



Kadina Preschool

Kadina Preschool Centre Newsletter

Week 1, Term 1, 2017

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Welcome back to Kindy for 2017 and all the fun and learning that this year holds!

We hope that you all had a relaxing and enjoyable Christmas and New Year and that your child has enjoyed their holidays and is ready to start Kindy!

Currently we have 70 children enrolled at Preschool - meaning that each day we have 35 children!

Please remember to check your child's tray regularly for notes and read the whiteboard outside for important information. If you haven't already joined, the Kadina Preschool 2017 Facebook group is also an excellent way of keeping up with what's going on. We will try to add an album of photos each week and put a photo of the whiteboard messages on each day. Please return the consent form in your child's tray indicating if you are happy for photos of your child to be put on Facebook.

Children need to be signed in and out each day. The sign in sheets will be inside in the morning but in the afternoon they will be placed on the table outside so that children are not disrupted during group time by adults walking in and out to sign out. There is a spot to write any notes such as if there is going to be someone different picking up your child, going on the bus, etc next to your child's name. If you know your child will be absent on a certain day, please write this in the pink diary next to the sign in sheets. Names are in alphabetical order of first name.

We have tried to give you as much notice about dates for important events as possible. Due to unforeseen reasons, some of these may change slightly but we are hoping they won't. A full year calendar of events will be sent home soon!

We are all excited about the year ahead and all the activities and learning that will happen.

Simone, Brooke, Ellen, Mingon, Helen, Catarina & Michelle.

Diary Dates

Week	Date	Event
2	Wed 8th Feb	Governing Council AGM-6:00pm
5	Tues 28th Feb/ Fri 3rd Mar	Kindergym
5	Tues 28th Feb	Early Kindy closure - 2pm
7	Tues 14th Mar	Student Free Day
7	Wed 15th / Fri 17th Mar	Crazy Hair Day (we will supply the coloured hairspray)
7	Wed 15th Mar	Governing Council - 6:00pm
8	Tues 21st / Thurs 23rd Mar	Harmony Day (wear something orange)
8	Wed 22nd Mar	Family Night—BBQ and meet staff - 5:30pm
10	Wed 5th / Thurs 6th Apr	Mucky Afternoon 1:00-2:30pm

Wednesday Sessions Timetable Term 1

Week	Date	Group
1 & 2	1st & 8th Feb	Staff planning
3	15th Feb	Wardu (Th/F)
4	22nd Feb	Yambu (M/T)
5	1st Mar	Staff Planning
6	8th Mar	Wardu (Th/F)
7	15th Mar	Yambu (M/T)
8	22nd Mar	Staff Planning
9	29th Mar	Wardu (Th/F)
10	5th Apr	Yambu (M/T)
11	12th Apr	Staff Planning

Term dates for 2017



Term 1: 30th Jan-14 Apr

Term 2: 1 May - 7 Jul

Term 3: 24 Jul - 29 Sep

Term 4: 16 Oct - 15 Dec

Important Information

Belonging Tree leaves

Please take some time to fill out the leaves that were in your child's tray and return these as soon as possible to the Kindy.

It would also be great if you have a family photo that you could bring in for us to display. Children like to talk about their families and the photos give them a chance to show us who is in their family. You could also email a photo and we will print it out for you if this is easier to dl.6609.leaders@schools.sa.edu.au



Library

Library day will be on Wednesday Kindy sessions. During this time the children will listen to a story and then have time to borrow books to take home and share with their family. Please fill out the Library registration card in your child's tray and return to Kindy ASAP.

Please remember to send a library bag to Kindy with your Child - it doesn't have to be fancy - a shopping bag is just as good.

Fruit

Please remember to send a piece of fruit (or plain crackers, cheese, sultanas, cucumber, carrot sticks, etc) with your child each time they come to Kindy. This year we won't be having shared fruit, so please make sure you cut up and send something that your child will eat. We will have fruit time in the morning but each child will have their own. Please put this in a separate container to put in the esky.



Spare Clothes

Please remember to send a spare set of clothes with your child (including underwear) every time they come to Kindy—with the warmer weather we are have lots of water activities. Please **NAME** all items of clothing—especially the clothes that your child comes to Kindy in—these are the ones that they take off and get mixed up!

Up to date details

If you have changed any details over the holidays such as phone numbers or addresses, could you please let us know **this week**. It's very important we have up to date contact details.



Fees

Invoices for fees will be put in trays after the first Governing Council meeting when fees will be decided for 2017. If you would like to have input into setting the fees, come along to Governing Council.

Suncream

Please apply suncream to your child before they come to Kindy in the mornings. We will use the supply of suncream at Kindy to reapply before lunch. If your child requires a special type of suncream, please send in their own bottle with your child's name on it for us to keep at Kindy.



Send a named hat with your child every day!

There are a lot of notes in your tray that need returning such as the About my child page, Facebook consent, Library card registration, Governing Council nomination form.
Please return these as soon as possible!

Happy Birthday



Jan/Feb Birthdays

Mia, Ava, Kenzie, Xavier,
Sophia, Cody, Tilly, Archie,
Sienna, Bella R, Lily C, Angel

Arrival/Pick up Times

Please do not enter the Kindy grounds before 8:30am. Before this time staff are planning and setting up. You are welcome to drop off your child any time between 8:30 and 9:00am.

Pick up in the afternoon can be any time between 2:45pm and 3:00pm. It is better to come a bit earlier as some children start becoming anxious that you may not be coming if you are running late—especially in the first few weeks at Kindy. We will say goodbye to children when we see the person who is collecting them.

Governing Council AGM

Our AGM will be held on **Wednesday 8th February at 6:00pm at the Kindy**. Everyone is welcome. If you are interested in helping make decisions about the Kindy or have a passion for Fundraising we encourage you to come along. We will be nominating and electing people for all positions on Governing Council. **WE NEED PARENTS ON GOVERNING COUNCIL!** The more people the better!

Please fill out the nomination form included in this newsletter if you would like to be part of Governing Council. If we get more than 1 person interested in a particular position we will need to have a vote at the AGM. Please return these no later than Tuesday 7th February.



This term, Simone will be having Fridays off for family commitments.

Brooke Day will be the Director on Fridays. If you have any questions or concerns about Kindy please speak to Simone or Brooke! All staff should be able to help you with day to day questions.

Learning Goals

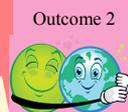
Please return the learning goal (which will be in your tray very shortly) for your child as soon as possible so we can start working towards it—goals such as being persistent with tasks, getting along with others, being willing to take risks with their learning, developing confidence in new situations — help your child become successful learners. Learning the alphabet, numbers, etc, usually develops for children through their every day learning and the play experiences we provide for them and aren't necessarily important goals to strive for in this stage of their learning.

It would be fantastic if every family can return a learning goal for their child!



Outcome 1

Children have a strong sense of identity



Outcome 2

Children are connected with and contribute to their world



Outcome 3

Children have a strong sense of wellbeing

Outcome 5



Outcome 4



Children are confident and involved learners

Children are effective communicators

Lunches

We understand that some children don't like sandwiches, which is why we are happy for you to send other types of food for your child's lunch, including food that needs to be heated up (but not cooked such as 2 minute noodles). Lunch boxes will be stored in the fridge.

Some ideas are:

- left-overs from tea (spaghetti bolognaise, tuna mornay, sausages, etc)
- Wraps
- Crackers with cheese
- Mini quiches
- Toasted sandwiches (we can reheat them)
- Mini pizzas
- Tinned spaghetti/baked beans
- Little sausage rolls
- Tin of tuna and crackers



Please remember to send only **one** packet item—eg—muesli bar, tiny teddies, chips per day -this fits with our Right Bite Policy.

We have children with nut allergies so Kindy will be **NUT FREE** this year—please don't send any foods containing nuts.



Early Years Learning Framework

Meet the staff...(to read more about each staff member, read the staff profile sheets on the cupboards near the making area)



Simone Shevchenko "Mrs. Shev"
Director
Works Monday to Thursday



Ellen Thomas "Miss Ellen"
Teacher
Works Monday to Friday



Brooke Day "Miss. Brooke"
Teacher/Director
Works every 2nd Tuesday,
Wednesday, Thursday, Friday

Mingon McDowell "Miss Mingon"
Early Childhood Educator
Works Monday to Friday

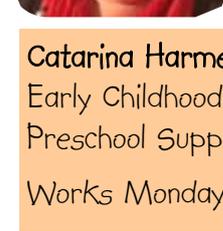


Helen Penn "Ms Helen"
Early Childhood Educator
Works Monday & Tuesday

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Linked Online Ordering & Payment platform for parents.
To order and pay for Scholastic Book Clubs by credit card visit:
www.scholastic.com.au/LOOP

Now available for your iPad or iPhone



Catarina Harmer "Ms. Catarina"
Early Childhood Educator/
Preschool Support
Works Monday to Friday



Michelle Tucker "Ms. Michelle"
Early Childhood Educator/
Preschool Support
Works Thursday & Friday

Scholastic Book Club

You will receive a book club catalogue in your tray twice each term.

You do not have to buy anything if you don't want to but there are usually some great specials in them. The Kindy earns reward points from all orders to use on books for the Kindy.

There are a few different ways to order and pay:

- You can use Book Club LOOP—see the info above (Kadina Kindergarten)
- You can fill out the order form and return it with either cash or a cheque to the Kindy
- You can fill out the order form and pay with your credit card and then return the form and payment receipt number to the Kindy.

Please ask if you have any questions!

Wallaroo Primary School Out of School Hours Care

Wallaroo OSHC offers a bus pickup service from Kadina Preschool.
Please ring Vicki Loone (OSHC Director) for more information
Ph:0428 280 425

Parenting Tip to try this week

At Kindy we call the letters by the sounds they make, rather than their name—eg—a not A, buh not B. If you are helping your child at home please use the sounds when saying letters to minimize confusion.