



APRIL 2019

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 it is a legal requirement!**
- *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)*
- **Please name clothing and all personal items. We have a lot of unnamed articles of clothing and bottles/plastic wear. It is very tricky for us to tell the items apart so please clearly label so that your belongings can be returned to you.**
- **Have you checked your child's information pocket? (important info and notes are put here)**

A NOTE FROM THE DIRECTOR

Dear families and caregivers, I can't believe it's the end of term 1 already! It has been a very full and busy term and it has been brilliant to observe the children settled and developing strong relationships with peers and staff.

It is with sadness that I say goodbye to this beautiful community of families as I begin my maternity leave. I have really enjoyed getting to know you and your children and I wish them all the best for the remainder of their Kindy year and for their positive transition to school. I will see some of you back again in 2020!

I can confirm that my position is being filled by Michelle Ratcliff. She has been working at the site since last year and knows the site and your children very well. She will be an asset to the team. Please feel free to contact her to touch base and say hello.

Kind regards, Sophie Northcott, Director.

PARENT TEACHER MEETINGS AT START TERM 2

We are starting parent/teacher interviews in week two of term 2. 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. The staff will also share some of their learning with you and show you their individual learning portfolio. A spreadsheet with available times will be placed next to the sign in sheet for each teaching group at the start of next term (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/fortnight, please talk to your child's teacher about arranging an alternative meeting.

CURRICULUM

The terms learning focus "Who am I?" which centres on wellbeing, relationships and self-identity continues. The children's interest in emergency services has really taken off, especially with the successful excursion to the Road safety centre in week 8. A strong interest in Dinosaurs has taken off in the Mon/Tues group as the children became paleontologists and explored real animal bones and shared and built on their knowledge of the animals.

As the Nature Play yard redevelopment has started, this too has become a focus of the curriculum. We are exploring mapping, machinery e.g. diggers and having dialogue around the developments occurring and observations of work. The redevelopment is due to be completed by the end of this term.

For more details, photographs and links to learning – please take a look at the Floorbook next to sign in.

HOW YOU CAN HELP THE PROGRAM:

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.

MOTHERS DAY RAFFLE

A note has gone out relating to our annual Mother's day raffle. We are asking for families support through donations and/or selling tickets. Each family will receive a pack of ten tickets. If you would like more – please ask a staff member.

ALLERGIES AND HEALTH NEEDS

We have some families in our community who have children with high health needs. A cold for these children can result in serious health repercussions. If you child is sick/unwell, please keep them home to minimise spread of infection and notify staff.

Due to children's allergies 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 e.g. peanut butter and muesli bars.

MUSIC PROGRAM AND OPEN WORKSHOP/CONCERT FOR PARENTS

Each Wednesday in term one and varying days in term two the children will be participating in a special music program which includes singing, movement and learning to play instruments. There will be an opportunity for parents to come along to watch an open workshop of the songs that the children have been working on. The dates for the concert/open workshop are:

- Friday 14th June (week 7) 11am-12pm (Turtles)
- Monday 17th June (week 8) 1pm- 2pm (Frogs)

PUPIL FREE CLOSURE DATES

In order to continue to develop our professional practice and learning design, the department of Education requires us to have four closure dates per year to work on education priorities. Please be advised that there will be **NO Kindy operating on these dates and alternative care will need to be arranged.** We apologies for any inconvenience that this may cause you and appreciate your understanding.

Reminders continued:

Your check list:

➤ Pack a **named** water bottle, named set of spare clothes, named lunch box and 2 fruit/veg snacks in your child's bag (please leave the fruit snacks in the bag and have the lunch in a separate container as the lunch boxes are kept in another area not accessible to children. Please **name your child lunch box** as we have multiple ones that are the same and thus hard for children/adults to distinguish between)

Have you read :

➤ The indoor information and curriculum board for further information on the program. Please also see the Floorbook and take a look at your child's individual learning folder to keep up to date on your child's learning.

➤ Has your child had their 4yr old Immunisation? If so, could you please bring in their updated immunisation record for their file.

The following is the list of closure dates this year (two per group):

- 1/5/19 (Wednesday, wk 1, term 2) Turtle
- 11/6/19 (Tues wk 7, term 2) Frog
- 16/8/19 (Friday wk 4, term 3) Turtle
- 22/10/19 (Tues, wk 2, Term 4) Frog

PARENT'S FACEBOOK SITE

The parents of Moana Kindy have a Facebook group – if you haven't yet joined – this is a great place to connect with other families. A reminder that the aim of this page is to positively connect with others in the parent community. If you have any site/staffing based queries or issues, please speak directly with staff or director.

DONATION BIN

At the side entrance of kindy (near Frog pond) you will see a bin with an aqua lid. This bin is a charity fundraiser bin for any clothing or toys that you would like to donate. Please feel free to bring in any items that you no longer need and we can pass onto a worthy cause. The donations go to a non for profit called pop some tags that run an opp. shop in happy valley.

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 e.g. thongs. We use the school resources e.g. gym and playground and often go on walks so it is vital children have appropriate footwear.

BEACH KINDY PROGRAM

Moana Kindergarten values the importance of learning beyond the Kindy fence. As part of our connection to local community, we will hold kindy sessions at the Moana beach throughout the year.

This will begin in term 2, week three on Wednesday sessions. Further information on this program is now displayed on an information board just inside the back entrance to Kindy (near bathrooms). We would love your feedback and wonderings. At the start of next term you will receive a parent handbook about this program along with a letter and beach Kindy dates for the term.

We rely on the support of parent volunteers to make these sessions a success – if you are free on a Wed morning, please let us know!

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 governing council has created a list of proposed fundraisers for the year

They include:

- Moana logo clothing – second order to go out shortly
- VIP day
- Mother's Day raffle – tickets and letter being sent home this week
- Obstacle Day (sponsor your child)
- Xmas lucky square raffle
- Tea towels with self portraits

Speak with a member of the governing council if you would like to get involved in supporting these events.

CONTACT INFORMATION

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

Moana Kindy Mobile Phone for text messages and excursions: **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.

Ideas for Conversation Starters with children.	
What was the hardest rule to follow today?	What made your teacher smile?
What made you smile today?	What made you feel happy?
What is the most popular game at recess?	What made you feel proud?
Did you help anyone today?	What made you feel loved?
What is something you saw that made you think?	Did you learn any new words today?
How did someone fill your bucket today? Whose bucket did you fill?	If you could switch seats with anyone in class, who would it be? And why?
Tell me something you know today that you didn't know yesterday?	If you switched places with your teacher tomorrow, what would you teach the class?
How were you brave today?	Rate your day on a scale from 1-10?
	What are you looking forward to tomorrow?

Extracted from heviewfromhome.com

Looking for some feedback from your child on how their day at kindy went? Try a few of these conversation starters...