

Aldgate Kindergarten newsletter

3rd February 2020 - Term 1, Week 2

We respectfully acknowledge that we are on the traditional land of the Kurna people. We respect their spiritual relationship with their Country. We acknowledge that the Kurna people are the traditional custodians of this land, and that their heritage and cultural beliefs are of continuing importance to the living Kurna people today.

Dear families,

Naa marni (Are you all good?) We have enjoyed getting to know you and your child, and look forward to continuing to learn more about their special interests and unique characters. We appreciate that they are very special to you! It's been great to chat to parents and carers during drop offs and pick ups. Please keep up the communication!

It can take some time for children to meaningfully connect with Kindergarten peers and educators, which helps them to develop the confidence to separate from their primary caregivers. Please make a time to speak to one of us (if you haven't already) about your child's transition. We will make a plan together, to support your child while they get used to being away from you. Some children benefit from shorter days (knowing they are going home after lunch is good), or a specific time you will stay for (e.g. one story, one puzzle, ten minutes)

Please also remember to let us know anytime if anything changes in your child's life, or something happens that might affect their happiness and wellbeing. Significant events such as moving house or having a very busy weekend can have a huge effect on your child's time at Kindergarten. Sharing information with us will help us to be aware of your child's individual needs, and support them as best we can. Thank you.

Please help!

Are you able to collect paper-towel/baking paper cylinders for our making table? No toilet paper rolls please, for hygiene reasons. Thanks!

Please pack children's morning snack IN your child's bag, and lunch in a SEPARATE lunch-box/bag. Lunches in black trolleys please. Thanks!

Allergies/medical conditions

One of our children is allergic to eggs. Please no egg cartons for the making table (we will use egg replacement in cooking on Tues/Thurs) Children are still able to pack lunches and snacks containing egg, however we will be closely supervising all eating times.

If your child develops an allergy or medical condition during the year, please let us know immediately so that we can update our records.

Early Years Learning Framework for Australia: Belonging, Being, Becoming.

One of the core themes of the Early Years Learning Framework, which we use to formulate the programme for the children at Kindergarten, is 'Belonging'. To familiarise yourself with the Framework visit this link: https://www.acecqa.gov.au/sites/default/files/2018-02/belonging_being_and_becoming_the_early_years_learning_framework_for_australia.pdf

Children first develop a sense of belonging to their own family and culture, but this also extends to their neighborhood and their wider community. To help children access all learning opportunities at Kindergarten, they require a strong sense of belonging. In term 1 we will focus on supporting children to make connections with their peers, their teachers and the indoor and outdoor environments, through stories, games, conversations, experiences and educator scaffolding during children's play and interactions. Please feel free to speak to any of the educators if you have any concerns or questions about anything, so that we can help you and your child feel welcome at Kindergarten.

Seesaw and learning journals

Each child will soon have a learning journal in which we will collate information about their learning and development and samples of their work. We will also post these entries electronically to their private page on our Seesaw account. Your child's unique QR code has been placed in their notice pocket (if you haven't got it, please check in the outside foyer next time you are in).

Newsletters, reminders and notifications will be posted on Seesaw and emailed. If you would like to add another email address to our distribution list, please send an email to dl.4602.leaders@schools.sa.edu.au. We intend to minimise our paper and toner usage this year, so if you will require hard -copies of newsletters please let Bianca or Hayley know.

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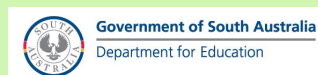
You can use the black gate to enter or leave Kindergarten through the Wirra (Stringybark forest)? We've noticed some families already taking this route! When we are in the Wirra during the day we lock the black gate— please let us know if you find it locked so that we can unlock it!

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Calendar dates

Please check our website regularly for updates

TUESDAY 4th February

1pm circus performance "Big Tops and Tiny Tots" (children from M/W session most welcome to come along! Unfortunately we could only secure one booking date)

WEDNESDAY 5th February

Carole-Lee from BinShift delivering our new sustainable bins and facilitating a learning session with the children.

FRIDAY 7th February

Welcome picnic here at Kindergarten (BYO food and picnic rug, no need to RSVP) All immediate and extended family members welcome! A very casual meet and greet.

MONDAY 17th February

Annual General Meeting & first Governing Council meeting @ 6:30pm. All welcome! Self-nomination notices are in your child's notice pocket.

Sunsmart policy reminder

Please take some time to visit our website to be reminded of the requirements of our policy. Thanks!

<https://www.aldgatekgn.sa.edu.au/about-us/policies-and-reports/>

Update on chickens

A few children have asked us where the chickens are. We rehomed them in December so that we didn't need to have families checking on them over the holidays. We have decided to have a break from chickens at this stage, though we are considering a couple of bantam hens later in the year (once we have given the coop a big clean-out!) Please let us know if you might be able to help with our investigations.

Friday kindergarten sessions

Monday/Wednesday children have their final term 1 session this Friday 7th February. The teachers for this session will be Hayley and Vikki.

Tuesday/Thursday children have their sessions on Friday 14th and Friday 21st February, 10:30am-3:30pm. The teachers for these sessions will be Cathy and Hayley. Thanks to those people who have advised us if their child is not attending Friday kindergarten—if you have not yet done so, please let us know so that we can ensure the right number of staff for the sessions.

Your child's educators

Bianca



Hayley



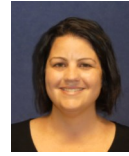
Vikki



Cathy



Jannelle



Photos of the educators working each day will be on the blackboard next to the children's (optional) sign in table. Generally, the following staff teams will be as follows:

Mondays: Bianca, Cathy, Vikki

Tuesdays: Bianca, Cathy, Hayley, Jannelle

Wednesdays: Bianca, Hayley, Vikki

Thursdays: Hayley, Cathy, Jannelle

Fridays: Bianca, Hayley, Cathy, Vikki.

Jannelle is new at Aldgate Kindergarten (starting next week) so please help her develop a sense of belonging by introducing yourself and your child! Thankyou!

Aboriginal education

We have begun to introduce some Kaurna words and phrases to the children.

At morning group time we ask them "Naa marni?" (Are you all good?) and they can respond "Marni ai" (I am good) or "Kuku ai" (I am sick). "Ninna marni" is used when addressing one person. If you're interested in extending this learning, search for "Kaurna Warra Pintyanthi" on YouTube!

In a few weeks, we will welcome Kaurna elder Uncle Tamaru to our Kindergarten community. We can't wait to learn from Uncle Tamaru!

