



# Flagstaff Oval Kindergarten Update

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Issue 5 Term 1.

We have been exploring how children learn and supporting children to establish goals through the use of the Learning Pit. Through this process children develop an understanding of how they learn, starting from not knowing and feeling uncertain to developing strategies to support the learning process such as persistence, resilience, risk taking, seeking support from others and thinking deeply until they reach their goal at the end of the pit and feel successful. By doing this we are supporting children to become Powerful Learners.

**Kindy Sessions.** We have had a number of children miss Kindy due to tiredness after a busy weekend. It is important that children attend their sessions of kindy to maintain consistency in learning outcomes and social development. Often children that miss days struggle to maintain their friendships and miss out on important learning opportunities. When tired, children are less likely to be resilient and engaged in their learning.

**Cans and bottles.** We have a bin on the veranda for can and bottle donations. Kindy take these and receive the 10c refund to support community organisations. We are open to suggestions on how this money can be used this year.

**Bunnings BBQ** We will be having a Bunnings BBQ on Sunday the 15<sup>th</sup> of April which is the first weekend of the school holidays. This is a major fundraiser for the Kindergarten and only occurs every couple of years. We are **desperately looking for people to help out on the day** either cooking or serving. We currently have only 9 out of our 68 families helping out. If you are able to help out even for a short time this will support staff and Governing Council to support your children. Can you please put your name down on our list near the sign in book. Any amount of time would be greatly appreciated.

**Easter Parade.** We will be celebrating Easter with an Easter Hat Parade at the kindy on Wednesday the 28<sup>th</sup> and Thursday the 29<sup>th</sup> of March at 12.30. Children will attend Kindy as usual in the morning and have lunch at the normal time. Parents/caregivers and families will arrive at 12.30 for the parade which will last approximately 20 minutes. Children can either make their hats at kindy or you can support them at home. After this children will engage in an Easter egg hunt with their families. Governing Council will be running a hot cross bun stall and coffee will be available. If you are unable to attend please let staff know so that those children can be supervised by staff.

**Work experience and uni students.** Next week we will have a student from Urbrae working with us and next term we will have two university students. Katie will be with us for 6 weeks from Flinders University and Sarah will be with us for 4 weeks from Curtin University.

**Pockets.** Please make sure you check your pockets for any information, Learning stories etc

**Thank you.** A big thank you to all the families who have helped out this term with cooking, laundry etc. Your input is invaluable.

## Diary Dates:

28<sup>th</sup>/29<sup>th</sup> March - Easter Hat Parade and afternoon tea.

4th April - Excursion to Kaurua cultural centre (Koala gp)

Friday 13<sup>th</sup> April - Last day Term 1.

Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> April - Bunnings BBQ Fundraiser - **helpers needed.**

30<sup>th</sup> April - first day Term 2.

Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> May - Partnership Closure day.

15<sup>th</sup>/16<sup>th</sup> May - Kindy Photos.

## Issues or concerns.

Please make sure that if you have any concerns or issues arise that you make a time to chat with myself or a member of staff. We are here to help your child to be the best they can be and to do that we need to work together.

## No Nuts !

We have children that are allergic.

Warmest Regards: Meegan, Sue, Kerry, Ruth, Rosalie, Jo, Krysten, Monica and Sue L