



NEWSLETTER

TERM T3 2008

WELCOME

Welcome back everyone.
We hope you have had a warm and safe holiday and that you are all managing to battle the winter ills. We have another exciting term ahead of us.

IMPORTANT DATES

Term Dates:

Term3: Mon 21 July—Fri 26 Sept

Term4: Mon 13 Oct—Fri 19 Dec

Term1 2009: Tue 3 Feb—Thr 9 Apr

Other Important Dates:

Fathers Week: 15th—19th September

Total Learning Book Fair: 22nd, 23rd, 24th September

Morning Children Activities:

Thr 31 July **St Johns Ambulance Visit**

Fri 5 Sept **Stardome Observatory Trip**

We hope to also have visits from the Fire Department and Community Constable.

DROP OFF & PICK UP TIMES

No matter how many times we have expressed our concern, hall users are still driving onto the church grounds during drop off and pick up times. Please hold your child's hand and move quickly to free up your parking space as these people need your car park. Monday and Thursday afternoons are particularly busy.

Parking is available on the street and in the angle parks in front of the church. Please do not drive or park on the Church grounds. Also, please keep the driveways clear on either side of the Church at all times.

STAFF

Gaylene Carson, Rozana Wright, Robyn Graham and Tracey Golds are your full time teachers. Rozana Wright will be taking a leave of absence for Term 3 although she hopes to come in when she can. We will let you know who will be replacing her asap. Sigrid Millard will be Relieving when needed.

Karen Day is in the office on Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays during school hours.

We are always looking for Relieving staff. If you know of someone with a Teaching qualification – early childhood or primary – who might be interested in relieving for us, please get them to contact Gaylene Carson at Kindergarten.

FOOD WARNING

WE HAVE SOME CHILDREN AT KINDERGARTEN WHO HAVE SEVERE ALLERGIES TO NUTS, EGG AND DAIRY. IT IS MOST IMPORTANT THAT NO FOOD COMES IN TO KINDY THAT CONTAINS NUTS, E.G. PEANUT BUTTER SANDWICHES. YOUR COOPERATION IS MUCH APPRECIATED.

Please provide a healthy snack for your child in bags and containers that they can manage independently. No drink bottles or juice, chocolate, lollies, yoghurt or jelly.

SESSION TIMES

Morning 9.00am to 12 noon

Afternoon 12.45pm to 3.15pm

We recommend that all children be settled by 9.15am in the morning and 1.00pm in the afternoon session.

Please pick up your child on time. If children need to be picked up early, then we request that you do so before story time, ie: 11.40am or 3.00pm.



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SOME REMINDERS

Sickness/Absence.

We have had large numbers of children absent from Kindergarten due to illness. Please keep your child at home if they are unwell – even if they want to come! If your child is away from Kindergarten for more than 5 consecutive days (including Sat and Sun) we need a signed and dated note from you detailing why and when they were away. This is a government requirement.

Resources.

Your 'junk' is our treasure! We need – bottle tops (metal), wrapping paper, lace, chocolate wrappers, ribbons, buttons, nails, dried and plastic flowers, small boxes, and natural resources.

We do not use toilet rolls, tissue boxes, polystyrene (exception of meat trays), or medicine boxes/bottles.

Alphabet. Morning Children Only.

We will be starting the alphabet again the week of 28th July beginning with Rr. Each week a letter will be promoted. This is to develop the child's awareness of the letter we are focusing on. We encourage the children to DRAW A PICTURE of an object that begins with the letter of the week, write their name on the picture, and bring it along to talk about at story time. The children place their picture on the blue trolley by the telephone at the beginning of the session.

Due to time constraints, each child can only have one turn a week.

If there are too many children on one day or there is a birthday celebration, some children will be asked to bring it back later in the week.

Emergency Helpers Roster.

We are currently compiling a list of parents/caregivers who can help out at short notice. If you are able to do this, please put your name down on the list by the front door.

Contact Details.

If you have had a change of address or phone number since you filled in the enrolment forms for your child, can you please supply this to us as a written note that we can attach to your child's file.

SOME REMINDERS

Notice Board Information.

Please check the notice board on a regular basis. This is how we inform you about up and coming events. All around the front door are policy folders, ERO Review, Committee Minutes, fundraising, parent help roster, and health and education pamphlets. Please take some time out and have a read. You will also find a suggestion box there; we always welcome your feedback.

Parent Help Roster.

A huge Thank you to those of you who help during the session. We need and really do appreciate your help. The parent help rosters are on the wall by the front door. We would appreciate one or two helpers each session. Please put your name down on a day that suits if you can help. It gives you a chance to see what happens during the session and your child will love having you there!

OSH Requirements.

All parent helpers need to sign our OSH Register. Please check with staff when parent helping and also read our hazards list on the notice board. Please note – The Epsom Community Church Board would like to inform parents and caregivers that they accept no responsibility for any injury sustained from climbing the tree out the front of the Kindergarten.

Your Child's File.

Your child's portfolio is stored in the shelves directly opposite the front door – we encourage you to contribute at least once a term, with comments, photos or art/craft work, to be included with the additions we make during the session.

Kindergarten Washing.

We would like to thank those of you who take the kindergarten washing home for us. At pick up time the teacher on the door will be holding the bag of dirty washing. It would be great if everyone took a turn at washing this for us. The Ministry of Education requirements are that you wash this in a **SEPARATE, HOT WASH**. We really appreciate your help – Thank you.



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SPECIAL NOTICES

Fees.

Please remember the internet banking option.

Include your child's initial and surname.

A/C no. is 12 3025 0190983 00 (ASB Bank)

A/C Name: Gardner Road Kindergarten.

MOE Funding Rates and Fee Increase

Our current funding rate from the Ministry of Education is \$6.02 per child per hour.

Our fees are \$15.50 per session and we do realise this is a significant increase for our families. You may pay your term fees in instalments over the term if you prefer as long as the full amount is paid by the end of the term.

Visitors.

We welcome visits from Mums, Dads, Grandparents, etc, anytime. Please feel free to pop in when it suits, alternatively, put your name down on the parent help roster and stay for the session!

Sunhats

Sunhats are now optional during terms two and three. Children will need a warm hat, suitable shoes and a jumper as we will be playing outside as much as possible. Please name all clothing and remember to check the lost property box regularly.

Self Management Skills

Please ensure your child has a lunch box they can open and close independently and that they are wearing clothing that is manageable for them during toileting time.

SPECIAL NOTICES

Fathers Week 15—19 September

We invite all Dads' to come and visit Kindergarten this week. The children will be writing letters to personally invite you along. It would be great if you could come and spend some time with your child, even if it's only for 10 minutes. You could read a story, do some hammering, paint a picture. So put the date in your diary now! We look forward to seeing you soon.

Photos

We received approximately \$400 commission from the photo sales. Thank you to everyone for your support. The money will go towards some new puzzles and games for the children.

Music Exams

These will be in the church and the church hall at times during the term so please take notice of the signs and be considerate. Thank you.

SIGNING IN & OUT

Please remember to sign your child in and out at drop off time. A lot of people have been forgetting to sign out. Also if someone other than yourself is dropping off your child, please remind them to sign in and out. This is a government requirement and MUST be done. We appreciate your cooperation.

IN CONCLUSION

We look forward to another busy and exciting term at Kindergarten. Any queries or concerns you have regarding your child please talk to any of the staff members as we are here to help you child in anyway we can. We also value your feedback and really appreciate your support.

Regards,

Gaylene, Rozana, Tania, Robyn, Karen and Tracey.



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Term 3 2008 - Timetable of Topics and Events

Week No	1	2	3	4	5	6
Monday's date	21/7	28/7	4/8	11/8	18/8	25/8
Visits, Trips Important Dates		AM Children only Thr 31 July St Johns Visit				
Number for this week		Rr	Ss	Tt	Uu	Vv
Week No	7	8	9	10		
Monday's Date	1/9	8/9	15/9	22/9		
Visits, Trips Important Dates	AM Children only Fri 5 Sept Star Dome Visit		FATHERS WEEK	22, 23 & 24th Total Learning Book Fair		
Number for this week	Ww	Xx	Yy	Zz		

Programme Themes for this term

During the term, these are the topics we hope to cover

Winter
 People who help us
 Our Dads
 Our Universe
 Numeracy and literacy concepts
 Artists and art techniques
 The Olympic Games