

## NEWSLETTER – February 2018

### Reminders:

- **Have you signed your child in each morning and signed them out at the end of the day? Please ensure that you do this every day**
- **Hats are required for all outdoor play. Please ensure your child has a sun safe hat every day and apply sunscreen each morning**
- **Have you checked your child's information pocket? (important information and notes are put here)**

### Have you read:

- The indoor information and curriculum board for further information
- The program on the pinup board inside the kindergarten
- The daily communication book (next to the sign in sheets)

### Your check list:

- Pack a water bottle, hat, spare clothes, lunch and 2 fruit snacks in your child's bag (please leave the fruit snacks in the bag and have lunch in a separate container)
- Place your initial/signature next to your child's name at the beginning and end of each day on the attendance sheet (they are on a table on the verandah)

### A NOTE FROM THE DIRECTOR

Dear families and caregivers, thank you for making me feel very welcome this term whilst I settle into the Kindy and I hope you are settling in well too. I am really enjoying getting to know you and your children. Please feel free to come and chat with me if you have any questions or just to say hello! I am very much looking forward to a fantastic year ahead of fun and rich learning together.

Kind regards, Sophie Northcott, Director.

### SETTLING IN

The children have had a wonderful first week and as a staff team we have been incredibly proud of how quickly the children have settled into the site and the new routine whilst coping with a great deal of change.

### CURRICULUM

This term's learning focus is on wellbeing, self-help skills, developing relationships and developing self-identity. We are also getting to know the Kindy environment, learning daily routines and connecting with the local school and community. We will also explore the concept of the Ocean, the Winter Olympics and Asia New Year. *Please see the fortnightly program which is displayed on the indoor information board for more details.*

### HOW YOU CAN HELP:

Do you have a special interest/hobby or job? We would love to involve you in our terms focus. If you would like to come in and share your skills with the Kindy, please speak with one of the staff. You will also receive a "my family" sheet in your pocket. Could you please help your child to fill in this sheet and return it to a staff member.

### CHILDREN'S MORNING ROUTINE

We have created children's 'sign in sheets' for children to make their mark next to their name. Your child will also have a name object (rock or wood) to place into a basket. If you could encourage your child to do this for themselves each morning. We don't expect that your child is independently writing their name yet but it is an opportunity for them to develop a sense of belonging to the Kindy community whilst also having the opportunity to develop their drawing and fine motor skills and become familiar with their own name. We hope that this becomes part of their morning routine and supports them to feel settled in the morning.

### ALLERGIES

Due to children's health needs the centre has a no nuts policy. Please help keep children safe by

adhering to the policy by not bringing in any products that may contain nuts.

### MUSIC PROGRAM ON WEDNESDAY

Each Wednesday in term one the children will be participating in a special music program which includes singing, movement and learning to play instruments. We encourage *all families who are able to attend their Wednesday sessions* as this is a fantastic program and supports children to develop coordination, listening skills, numeracy and literacy skills all through the amazing medium of music.

### GOVERNING COUNCIL... WE WANT YOU!!!!

We will be holding the Annual General Meeting in the next few weeks (date to be confirmed) where we will be looking/appointing parents to sit on the governing council for this year. This includes attending two meetings per term and having input into the running of the Kindy, along with supporting some fundraising projects. Please come and speak with Sophie as soon as possible if you think that you would like to be part of the council.

### CONTACT INFORMATION

*If you need to speak to a staff member please ring the landline: 8386 1971.*

Moana Kindy Mobile Phone: **0438 427 146.**

The Kindergarten has a mobile phone which we take on excursions and use for texting reminder messages. You can use this number to text to advise us of your child's absence.

### SHOES:

Moana Kindergarten is focussed on developing children's gross motor skills to increase their strength, fitness and co-ordination. To participate in these gross motor activities such as climbing, kicking balls, children need shoes that do not fall off. **No slip on shoes** please. We use the school hall on Mondays and Fridays and children need appropriate shoes to kick and run.

### MESSY PLAY

We provide a range of sensory learning activities for children to partake in. As it develops hand-eye co-ordination, concepts of size and shape, teaches cause and effect, explores colour, texture in two and three dimensions, and provides exposure to a rich and varied vocabulary. So remember, next time your child comes home a little on the messy or wet side, think '*great learning today*' And put in a change or 2 of clothes that are appropriate for the weather ☺