

Pre-Kindy Newsletter Term Two

Dear Parents

Welcome to term two in Pre-Kindy. This term we welcome our new friends Emily and Annemarie to our Pre-Kindy and look forward to Amelie and Zara joining us later in the term when they turn three!

This week, the children have enjoyed exploring some of the changes to our class environment, especially playing in the "Bakery Area". In the mornings, feel free to drop by for a coffee and freshly baked cake (pretend of course!). On our "nature table" we have a variety of rocks, pebbles and shells for the children to sort according to the number. This is a fun and interactive way to introduce sorting and number recognition 1-5. In the book corner we have lots of books about Mum, in the lead up to Mothers Day. Our small world play has also been a big hit, with the children enjoying playing with the castle and the small dolls house in the block corner. We will continue with a variety of fine motor activities, such as threading, painting, playdough, cutting and tearing paper. All these activities will help develop the little muscles in their fingers, which is important for holding a pencil when drawing and writing.

In the afternoons we have been continuing with our vocabulary language games. Each week we will focus on a different topic. Last term we concentrated on food and farm animals. This term we will start with clothes and furniture as our topic. These games are played in two stages. The first stage is naming the objects and posting them into the box, the next stage is classifying them according to various properties. These games will also be out in the mornings, so feel free to play them with your children, it's amazing how many words our little ones are still learning!

Mother's Day Morning – as you will be aware, we will be having our Mother's Day morning on Tuesday the 16th May, which follows Mother's day. Please come at 9:00 where the children will share some songs we have been learning, then participate in some activities with you. Please indicate on the checklist in the classroom if you are able to attend, if mum is unable to attend, we welcome grandma or dad to come and join in the morning!

I will commence a Parent Roster this term, however, it will be very flexible as we have a small number of students and I understand that for many parents, when children attend Pre-Kindy may also your work day. For this term parent roster will be in the afternoons from 1:30 to home time. If you are unable to come at this time and prefer to come in the morning, please let me know. Parent roster is an opportunity for you to see your child in their learning environment and offer assistance during activities. The Parent Roster will be on the wall outside the Pre-Kindy gate.

We look forward to an enjoyable term two!

Many Thanks Christine Collie and Georgina Webster