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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

Already we are half way through the term and hopefully the weather will start to improve. It has been so good to be able to get out into the sunshine lately, particularly in the afternoons. This is a good time to remember that hats need to be sent to kindergarten every day and we have started to apply sunscreen to the children who stay for lunch. Please ensure that your child has sunscreen on if they come after lunch.

Many children are saying they don't want to eat their fruit, particularly those in the afternoon. We do encourage all children to have something to eat at fruit time even if it is a small amount. In order to ensure all children are drinking throughout the day, they can bring their drink bottle in when they get their fruit and have a drink whilst sitting on the mat. Please put a NAMED drink bottle of WATER in your child's bag so they can get their water bottle as well as fruit at fruit time. We will continue to provide drinking water for children who stay for lunch as well as encouraging children to drink from the water fountain during play sessions.

Sausage Sizzle.

Many thanks to the wonderful helpers who assisted at the Bunnings Sausage sizzle on the weekend. Particular thanks to Natasha from the Governing Council who was the main

organizer, sourcing supplies and delivering goods. The volunteers worked very hard and as a result of their efforts, we raised just over \$2,000 – a great amount. Well done.

Rail Art Project.

The Rail Artwork was installed at the Glanville Railway station and the Minister for Education, Susan Close came and spoke. A small afternoon tea was held after in the school hall. It was lovely to see a piece about the project in the local newspaper along with pictures of the artwork and two of our children showing their work. Unfortunately, the medium on which the artwork was printed has not withstood the strong winds that we have had but a new reprint on stronger canvas has been done and will go up on Wednesday. We have received lots of positive comments on the artwork so congratulations to the children from the kindergarten and school who worked closely with Mandi. Also thanks to the Department of Transport, Planning and Infrastructure for sponsoring the project.

Diary Dates.

Friday, September 29- End of term 3

Monday, October 16 – Start of term 4.

Kindergarten Fees.

There are still a large amount of outstanding fees for term 3. Please pay as soon as possible or see Di. Reminders will be given out.

Governing Council.

Unfortunately our last Governing Council meeting was cancelled due to a lack of numbers. This is the first time there hasn't been enough people attending to hold a meeting. The Bunnings sausage sizzle was organised by those who attended. The next Governing Council meeting will be on Tuesday, September 26 to discuss our next fundraising event – the kindy Garage Sale.

Curious Literacy Learning Research Project.

We had a visit from the Curious Literacy Learning Research team and they spoke to staff, children and some parents about the project and the use of the Tablets. We have kept the ones that have been brought back ready for updating, which hopefully will be soon.

Curriculum.

Our curriculum focus has revolved around “poo” following the reading of a book called “What do they do with all the poo from all the animals at the zoo” by Anh Do. We wrote a letter to the zoo asking what happens to the zoo poo and drew pictures. We finally received a reply that outlined the process of collecting and composting the zoo poo. Some children have visited the zoo recently and shared their photos and stories. We also have a small collection of various different animal poos and we have been guessing what animal has produced what. We have had lots of discussions and stories relating to this topic.

Reporting.

Please return your child's Individual Learning Plan if you haven't already done so.

Reminders.

- Named hat
- Named water bottle
- A piece of fruit for every session
- Term fees
- Any notes that need to be returned.
- Spare clothes in case of water/mud play/toileting accidents.
- All items clearly labelled
- If you received a parent preschool survey, please return it asap.

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

“Play is often talked about as if it were a relief from serious learning. But for children, play is serious learning. Play is really the work of childhood. – Fred Rogers