Program

Where has the term gone??? We are on the downhill run to the end of the term. We have enjoyed getting to know your child over the last 6 weeks. We have decided to not have a set theme for this term; instead we have been doing lots of different things. At the start of each week we introduce “Weekly Specials” during morning group time. These weekly specials include a colour, number, shape and letter. We look at these each day and do activities based around them. We feel this is a great way to develop the children’s literacy and numeracy skills. We have also started looking at our bodies and bugs. This might seem like an odd combination, but we are letting the children guide us with the program. We will end the term with Easter activities.

We appreciate your support with our sharing time and 90% of the children are bringing in something to share each week, which is fantastic! The children enjoy getting up in front of their peers, showing and talking about their object. Sharing time is great for the children’s communication, listening and questioning skills. We have found that the children tend to ask the same question of ‘Do you like playing with it?’ While this is okay, we are trying to encourage the children to think of other questions they could ask. We have introduced to them Who, What, When, Where, Why and How questions and they are just starting to get the hang of these. It would be great if at home you could model these sorts of questions to help the children understand the different contexts they can be used in.

If you have any questions about your child and their learning or anything else to do with the running of the Kindy, please make a time to see either Hedy or Amanda.

Staffing

We can finally announce that we have found a Preschool Support Worker. We are pleased to welcome to our staffing team Sharon Moran. Many of you may know Sharon through her work at COGS. Sharon will be working Tuesdays and Wednesdays for the remainder of this term. We are also pleased to announce that we have a community member who is volunteering her time to come and work with the children on the computer. We welcome Rewa Russell to our centre. Rewa will be coming in on Tuesday and Wednesday afternoons. Please help to make them feel welcome.

Welcome Sharon and Rewa!!

Literacy Kits

You may have noticed on your fee envelope there was a once off $10 Literacy Kit fee. If you have paid your kindy fees, your child is free to borrow a literacy kit. The Literacy kit is made up of a book and some toys that are based on the book. The idea is that you read the story to your child and then they can do different activities with the included toys. This helps develop the children’s literacy skills and is a great way for you to do a special activity with them. We have allocated Monday’s after the Kindy session has finished as the time when your child can borrow and return the literacy kits. Only one kit can be borrowed at a time and it needs to be recorded in the red folder. Please ensure you watch your child when they use the kits, so that you can keep an eye on all the pieces. If you happen to loose a piece or notice a piece is missing please let Kindy staff know. Please see staff if you have any questions about the literacy kits.

Visits

On Wednesday 26th February we had an auditor from Galpins come and do a financial audit on the Kindergarten. This occurs around this time each year. While there were a couple things they picked up on, they were only minor little things. We were also lucky enough on the same day to have a short visit from our Education Director, Frank Mittiga. It was Frank’s first visit to our kindy and he was very impressed with our centre. He loved both our indoor and outdoor spaces. The children were very welcoming to Frank and many came up and had a chat to him. Frank will return either later this term or early next term and spend longer time with staff.
**Fundraising**
You should have all received a couple of letters about upcoming fundraising events. Governing Council has decided to again run a Bakery fundraiser and an Easter Raffle. Order forms for the bakery fundraiser have been sent home and are due back with the money on Monday 24th March. Delivery of the orders will be Wednesday 2nd April. Please make sure you ask your family and friends!
You would have also received a set of raffle tickets to sell for our Easter raffle. Please make sure you return the tickets and money by Wednesday 2nd April. We are also asking for each family to donate Easter eggs to make up the prizes. Please send in these donations by Wednesday 19th March, so that we can work out how many prizes we will have. The raffle will be drawn on Wednesday 9th April. We are also after some more helpers to sell raffle tickets down the street.
There are 1 hour blocks available on Monday 24th March, Thursday 27th March, 31st March, Thursday 3rd April and Monday 7th April. If you are able to help please fill in the roster which is on the kitchen bench or send a note in your child’s communication book.
All the money raised will go towards purchasing a new fridge and helping with the outdoor area.

**Training**
On Thursday 27th February Hedy and Amanda travelled to Ramco to attend a training on Managing Sexual Misconduct. This is a compulsory training for all School Principals and Preschool Directors.

**Buses**
Just a reminder that Kindy children can catch the school buses, if there is room, to and from home and Kindy. Please remember to inform Kindy staff if there is a change in the way they are getting home via the communication books.

**Working Bee**
A huge thank you to Liz and Rachel Moyle, Wade and Jack Nickolls, Katharine, David and Jacob Daniel, Chad, Kate and Harley Nickolls and Matthew, Marika and Jasmine Thiel for all of the hard work they did at the Kindy working bee!! They managed to get a lot done in a few hours and the yard looks fantastic!! It was however disappointing that only 5 families helped.
All of the families that did not attend the working bee will receive a box of Kindy toys which they will need to wash. These will be sent home next Monday 17th March and need to be returned on Wednesday 19th March. The easiest way to wash the toys is to put them in your laundry trough and wash them with a bit of disinfectant. Make sure you give them a rinse and then lay them on a towel in the sun to dry. If you have any questions about this please see either Hedy or Amanda.

**Kitchen**
The waiting is finally over!! If you dropped off or picked up your child today, you would have seen our new kitchen!! It looks fantastic and we have so much room. We are still waiting for the tiles to go up, which will happen tomorrow and then never realised how much stuff we had accumulated over the years!!
**Wanted**
We are after 1 litre milk cartons and/or Foodland cream containers. If you or anyone you know uses these we would love it if you could keep them for us. Please remember to wash the containers out as soon as they are finished and then bring them into Kindy. We would greatly appreciate them!

**Governing Council Meeting**
The next Governing Council Meeting will be on Tuesday 25th March at 7pm at the Kindergarten. All apologies to Hedy/Amanda or Kate Nickolls.

**Kindy Fees:**
Kindy Fees are now overdue and there are still a few outstanding. Please pay as soon as possible. If you cannot afford the whole amount all at once please see Hedy or Amanda and we can work out another payment option.

**Kindy Attendance**
Please remember to contact the Kindy if your child is absent for the day or if you know in advance that they will be absent. Our Kindy is staffed on attendance not on enrolments.

**Washing Roster**
Below is the washing roster. We ask that one family a week washes the smocks and tea towels and returns them to Kindy the following Monday. The washing will be sent home on Wednesdays, other than week 11 which will be the Tuesday. If you have any questions please see a staff member.

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**Sharing Roster**
Just a reminder of what your child needs to bring for sharing for the remaining weeks.

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Pikelets recipe

Serving Size:
Makes 20

Ingredients:
- 2 cups self-raising flour
- ¼ teaspoon salt (optional)
- 1/3 cup caster sugar
- 1 egg
- 1 cup (250mL) milk
- 1 tablespoon butter

Method:
Sift flour and salt, add sugar, drop unbeaten egg into the middle of the bowl and stir.
Slowly add enough milk to make a thick batter. Beat well until smooth.
Heat a non-stick pan over a medium heat, melt ½ teaspoon butter and drop heaped tablespoonfuls of mixture into the pan.
I cooked about 5 at a time. When bubbles appear on the surface, turn the pikelets (muttering and cursing and chasing them all over the pan) and allow to brown on the second side.
Transfer pikelets onto a plate and cover with a cloth while you finish cooking the remainder.

Scrolls recipe

Ingredients:
- 5½ cups self-raising white or wholemeal flour
- 2 tbsp dried yeast (2 x 7g sachet)
- 4 tbsp caster sugar
- 100g Weight Watchers Canola Spread, or use butter if you wish
- 1 cup skim milk, warmed
- 1 cup buttermilk

Apple and cinnamon filling
- 4 medium red apples, cored, finely chopped
- 2 tsp ground cinnamon
- 1 tsp ground nutmeg
- 2/3 cup brown sugar

Cheesymite
- 3/4 cup grated cheese
- 6 tbsp vegemite

Method:
Put flour, sugar and yeast in a bowl and stir, make a well in the centre.
Heat milk and buttermilk in the microwave until warm, and melt butter/margarine/spread.
Add the milks and the butter into the well and stir in until well combined.
Tip onto kitchen bench and knead for 10 minutes or until the dough has an elastic consistency.
Put the dough in clean glass bowl, cover with glad wrap and sit in a warm place for about an hour or until it doubles in size.
Preheat oven to 200°C.
Roll out the dough into a long oblong shape of about 40cm x 10cm. Position lengthwise and ensure it’s floured underneath.
Place the filling on the bottom part of dough, leaving 2 inches at the top.
Roll the dough up from the bottom and slightly wet the top 2 inches to help seal the roll.
Cut the rolled dough into 10 pieces using a serrated knife and place on a greased baking tray in two rows about 1cm apart.
Bake for about 15 mins or until golden brown. Let cool slightly before separating.
Suitable to freeze.

Fillings
Apple and cinnamon filling: mix ingredients in a bowl and scatter over the scroll dough before rolling.
Cheesymite: Spread the vegemite over the dough and then sprinkle the cheese over the top and then roll the dough.

Recipes from Kidspot website