



Rostrevor Kindergarten

Newsletter Term 1 Week 1 January 2020

Diary Dates:

28 th January	Term 1 starts (Yellow Group)
29 th January	Term 1 starts (Blue Group)
4 th & 5 th February	Rebecca Mumford Greenhill Living Gardening with the Children
21 st February	Fees Due
20 th February	6.30 pm AGM (Governing Council Meeting)
9 th March	Adelaide Cup Public Holiday
20 th March	Closure day
12 th April	End of term 1

Welcome back everyone to the 2020 Kindy year! We hope you are all refreshed and ready for an exciting term ahead! We hope that this year at Rostrevor is a positive, enjoyable and rewarding experience. We are fortunate the staff will be remaining the same this year, Tina, Vicki and Rachel are full-time, Angela works Tuesdays and Thursdays and also when I have meetings. Kimmy is working on Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays doing bilingual support.

SunSmart Policy

Each family can access a copy of the Sun Smart policy on the website.

To comply with SunSmart guidelines, the policy states sun protection is used during terms 1, 2 and 4 (August until the end of April) and whenever UV radiation levels reach 3 or above at other times.

Clothing: When outside, children are required to wear loose fitting clothing that covers as much skin as possible. Clothing made from cool, closely woven fabric is recommended. Tops with elbow length sleeves, collars and knee length or longer style shorts and skirts are best. If a child is wearing a singlet top or dress, they need to wear a t-shirt/shirt over the top before going outdoors. *We have ordered some polo shirts which we hope will be arriving soon.*

Sunscreen: SPF 30 or higher, broad spectrum and water resistant sunscreen is available for staff and children's use. Sunscreen is applied at least twenty minutes before going outdoors and reapplied every two hours if outdoors, children, are encouraged to apply their own sunscreen under the supervision of staff.

Hats: All children are required to wear hats that protect their face, neck and ears, i.e. legionnaire, broad brimmed or bucket hats. Baseball or peak caps are not considered a suitable alternative.

Reminders:

Please place names on all your child's items.

What to wear: It is essential that your child is comfortable and is able to take part in all Kindy activities. This means they need practical shoes (no thongs). Please always check your child's bag to ensure there is a change of clothes. The children love wet sand and mud, and sometimes have bathroom accidents so a change of clothes including underwear is definitely a necessity. If your child comes home in spare clothes please wash and return them so we can use them for another child

We also have some Kindy T-shirts for \$22 and they come in a range of nice bright colours. Hats are \$12.00 or if you buy both its \$30. Please see Rachel if you are interested in either of these items.

Food: Children are encouraged to place their lunch boxes on the lunch trolley (please make sure they are clearly named). They need to leave their fruit in their bag.

We have children who are severely allergic to all nuts.

Can you please ensure that there is no food in your child's lunch box that contains any of these products as these children can potentially have an anaphylactic reaction to them.

We thank families for your co-operation.

Relaxation: We will provide children with some mats for resting, the children rest for approximately 20 minutes after lunch in the afternoon.

Fees:

We would appreciate if families could please pay the fees by **21st February 2020** (*Invoices are in your Kindy pockets*).

If you are paying by cash please put all money to be paid to the Kindergarten in a sealed envelope with your name, the amount and what the money is for. This can be placed in the black fees box near the office entrance.

Receipts are written by staff for cash payments fortnightly.

Curriculum:

At the beginning of the year we always make it a priority to focus on building and developing relationships with the children and families.

During the next few weeks we will be helping the children settle into Kindy so they feel safe and comfortable. Some of the ways we will be doing this are: discussions at group time about being kind to each other, stories, encouraging children to approach us for assistance, learning each other's names through group games and supporting them to adjust to Kindy routines. We have a program for the next fortnight which is displayed on the board near the office. I will also put information in each newsletter about our program and how it links to our curriculum document the Early Years Learning Framework.

The program focus for the next fortnight Links to Learning **Outcome 3: Children have a strong sense of identity** This is evident, for example, when children:

- increasingly co-operate and work collaboratively with others
- demonstrate increasing awareness of the needs and rights of others.

Governing Council:

The AGM and first Governing council meeting for the year is on Thursday 20th February at 6.30 pm. All families are welcome and it is not too late to join us if you want to come along.

Attendance

Weeks 2 and 3 are our reference weeks for staffing based on attendances. Unless your child is sick please make every effort to bring them to kindergarten in these weeks.

If you would like to speak to a staff member during drop off or pick up time we try to make ourselves available but please be mindful, that especially in term one, our main priority will be settling the children in for the day. If you need to make a time for a discussion please feel free to let us know.

Signing In and Out:

Please support the Kindergarten staff to safely look after your child by ensuring you sign your child in and out of Kindergarten each day. Thank you to those families who have been doing this. Older siblings under the age of 18 aren't able to collect siblings or sign them out as these sheets are a legal requirement.

DECD immunisation policy

Please see the letter in your pockets from DECD regarding the sighting of immunisation records.

Daily Checks: (You can do this with your child to help them to become more independent, you could also take photos of their belongings to make sure they have everything they need...)

- Does your child have a hat in their bag?
- Does your child have sunscreen on?
- Does your child have a drink bottle in their bag?
- Does your child have spare clothes in their bag?
- Is the fruit packed separately (not with your lunch) and enough for morning and afternoon tea?

Excursion Levy

The \$70 Excursion Levy is added on to the fees in term 1. Below is a breakdown of what your levy will cover for this year. Other excursions may arise throughout the year but we are planning to stay within the \$70 costing of the levy.

Term One	Term Two	Term Three	Term Four
Gardening Greenhill Living \$5	\$25 Dancify (5 weeks at Kindy)	\$10.00 Indigenous Culture (dreaming story at Kindy)	African Drumming \$10
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		Gardening Greenhill living \$5	

Tina, Vicki, Rachel, Angela and Kimmy.