

# Bertram Hawker Kindergarten Newsletter

Term 2 2018

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| Week | Monday  | Tuesday   | Wednesday  | Thursday   | Friday                            |
|------|---|---|--|--|-----------------------------------|
| 1    | APRIL 30<br><b>PUPIL FREE DAY</b>   | MAY 1<br>War Veteran's Home<br>Visit-Shiva/Josie's<br>Group<br><br>Herb Growing Kits<br>fundraiser this week<br>and next week | 2  | 3<br>Yoga at<br>kindergarten on<br>Thursday afternoons | 4<br>Playgroup all term<br>9-11am |
| 2    | 7<br>Parent/teacher<br>interviews-Carolyn<br>and Nadia<br><br>Governing Council<br>Meeting 7.30pm | 8<br>Parent/teacher<br>interviews-Kim and<br>Margie   | 9  | 10   | 11                                |
| 3    | 14  | 15<br>BOTANIC GARDENS<br>EXCURSION  | 16<br>BOTANIC GARDENS<br>EXCURSION                     | 17   | 18                                |
| 4    | 21  | 22<br>Glen Osmond<br>reception class<br>visiting kindy<br><br>Parent Workshop,7-<br>8.30pm                                    | 23<br>Glen Osmond<br>reception class<br>visiting kindy | 24   | 25                                |
| 5    | 28<br>RECONCILIATION<br>WEEK  | 29  | 30   | 31   | JUNE 1                            |
| 6    | 4   | 5<br>War Veteran's Home<br>Visit-Kim's Group  | 6  | 7  | 8                                 |
| 7    | 11<br>QUEENS BIRTHDAY<br>Public Holiday   | 12  | 13   | 14<br>WINTER FIT DAY                                   | 15                                |
| 8    | 18<br>WINTER FIT DAY<br><br>Governing Council<br>Meeting 7.30pm                                   | 19<br>War Veteran's Home<br>Visit-Kim's Group   | 20<br>CAYH checks                                      | 21   | 22                                |
| 9    | 25  | 26  | 27   | 28   | 29                                |
| 10   | 2 JULY  | 3   | 4  | 5  | 6 <b>END TERM TWO</b>             |

***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 /Kim Raftery on Wednesdays  
 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- Melody, Shiva Pakrou (Persian 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          |
|---------|--------|---------|--------|--------------|
| Nadia   | Kim    | Nadia   | Kim    | Julie        |
| Carolyn | Margie | Carolyn | Margie | (Play Group) |
| Jan     | Jan    | Jan     | Jan    |              |
| Uzma    | Julie  | Julie   | Julie  |              |
| Julie   | Taetia | Rebecca | Shiva  |              |
| Rebecca | Shiva  |         | Jose   |              |
|         | Jose   | Admin:  |        |              |
| Admin:  |        | Lyn     | Admin: |              |
| Lyn     |        | Kim     | Lyn    |              |
| Margie  |        |         | Margie |              |

**Herb Growing Kits for sale in weeks 1 and 2, term 2**

The fundraising committee has organised a herb kit fundraiser (See attached flyer). They will be \$6 each and would make great gifts for Mother's Day. Remember to bring in cash to buy them at kindergarten in the first two weeks of term 2.

**Parent/Teacher meetings**

Parent Teacher meetings will take place in the second week of Term 2.

Parent Teacher meetings are for you to meet with your child's focus teacher for a 15 minute timeslot to talk about:

- Your child at kindergarten
- Your child at home
- What you want for your child at kindergarten

You can make bookings for a meeting through Trybooking. You can access bookings through the following links and book a time relevant with your child's focus teacher. Each timeslot has provision for 1 'ticket' only, but of course both parents are welcome to attend, <https://www.trybooking.com/VHOG> or <https://www.trybooking.com/374250>

Session times are as follows: -

Nadia: 7 May 1st session 8am-last session 12 noon

Carolyn: 7 May 1st session 12.45pm-last session 4.30 pm

Kim: 8 May 1st session 8am-last session 12.30 pm

Margie: 8 May 1st session 1.15 pm-last session 5.30 pm

If you are unable to make a time that suits your availability, please speak to your focus teacher directly to make alternative arrangements.

If you have any queries or problems with bookings please email Carolyn at [carolyn.harbord678@schools.sa.edu.au](mailto:carolyn.harbord678@schools.sa.edu.au).

## **Caring for our chickens and spiny leaf insects in term 2**

Thank you to the parents who cared for our chickens & spiny leaf insects through the break and to Katie for looking after them during term 1.

We need a parent to care for the chickens and spiny leaf insects at kindergarten during term 2. You will receive \$100 reduction on your fees for this job. This involves cleaning out the chicken house every 3-4 weeks and topping up their water and food every week. You will also need to bring in fresh gum leaves each week and change them for the spiny leaf insects. You can either do this at kindergarten with the children or you can take the cage home weekly. Please let me know if you are interested.

## **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.

## **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.

## **'Eat A Rainbow' Healthy Eating**

Thanks for supporting our 'Eat A Rainbow' Healthy Eating Program for children to learn about looking after their bodies through eating a range of healthy foods.

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.

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/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>

### **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.

## **EVENTS & DIARY DATES**

### **Pupil Free Day**

There will be no kindergarten on Monday 30<sup>th</sup> April.

The staff team will have professional development of this day.

### **Governing Council Meeting**

Our first Governing Council meeting for term 2 is at 7.30pm Monday 7<sup>th</sup> May at Bertram Hawker Kindergarten.

### **Parent Workshop-Literacy, Science, Technology, Engineering and**

**Mathematics Learning** All parents are invited to Bertram Hawker Kindergarten at 7-8.30pm on Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> May.

This is an opportunity for all parents to hear about how children learn about Literacy, Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics 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 & Botanic Gardens Excursion**

As well as Aboriginal books, stories and songs, including our daily Kurna welcome song, we connect with Trent Hill throughout the year to strengthen our ongoing learning about Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander culture.

The children were introduced to Trent last term when he shared a Dreaming story and other information about Aboriginal ways of knowing and being.

This term we will visit the Botanic Gardens with Trent as our guide. This is a fascinating excursion for children and adults so we encourage parents to come along to learn more about Aboriginal culture and history.

The excursion is on Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> May and Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> May.

There will be limited space on the bus for parents but parents can also get there independently and meet us at the Gardens. An excursion notice will be emailed to you in the first week of term 2.

We always want to learn more and make connections to deepen our awareness of Aboriginal Ways, past and present.

### **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 20<sup>th</sup> June.

Please arrange an appointment time with Jan.

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

## **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 2 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.