



Clarence Park Community Kindergarten

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What a strange start to term 3. Thank goodness the Olympics started when they did! Hopefully we can now have some normality back in our lives and introduce mask wearing as an added feature to our daily routine. Thank you to everyone for your cooperation during the lockdown.

CURRICULUM NEWS

To further develop our Preschool Quality Improvement goal which is "to support children's emotional self-regulation to build successful dispositions for learning", we will focus on the following this term:

Funny hat groups

The Olympics – developing our gross motor skills.

Nature Education animals – reflections, discussions and documentation on our favourite animals.

Measurement as our numeracy focus.

Phonological awareness – rhyme, syllabification, initial sounds. Name writing.

Social behaviors – What do we do when someone says "STOP", continue with learning about feelings particularly after the lockdown.

Music – having a go at music notation, conducting and playing in an orchestra.

Left and Right sides of our body.

Child voice

The children have been particularly interested in mapping. We will use the book 'Rosie's Walk' to develop positional language. The children will have an opportunity to make their own book using mapping skills. There is still a strong interest in number blocks. We have invested in base 10 blocks to encourage and develop skills in number and quantity.

Music is an ongoing interest. We have a beautiful, tuned xylophone bell instrument which the children have been introduced to. Together with the keyboard and our percussion instruments we will develop this interest further. Who knows, we might even compose a song or a piece of music.

Problem solving, large puzzles, electricity and flight are also child led themes that we continue to program for.

SALA

Unfortunately, the opening of our art exhibition will not go ahead as planned, but the exhibition of the children's artwork will be ready for viewing at 'Rise and Grind' from the 5th of August. Currently there is seating capacity for 10 people at the café and masks must be worn unless consuming food. We are currently working on posting something on Seesaw instead of the face to face opening.

STAFFING

Anna is currently on sick leave as she broke her wrist during the holidays and is unable to work. We welcome Bronwyn to the kindy to replace Anna until she is well enough to return to work. She is missing everyone very much and can't wait to be back,

Nature Education

Thank you to all the parents who have helped with this program. It could not succeed without your support. This term we eagerly await the guinea pigs, followed by a huntsman spider, bearded dragon and native fish. If you can help out with collection and drop off, please talk to one of the staff team or add a comment on Seesaw.



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PUPIL FREE DAY

The pupil free day is going ahead as scheduled. There are no kindy sessions on Thursday the 5th of August. We will be reviewing our Quality Improvement Plan and preparing for parent discussions which are scheduled for week 6 and week 7. More information will go out closer to the time.

BIKE A THON

In week 9, starting the 13th of September, we will be hosting our first fundraiser for the year – a 'Bike a thon'. You will have an opportunity to sponsor, watch and cheer your child on as they ride around our kindy bike track.

More detailed information about this will be sent out at a later date.

MY RETIREMENT

Some of you may already be aware that I have made the decision to retire at the end of this year when my tenure at Clarence Park Kindy ends. I have been here for 7 years and have thoroughly enjoyed my time as a Director here. It wasn't an easy decision to make as I have been with the department for nearly 40 years in various roles and love the contact and enjoyment of working with children, educators and parents. I will really miss the wonderful community at Clarence Park.

The position was advertised last term and the selection process will start soon. If all goes according to plan, we should know by the end of term 3 or early term 4 who my replacement will be.

PHOTOS

Photo day has been rescheduled to Tuesday 21st September.

LOST and FOUND PROPERTY

This is building up again with jackets and windcheaters. Please check to make sure that none of the items belong to your child.

Thank you to Chris, Kaspar and Karlis' dad for fixing our basketball ring and to Emilia's family for looking after the chickens during the holidays.

DIARY DATES

THURSDAY 5 TH AUGUST	PUPIL FREE DAY
SALA – SOUTH AUSTRALIAN LIVING ARTS CHILDRENS EXHIBITION AT RISE AND GRIND.	AUGUST 5TH
PARENT DISCUSSIONS	Week 6 Friday 27 th August, Monday 30 th August and Wednesday 1 st Sept.
PHOTOS	21 st Sept
BIKE-A- THON	Starting Monday 13 th Sept. An all week event.

