



Rostrevor Kindergarten

NEWSLETTER Term 2 Week 1

Term Two Dates

- 4th May Gardening with Rebecca
- 4th May Governing Council 6pm
- 5th May Gardening with Rebecca
- 27th May Pupil Free Day
- 8th June Kindy Photo Day
- 8th June Governing Council 6pm
- 10th June Kindy Photo Day
- 14th June
- Queens B'Day (Holiday)**
- 2nd July Last Day Term 2

Dates Term 2

- Yellow Group
- 3rd May, 10th May, 17th May, 24th May
- Blue Group
- 28th April, 5th May, 12th May, 19th May

Welcome back to Term 2. It has been lovely to see the children so excited to re-connect with each other and so keen to learn. We have been fortunate with the weather this week with sunny days.

Curriculum

When observing your child at kindergarten we further explore their interests and ideas. We continue to find bugs and sort our collections, learning about body parts size and names. We are also introducing discussions around the power of our brain and how we learn. Our literacy program involves book making, puppets rhyming and stories. We are using body percussion and instruments to keep steady beats and incorporate a lot of numeracy learning. We are yarning about Hector and the problem of litter in his sea environment. Peaceful play discussions and , are also planned for. Lots of fun, play and learning is happening.

Learning about plant life cycles, plant food and more!

Each child has had the opportunity to plant their own broad bean seed in the garden and watch it grow. They planted the beans at the end of last term and



have been measuring and comparing the growth.



As the weather becomes cooler, now is a



good time to plant broccoli, because we start to see less of their common pest, the white butterfly. The children learn about the part they can play to protect the garden.

Gaye the Garden Girl teaches us about the life cycle of the broccoli and how caterpillars grow and change, while showing how to control them from being a pest in the garden.

(EYLF Outcome 4: Children are confident and involved learners - children develop dispositions for learning such as curiosity, cooperation, confidence, creativity, commitment, enthusiasm, persistence, imagination and reflexivity)

(STEM – Learning plant life cycles and seasons. Measuring the height of bean stalks as they grow.)



The Dancify program has started this week and the children have been enthusiastic about learning the new dance moves. This year we have a new instructor whose name is Tiffany. (Families who remember Erin will be happy to hear she has gone back to Uni to finish her teaching degree).

Reminders:

Pupil Free Day 27th
May (Week 5)

Please shut the gate
behind you.

Please remember to
sign in using the QR
code or paper copy.

Encourage children's
independence by en-
couraging them to
carry their own
belongings. Support
your child to unpack
items themselves.

Please check current
fruit fly restrictions for
the Rostrevor area on

Please name ALL your
child's possessions.

If your child is showing
signs of illness or
feeling unwell they
must stay at home
and get tested.

Have you enrolled
your child at School
yet? If you are
intending to send your
child to Stradbroke
School please contact
them on 83375349



The dances they have learnt so far is "Different is beautiful" and "Shake your tail feather". The children told us what they liked so far....

Sia said "it was good, I liked the twist"

Antoine said "it was good I liked the mashed potato"

Mara said "I like the shake your tail part".

Rachel has put the photos in the floor book by the door if you want to have a closer look at the photos and what the children said.

There are 3 more weeks of the dancing and then we will have the disco at the end of the year to celebrate what they have learnt.

What did you do at Kindy today?

It can be common for young children to find difficulty in answering the question "what did you do at Kindy today?" At kindy we focus on the process of learning rather than the end product.

Open ended questions like "tell me where you played inside" or "I wonder if" or questions that start with "what, how, why or where" tend to be good conversation starters.

There are also lots of ways you can stay informed about what is happening at Kindy. We have our program displayed on the window, newsletters, our floor book on the easel near the entrance, and each child has their individual learning folder.

We welcome a quick informal chat any time or if you have concerns you can make a time to speak with staff. This term we will be writing mid-year statements of learning that will include future planning to meet the individual needs of each child. We are hoping to discuss these with families at the beginning of term 3.

Vicki and Angela also do a very interesting curriculum report at each Governing Council Meeting which all families are welcome to attend. The next meeting is Tuesday the 8th of June at 6 pm.

Nature Education Centre

We are also fortunate to have the opportunity to borrow animals from the Nature Education Centre each fortnight. This term we will have finches, gecko, turtle and stick insects. By borrowing them we get to see a range of animals and learn about how to care for them.

We are very fortunate to benefit from the macramé talents of Rachel! She has spent her own time to create this amazing tepee which the children are using as a relaxing, peaceful place.



Some news from our Students....

Kyal is currently doing his third year University placement at Kindergarten (studying the bachelor of early childhood). While he is here for 5 weeks he is engaging in all parts of the learning program and part of his inquiry is setting up a dramatic play shop for the children. It is in the entrance under the verandah. The children have been making signs and talking about money and Kyal wrote a reflection on what he has observed so far.....



"Over the past two weeks at Kindy we have all been working overtime in the Kindy shop, our shop has been selling lovely fruit and vegetables and the sweets with playdough cupcakes being sold on the window sill. The children have been taking turns playing the role of customer and shop keeper and we have even had some food delivered all around the backyard in the wheelbarrow! Who knows what is next for the Kindy shop, all we know is we are definitely closed on the weekends and our items are very expensive!"



Hello,

I am Alarna Campbell, I'm a 4th year university student completing a Bachelor of Education (Early Childhood). I am currently partaking in a Leadership and Advocacy in Early Childhood course where I am to conduct a project to advocate to parents about a particular topic. For my project, I have selected the subject of gardening and its positive health and development

benefits. I will be attending Rostrevor Kindergarten over the next few weeks to conduct garden learning activities with your children. I will be near the entrance during pick up times to generate conversations with parents about the value of this learning and how it can be transferred to your homes. If you see me, please feel free to approach me to ask any questions or for a chat. Looking forward to meeting you.

Kind regards, Alarna Campbell