1 April |
| 1 0 | 2 April Easter Monday | 3 April | 4 April | 5 April | 6 April | 7-8 April |
| 1 1 | 9 April | 10 April | 11 April | 12 April Last day of term | 13 April | 14-15 April |

Welcome to Bertram Hawker Kindergarten

Our values and vision make us who we are:

***... a community of children, educators and families ... learning with and from one another... having fun ... connecting with nature, the world and each other... facing challenges with respect and a sense of adventure
(from Our Philosophy Statement)***

The Kindergarten Staff Team

Director- Margie Colton
 Teachers- Nadia Caon, Carolyn Harbord, Kim Raftery, Shiva Pakrou
 Early Childhood Educators- Lyn Myall, Jan Mills, Julie Mosheev, Uzma Ali Kazmi, Andrew Xu, Taetia McEwen
 Speech Pathologist- Jose Ng
 Playgroup Coordinator- Julie Mosheev
 Bilingual Support- Moi Jin Kong (Mandarin speaking)

We have seven children in our speech and language program on Tuesdays and Thursdays who have additional support from Shiva and Jose. This inclusive and integrated program is an important part of our kindergarten.

| Mon | Tues | Wed | Thurs | Fri |
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| Nadia Carolyn Jan Uzma Julie | Kim Margie Jan Julie Taetia Shiva | Nadia Carolyn Jan Julie Moi | Kim Margie Jan Julie Shiva Jose | Julie (Play Group) |
| Admin: Lyn Margie | Jose Moi | Admin: Lyn Kim/Margie | Admin: Lyn Margie | |

The staff team has planned our program for the term and set up our kindergarten environment ready for your children.

We are looking forward to getting to know you and your children more throughout 2018.

Our priority for the first term of kindergarten is for children to feel safe, secure and have a sense of belonging at kindergarten.

We will explore the concept of 'Belonging' with the children.

"Children belong first to a family, a cultural group, a neighbourhood and a wider community" The national *Early Years Learning Framework, Belonging, Being and Becoming*

We use this framework as a guide to our planning and programming.

Our program will be emailed to you 2 or 3 times each term with information about learning experiences.

One area of focus this term is the Child Protection curriculum. Please read the accompanying handout. We will begin by exploring the first topic-'The Right to be Safe' and 'Feelings'.

Parent Involvement

We welcome parents to join in with and enrich our curriculum. The children are very interested in learning from parents about different life experiences.

You are invited to share with a small or large group. This is a powerful way to help your child feel a strong sense of belonging at kindergarten.

Some suggestions for sharing are playing a musical instrument, gardening, reading stories, cooking; sharing your occupation, your culture, travel stories, photographs or an interest.

Thank you to the parents who cared for our chickens through the break and to parents who will take on roles to support the kindergarten this year.

Greetings in the Languages of our Kindergarten Families

We will include greetings in all languages represented in our kindergarten - the equivalent of hello/good day. Please email us your greeting.

Arrival and pick up times

Kindergarten session times are 8.15-3.45pm.

Please make sure that you always let a staff member know that your child has arrived at kindergarten and also let us know when you are collecting your child early. We are happy for you to collect your child early, especially during first time when they may be very tired. However if you collect your child during group time please be mindful not to disrupt the group time. If you need to talk to a staff member at this time or another parent please do this on the verandah.

Parents need to sign in each morning and sign out at the end of the day. Remember to take items home, such as food containers and water bottles.

Please ensure that you do not leave your child before the starting time and please pick your child up on time.

When You Arrive at Kindergarten

- Children put their bags in a locker on the front verandah.
- Parents and children both sign in. Please encourage any attempt by your child to make a mark next to their name. It is more important for your child to independently 'write their name' and to learn through practice than for adults to 'correct' their attempts.
- Encourage children to put their named drink bottles, lunch, morning and afternoon snacks in the trolleys on the front verandah. (We then take the food inside where it is cool.)
- Say hello to a staff member. Children can choose from a variety of outside experiences to begin the kindergarten day. All staff will be outside from 8.15-9am. (See attached daily routine). Children may like to be left with a staff member or with another child or to engage in an experience independently.
- Parents can choose to stay and play with their child for a while or to say goodbye quickly. Please ask a staff member if you need help to say goodbye to your child.

Children's lockers for kindy bags

We take photos of all the children to put in the lockers on the front verandah. There will be two photos in each, one will be of a child attending Mon/Wed & the other of a child attending Tues/Thurs.

Once the photos are in place, every child will have their own locker for the entire year.

If your child does not have a photo yet, please place their bag in any locker without a photo and we will organise their photo as soon as possible.

Please send two sets of spare clothes in their bags and make sure they are named. 'Messy play' in the garden and with water, sand, mud and paint is a great way to learn about the world so children often need to change at kindy.

Our 'Welcome to Kindergarten Book'

If your child does not have a *Welcome to Kindergarten* book please take one from the basket on the front verandah table.

Food Policy-Nut Awareness

We recommend that children bring fresh fruit or vegetables, savoury biscuits or sandwiches for snack time. To encourage independence we suggest children select their own fruit and have it cut at home if necessary. Please avoid packaged snacks

As a number of children attending our kindergarten have a nut allergy, parents are requested NOT to send food to kindergarten that contains nuts. This includes peanut paste, nutella, all nuts and cooking oil containing peanut oil, as well as foods containing nuts. Please remember not to send foods containing nuts to any kindergarten event, including morning teas and shared lunches.

Please send a named water bottle and place in the trolley. Children can help themselves to cups of filtered water at kindergarten.

'Eat A Rainbow' Healthy Eating

We have an 'Eat A Rainbow' Healthy Eating Program for children to learn about looking after their bodies through eating a range of healthy foods and to look after our environment through reducing landfill and increasing recycling/re-using.

The first two weeks we ask you to send fruits and or vegetables that are **RED** with your child as part of their morning, lunch and/or afternoon snack. As well as packing fruit and vegetables that your child is familiar with, please also consider including something they may not have tried before. Please use packaging that can be reused or recycled such as a reusable container or paper bag.

Suggestions for **RED** fruit and vegetables include: red apples, red grapes, red pears, strawberries, watermelon, red capsicum, tomatoes, red kidney beans, cranberries.

For more suggestions, recipes and information, including how to encourage children to try new foods please view the attached links:

http://www.sahealth.sa.gov.au/wps/wcm/connect/172303804378fa2ab2edffc9302c1003/Learning_to_like_new_flavours+1.pdf?MOD=AJPERES&CACHEID=172303804378fa2ab2edffc9302c1003

<http://www.sahealth.sa.gov.au/wps/wcm/connect/d26f5b8043790d8eb933ffc9302c1003/Eat+a+Rainbow+%27rainbow%27+recipes+%28formatted%29.pdf?MOD=AJPERES&CACHEID=d26f5b8043790d8eb933ffc9302c1003>

EVENTS & DIARY DATES

Governing Council Meeting

Our first Governing Council meeting is at 7.30pm Monday 5th February at Bertram Hawker Kindergarten. New members welcome.

Chinese New Year

We will celebrate Chinese New Year this term.

We want to learn more about Chinese New Year and the way it is celebrated. If your

family celebrates Chinese New Year we would love to hear what you do. You may like to come into kindergarten and talk or cook with a group of children.

Families can participate in celebrations that are happening in Adelaide. See the following website for events:

<http://www.chinesenewyear.com.au/event-detail-ade.html>

The Chinatown Adelaide Lunar New Year Street Party is happening at Chinatown and Gouger St on Saturday, 17th February 2018 from 12.00 noon till 10.00pm. This is a community event and all are welcome.

Many local Chinese Restaurants also celebrate Chinese New Year.

Meet the Teachers and Social/Emotional Learning workshop

All parents are invited to Bertram Hawker Kindergarten at 7-8.30pm on Tuesday 20th February.

This is an opportunity for all parents to meet your child's educators and to hear about how children learn about conflict resolution, negotiation, sense of self and resilience as learners at kindergarten. We would love as many parents as possible to attend as it will help you to support your child's learning.

Wine, cheese, tea, coffee and supper will be provided.

Please add your name to the sheet by the sign in book or RSVP by email if you will be attending.

Aboriginal Learning with Trent Hill

This year we will embed Aboriginal Learning into our program throughout the year. As well as Aboriginal books, stories and songs, including our daily Kurna welcome song, Trent Hill will be coming to kindergarten on Wednesday 7th and Thursday 8th March at 9.30am.

Trent tells and draws Dreaming stories, and has a wealth of information to share with us about Aboriginal ways of

knowing and being. Later in the year we will visit the Botanic Gardens with Trent as our guide.

If you have any connections with Aboriginal people or culture or experiences you would like to share with us at kindergarten please let us know. We always want to learn more and make connections to deepen our awareness of Aboriginal Ways, past and present.

Twilight Kindergarten

An Evening Kindergarten session will be held at 6-7.30pm on Tuesday 13th March.

This is an opportunity for you to spend time at kindergarten with your child and to share in their learning.

Later in the term we will display a sheet on the front verandah for you to write your name if you would like to come to Twilight Kindergarten.

Child and Youth Health Checks

A Child and Youth Health Services nurse will conduct free health checks at kindergarten for children who are over 4 years 3 months. This term the health checks will be held on Wednesday 14th March.

Please arrange an appointment time with Jan.

Alternatively health checks can be arranged by calling Child and Family Health Services on 1300733606.

Harmony Day and Family Multicultural Lunches

'Everyone Belongs'

All families are invited to a Multicultural Lunch to celebrate Harmony Day on either Wednesday 21st March or Thursday 22nd March, 12-1pm.

Come and celebrate the cultural diversity of our varied family backgrounds.

Please bring a plate of food to share with parents and children.

Reminder: Make sure that all food brought to kindergarten does not contain nuts.

Working Bee

There will be a Working Bee at kindergarten on Sunday, 25th March, 9am-12 noon. These are always good fun and a great chance to meet other families. Children are welcome to come along.

A list of jobs will be on display on the front verandah prior to the working bee.

Pupil Free Day

There will be no kindergarten on Thursday 29th March.

The staff team will have professional development of this day.

Sun Safety

We provide hats for children to wear at kindergarten. They remain at kindergarten and are washed regularly. In term 1, children can only play outside if they are wearing a hat.

Children need to wear shirts or dresses with sleeves. They do not have to be long sleeves, just enough to cover shoulders.

Please apply sunscreen before your child comes to kindergarten. There is no need to provide sunscreen in bags as we will provide sunscreen and will assist children to apply sunscreen before lunch.

If your child is sensitive or allergic to sunscreen, if you want to provide your own sunscreen or if you do not want sunscreen applied to your child please let us know.

Home Borrowing

A selection of books and interactive kits on the verandah are available for children and parents to borrow. Please write your name and date that the books are borrowed and returned.

There is also a parent library located inside on the wooden shelves in the corner. This has lots of fantastic books, especially relevant to parents for supporting children's learning and development.

A Literacy Resource Folder is located in the parent library. A master copy is for reference and to stay at kindergarten. A second copy is available for home borrowing. You are welcome to make copies of articles of interest.

Fees

You will receive your term 1 fee invoice in week 1. Please pay as soon as possible.

Fees need to be paid via internet banking or cheque:

Internet banking-

Ensure that you enter your child's name when making the payment and keep a record of your payment no. Accounts payable to Bertram Hawker Kindergarten Bank SA account no: 460145640, BSB no: 105-125

Payment by cheque-

Enclose cheque and invoice in a named envelope and post into the silver box on the wall near the kitchen.

Checking Pigeon Holes

As well as the children's lockers we also have parent pigeon holes on the front verandah next to the table with the sign in folder.

To keep up-to-date with kindergarten happenings and information, please check your pigeon hole daily. Any injuries or incidents are reported to parents through a notice in your pigeon hole so it is important to check your pigeon hole at the end of the day.

Recycle Materials wanted

Please remember to bring your recycle materials to kindergarten, such as plastic lids, corks, wool, plastic containers and boxes. The children can make good use of them as they invent and create.

Washing and Equipment Roster

Families take turns to wash smocks, dress ups and materials. You will receive a washing and equipment roster in your pigeon hole at the beginning of the term. Please note your weeks in your diary as a reminder for you to pick up the washing and equipment when it is your turn.

Parent communication

We want you to feel comfortable to openly communicate with us. This is the best way we can ensure a positive kindergarten experience for your child and you.

If you have any concerns at all, no matter how big or small, please feel welcome to talk with a staff member.

If we are unavailable at drop off or pick up times you are welcome to telephone- the best time is 10-11.30am or 2-2.30pm.

Kindergarten information via email

Newsletters at the beginning of each term and a weekly update with notices and reminders about kindergarten events will be emailed to parents each weekend.

Please let Margie know if you have a different email address to the main one supplied on your enrolment form or if your email address changes.

It is important that you receive kindergarten information so if you would prefer hard copies to emails please let us know.

We will supply hard copies of some notices, e.g. when we need signed permission slips returned.

We will also display parent notices on the front verandah.