

Week	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
1	OCTOBER 15 Nadia on Leave Weeks 1 & 2	16	17	18	19
2	22 Walk to Highgate PS @ 9am Gov Council meeting 7.30pm	23	24		26 2018 M/W Group- GOPS classroom visit
3	29	30	31 Visit to WVH 10-11am Carolyn's Group	NOVEMBER 1	2 2018 M/W Group- GOPS classroom visit 2019 M/W Families Information Session 10.45-11.30am
4	5 Grandparents/ Special Friends visit 1-2pm	6 T/Th Group-Walk to GOPS 9am Grandparents/ Special Friends visit 1-2pm	7 Grandparents/ Special Friends visit 10-11am	8 Grandparents/ Special Friends visit 10-11am	9 2018 M/W Group- GOPS Classroom visit 2019 M/W Children Transition Session 10.45-12.15
5	12	13 T/Th Group-Walk to GOPS	14 Health checks	15	16 2019 M/W Children Transition Session 10.45-12.15
6	19	20 T/Th Group-Walk to GOPS 9am	21 Pyjama Day Gold coin donation for Hutt Street	22 Pyjama Day Gold coin donation for Hutt Street	23 2019 T/TH Families Information Session 10.45-11.30am
7	26 Mr Bubble 10.30am	27 Mr Bubble 10.30am	28 Visit to WVH 10-11am Carolyn's Group	29	30 2019 T/TH Children Transition Session 10.45-12.15
8	DECEMBER 3 AGM-7.30pm	4	5 BHK M/W Families End of year celebrations 5.30-7pm Highgate PS End of year celebrations	6 BHK T/TH Families End of year celebrations 5.30-7pm	7 2019 T/TH Children Transition Session 10.45-12.15
9	10 GOPS end of year celebrations	11	12	13	14 END TERM 4

Bertram Hawker Kindergarten's community provides a safe, empathetic, supportive and relationship rich environment whereby children enjoy meaningful opportunities to learn.

(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, Taetia McEwen, Jen Thomas, Kirsty Perriam

Speech Pathologist- Jose Ng

Playgroup Coordinator- Julie Mosheev

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 Carolyn Jan Uzma Julie Kirsty Admin: Lyn	Kim Margie Jan Julie Taetia Shiva Jose	Nadia Carolyn Jan Julie Admin: Lyn	Kim Margie Jan Julie Shiva Jose Jen Admin: Lyn	Julie (Play Group)

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, including cultural celebrations.

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 sharing information about your cultural background, playing a musical instrument, gardening, reading stories, cooking; sharing your occupation, travel stories, photographs or an interest.

Arrival and pick up times

Kindergarten session times are
8.15-3.45pm.

Please make sure that you let a staff member know that your child has arrived at kindergarten and let us know when you are collecting your child early. 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 or another parent at group time, 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.

We are changing the food colours weekly in term four so we ask you to send fruits and or vegetables that are **red, orange, yellow, and then green** in the first four weeks 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 re-used or recycled.

EVENTS & DIARY DATES

Governing Council Meeting

Our first Governing Council meeting for term 4 is at 7.30pm Monday 22nd November at Bertram Hawker Kindergarten.

Grandparents and Special Friends

In week 4 we will be inviting Grandparents and Special Friends to visit kindergarten. This will be at 1-2pm on Monday 5th and Tuesday 6th and 10-11am on Wednesday 7th and Thursday 8th of November. The different times are to enable people to visit at a time that suits them.

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 November.

Please arrange an appointment time with Jan.

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

Mr Bubble

At the end of each year we treat the children to a performer. This year we will be having Mr Bubble visit kindergarten on Monday 26th and Tuesday 27th at 10.30am. He creates wonderful bubbles of all shapes and sizes that the children interact with.

Annual General Meeting

7.30pm, Monday 3rd December

End of Year Celebrations

The end of year celebrations will be on Wednesday 5th and Thursday 6th December at 5.30-7.30. The end of year celebration will involve the children singing songs and the families having a picnic tea in the kindergarten garden.

TEA TOWEL AND RECIPE BOOK ORDERS

The 2018 Bertram Hawker Kindergarten Recipe Books will be available for purchase in the first two weeks of term. These books are \$15 and will be sold by our Fundraising and Community Events committee.

Order forms for the 2018 tea towel will be placed in your pigeon holes at the beginning of term. A copy of the order form has also been attached to your email. The tea towels are \$12 and will be delivered before the end of term.

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.

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

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.

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.

Recycle Materials wanted

Please remember to bring 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.

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 4 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.

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.