



Clarence Park
Community Kindergarten

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Dear parents,

Term 4 promises to be a busy and eventful one. Already, we only have one day of the first week left with the children. Term 4 usually flies by.

It's has been lovely to see you coming in through the gate this term 😊

Our term overview and Funny Hat small group time plans are available for you to view on the front veranda screen.

Wheel-a-thon update

Your generosity with the Wheel-a-thon has meant that we will have over \$3,500.00 to spend with the children. We have had a lot of fun brainstorming this week. The children's ideas will be displayed in the floor-book and we will consolidate those ideas next week in order to start the process of ordering. We welcome any ideas that you may have as well.

Week 2 is Book Week.

As mentioned in our previous newsletter the theme this year is;

Curious Creatures, Wild Minds

We have allocated Tuesday and Wednesday of next week as our dress up days. Children may dress up as a theme based creature or their favourite book character. We request no super hero costumes or masks please as these encourage inappropriate behaviours. Simple things are often the best and keep in mind that your children will need to wear the clothes for the remainder of the day. If they do not wish to dress up, that's quite ok. We will have bits and pieces here for them to make something if they would prefer to do that.

Bike day is Tuesday this term. I overlooked this in the holiday communication.

Papermaking

As part of our Wipe out Waste program, a representative from WOW will be visiting the kindy on the 28th of October to do some paper making with the children. This will be a great learning experience

Sand pit renovation

Week 3 is the start of our sandpit renovation. It will be a messy week with a huge reward at the end. It will encourage and provide many different play experiences for the children to learn through.

Nature Education Centre

We have started out borrowing program with the NEC again and how wonderful it is to have Baxter the central bearded dragon with us. He will be outside on display for you to view in the morning. Along with him we also have models of the human body and Horatio the skeleton as we continue to investigate how our brain works to regulate our bodies and emotions.

We are seeking some help with the pick-up and delivery of the animals that the children voted for at the end of last term. If anyone would like to volunteer their services (ideally a larger vehicle would be better for this as some enclosures are quite large) please let us know. The exchanges are booked fortnightly, in weeks 2, 4, 6 and 8 either on a Friday or Saturday. As a bonus, past parent volunteers have been able to keep the animals at home for the weekend after the exchange.

The NEC is on the grounds of Urrbrae agricultural high school, so not very far away. Please let a staff member know if you are interested.

Tea towels

At our last Governing Council meeting a decision was made to have Tea towels printed as a memento of the 2020 kindy year. You will receive an order form shortly for tea towels with a self-portrait of each child printed on them. These are a great addition to your own kitchen and make a great Christmas gift for family members. Of course, you are under no obligation to purchase. We will have one displayed out the front so you can see what they might look like.

School Transition Visits

For some children these will start as early as week 4. Most of you will have information from your schools already. Black Forest will be distributing their information very soon.

Just a reminder that it is your responsibility to get the children to their visits and back to kindy.

We will let you know what we will be doing for our end of year celebration soon. Just working on a few ideas currently.

Kind regards,

Rita and the staff team.