



LE FEVRE KINDERGARTEN NEWSLETTER



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Term Dates for 2017

Term 1 30 January - 13 April

Term 2 1 May - 7 July

Term 3 24 July - 29 September

Term 4 16 October - 15 December

Session Times for 2017

AM Session.

Monday - Thursday
8.45am - 11.45 am

PM Session.

Monday - Thursday
12.15 pm - 3.15pm

Fridays

8.45am - 11.45am

Playgroup

Fridays 1.00pm - 2.45pm

Here we are at the end of Term1 already. It has been a long and busy term and some of the highlights include-

- Parent information night
- Annual General meeting and election of new Governing Council
- Sunny sunsafe information performance
- Visiting pets and photo display of children's pets.
- Visiting snake
- Hatching 9 chickens through the Living Eggs program
- Loose part play with reels, tubes, boxes, material etc
- Lots of water play in the sandpit and mudkitchen
- Story focus – Wombat Stew, Who sank the boat?, The Hungry Caterpillar
- Hunts around the kindergarten
- A variety of children's interests including dinosaurs, pirates
- New equipment including the Felt Forest and small table
- Writing and receiving letters from "Fairy Marigold"
- Visit from school children
- Running on the school oval
- Darren showed us how to juggle
- Cooking
- Nude food focus
- Staff attended the Le Fevre Peninsula Partnership conference.

- Practicing the emergency procedure
- Introducing the Keeping safe curriculum, including feelings, emotions and personal space
- Making musical instruments
- Learning new songs
- Using the interactive TV for songs, games and stories

Curious Literacy Learning Research Project

A meeting to learn more about the Curious Literacy Learning Research Project will be held on Wednesday, April 12 at 7 pm. Rita Romano has started assessing children in readiness to start the project. If you haven't brought back your permission form, the due date has been extended so please bring it back if you want your child to participate.

Diary Dates

Wednesday, April 12 – Curious Literacy Learning Project meeting – 7pm at the kindergarten
Thursday April 13 – End of term 1
Monday, May 1 – Start of term 2
Friday, May 5 – Playgroup starts

Kindergarten Fees

There are still some outstanding fees so please pay as soon as possible or see Di to make alternative arrangements.

Governing Council

The Governing Council is developing a toileting procedure to outline processes to be used when changing and cleaning children. The Governing Council has applied for a grant for the Railart project to provide art works to enhance the local railway station. If successful we would be working in partnership with the local school. Also discussed was the Bunnings Sausage Sizzle fundraising event and accessing supplies of sausages, bread, drinks, sauce and volunteers to help on the day. Further information and a roster for volunteers to help at the sausage sizzles will be put up at the start of term 2. Please consider volunteering some time as we don't want to cancel and lose this fundraising opportunity.

Volunteer information

Some people did the RANS training through the local school. Others have indicated they would like to do the online version. Please see Di to arrange this. All volunteers holding current RANS training certificates need to give a copy to Di.

Playgroup

Playgroup numbers have been low this term. As we believe this is a valuable service we would like to see more people attending. A flyer drop will be done in the local area and flyers put up in local community sites ie libraries, doctors surgeries etc.

Playgroup is held each Friday except for the last Friday of term. It is a parent run playgroup and goes from 1 pm to 2.45pm. Parents/carers stay with the children and bring a piece of fruit which is shared. Cost is \$2.00 per family.

Curriculum Focus

The last weeks of term have seen our curriculum focus on the Living eggs program and we successfully hatched 9 chickens. There has been a lot of data collection around this focus as the children made predictions about the chickens and other related activities. We have been going on hunts around the kindergarten looking for various pictures relating to popular interests. We have been making some musical instruments and using them at mat/ singing time. We had a visit from a python snake following a strong interest in snakes. As a follow up from practicing our emergency procedure we had a visit from a member of the local police which was very well received. We will be asking children if they know there address, so it would be good if families could follow this up to ensure children know where they live.

Thank you

A big thank you to those who have volunteered their time during the term to help at the kindergarten, particularly Alma who has perfected the art of covering books. Also it is good to see Roger back after having some time off due to ill health. We hope to see him back to full strength next term.

Enjoy your holiday.

Thank you – *Di, Sally, Sabine, Ingrid, Sharon, Leonie & Michelle*

“Today's make believe is tomorrow's creativity”. – K Lamb, Author