

NEWSLETTER – March 2018

A NOTE FROM THE DIRECTOR

Dear families and caregivers, what a busy start to the term we have had! It is lovely to see the children developing strong relationships with peers and staff and feeling confident in the Kindy. We are looking forward to meeting with families in parent/teacher meetings in the coming weeks to talk about your child's development and share their learning portfolios.

Some highlights of the term so far have included the emergency services expo at the school, visits from the local police to the Kindy, Harmony day celebrations, sharing of "my family" information and the Wipe Out Waste performance. As the term is nearing a close, we are reflecting on a fantastic first term and are looking forward to our first excursion with the children in week 1 of term 2 to the SAPOL Safety and Education Centre. I would also like to wish you and your families a lovely break over the Easter period.

Kind regards,
Sophie Northcott, Director.

CURRICULUM

This term's learning focus on wellbeing, relationships and self-identity continues. Our focus relating to emergency services now moves to road rules and safety as we prepare for the excursion. We have been working on motor skills through our gym program and have been focusing on ball skills. To increase their confidence could you practice the bounce and catch and throw and catch together. Following the children's interests, a focus on fairy-tales is occurring. The children are acting out stories through story tables and props and retelling and adapting these much loved stories.

Diary dates:

- Bike days –
10th, 12th
April
- Parent and
teacher
meetings –
week 10 and
11
- Easter
closure dates
– 30th May,
2nd April
- End of term –
last day is
Friday the
13th April.
Term 2
begins 30th
April.
- SAPOL Safety
Centre
Excursion –
1st, 4th May

Reminder:

No Kindy sessions
on Wed 4th and
11th April
(Due to the longer Wednesday
hours that we operate)

***Position
Vacant***

The Kindergarten is looking for a new cleaner. If you or anyone you know would like further information, please speak with Sophie.

'WAY TO A' BEHAVIOUR PROGRAM:

The Kindy is using the 'Way to A' behaviour program to support positive interactions and the development of social skills. You may hear your child referring to "A choices" (safe/makes us happy) and "B choices" (unsafe/makes us feel sad) and using the symbol of thumbs up/down to communicate this.

PARENT/TEACHER INTERVIEWS:

We are starting parent/teacher interviews in week 10 of term 1. The meeting time will provide an opportunity to ask us any questions, talk about your child's strengths and any areas that you feel they may need support with. A spreadsheet with available times will be placed next to the sign in sheet for each teaching group (Kerry- Frogs, Kerri -Turtles). Please mark your name in the time slot that you can attend. If you are unable to make a time in that week, please talk to your child's teacher about arranging an alternative time. *We will continue interviews in week 11 on a need basis.* Please see the notes in your pockets for further information.

BIKE DAY:

To prepare for the excursion at the start of term 2, we will be holding wheels days at Kindy in week 11 (Tues 10th and Thurs 12th April). We ask that you bring your child's bike and helmet to Kindy on these dates. Please check that the brakes work (if applicable), that the wheels are pumped and that the child's helmet fits. We will use the tennis courts adjacent the Kindy to practice bike and road safety skills together.

Reminders:

- **Hats are required for all outdoor play. Please ensure your child has a sun safe hat every day (broad brim or legionnaires) 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/Flo or book (next to the sign in sheets)

Your check list:

- Pack a water bottle, hat, spare clothes, lunch box and **2 separate fruit snacks left 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 the table on the verandah)

EXCURSION:

We will be going on an excursion to the Road Safety Centre in week 1 of term 2. This excursion provides an enclosed space with roads for children to practise their road skills in safety, including riding bikes on their purpose made roads. The children will also view some road safety scenarios and discuss them with the Police Sergeant. The dates for the excursion are the 1st and 4th of May from 8.45am to 2.30pm. Please see the note in your pockets for further information. Please return the consent form with \$10 to help cover the cost of the excursion. We would love some Parent helpers - please speak with Sophie if you would like to attend. Please note that this excursion is not appropriate for siblings.

Communication from the Governing Council:

The Governing council, which is made up of parents from our Kindy community had their first meeting at the start of March. The photos of the council members will be displayed in the coming weeks. The office bearers this year are: President - Ross Whitfield, Vice-president - Fiona Wise, Secretary - Vija Johnson, Treasurer - Donna Gilbertson.

The governing council has created a list of proposed fundraisers for the year (further information will be provided at a later date).

They include:

- Moana logo clothing (latest order should arrive shortly)
- VIP day
- Mother's Day raffle
- Bunnings Sausage sizzle
- Night Kindy
- Obstacle Day (sponsor your child)
- Xmas lucky square raffle
- Lollipops play café social event

Speak with a member of the governing council if you would like to be involved.

MOSQUITOES AT KINDY:

Due to a mosquito problem at the beginning of the year, the Kindy has been professionally sprayed with a natural repellent. This has resulted in dramatically reducing the bites to children.

HEADLICE CHECK:

Reminder to do regular head lice checks on your child. If you would like further information on treatment, please see a staff member.

CONTACT INFORMATION

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

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