



2024 KINDY NEWSLETTER 4

Dear Parents,

Welcome to our next newsletter for Kindy, 2024. How quickly Term 4 has come about!!

Our Kindy group got to a total of 15 students last term, with the addition of Layla to our class. It has been so lovely to welcome her into our Kindy family. Sadly, little Thu left at the end of Term 3 to begin a new adventure in a new town. We will miss her gorgeous, cheeky smile and helpfulness at Kindy.

It is only 7 weeks to go before these gorgeous Kindy friends will be heading off for Christmas holidays and then ready for Pre-Primary! Before that happens though, there are plenty of exciting things occurring in Kindy over the next several weeks.

I wanted to mention that the Kindy children did a fabulous job with their craft for the Narrogin Show. I hope you were able to get to there and see the fantastic "Uluru" drawings each child did, plus the wonderful collaborative effort in making the large "Reconciliation" poster. An amazing display, Kindies!!! 😊

Please make a note of these important dates to save for your Kindy calendar.

Week 3 ~ **Wednesday 25th October:** Whole School "Socktober" event.

Week 5 ~ **Wednesday 6th November:** small excursion (TBC)

Week 7 ~ **Wednesday 20th November:** Open Classroom at 1:30pm combined with the whole school "Volunteers Afternoon Tea" provided by the St Matthew's staff

Week 9 ~ **Monday 2nd December:** Kindy Xmas Concert @ 6:00pm with Picnic Dinner

Week 9 ~ **Tuesday 3rd December:** Water Play Day at Kindy & End of Term Lunch Party

Week 9 ~ **Wednesday 4th December:** Last day of Kindy 2024

Inquiry Time:

We started our term bringing in our family pets. This led us onto thinking about our families, of which we are all very grateful. 😊 For the next few weeks, this will be our focus. Thank you to the families who have sent in a photo – we will be using them on several occasions, which I'm sure the children will love sharing with the class. We will then begin Christmas by talking about Jesus and his family.

Diana Rigg Books:

I am very keen to send picture books and question cards home each week, to help develop the reading comprehension of your child. We used these books at Kindy last term, from Book Week (Wk 6) to the end of term (Wk 10), which the children seemed to enjoy. It is a fun and rewarding way to begin your child on their reading journey. Please let me know if you would like this to happen for your child.

Health:

In Health this term, we are looking at Protective Strategies for Keeping Safe. This is

a mandated part of the Health curriculum, which all Catholic Schools must address. **The idea is to make the children aware, not alarmed**, so these sessions will be dealt with carefully and thoughtfully. Please see me, if your child becomes distressed, or overly worried about this topic.



Weekly Circle Focus: "Including Everyone"

In the mornings, in our welcome circle, we will be focusing on a short, but specific discussion about including all our Kindy friends, especially our newest friends – Cherry and Layla. The children were introduced to the story "Have You Filled Your Bucket Today?" earlier in the year. This story encourages each child **to do and say kind things to everyone** and be a "Bucket Filler". The children have embraced this activity and love having their buckets filled. We will continue and encourage this concept through to the end of the year.

Fruit Time:

Please ensure your child brings **2 lots of fruit each day, in separate tubs**. Thank you. The children do seem quite hungry in the morning, so one tub may need more in it.

Library Books on Tuesday:

Please remember to pop your child's LIBRARY BOOK into his/her **LIBRARY BAG EVERY TUESDAY** and, place it in your child's schoolbag. We will swap books on Tuesday every week, with Mrs Shaddick and Mrs Ong.

News Day on Tuesday:

We are encouraging ALL children to **bring an item from home** to "show and tell" to the rest of their Kindy friends, **every Tuesday**. This is an important part of the Oral Language programme. We have been encouraging all children to join in this session in a small group situation, even if it is just "telling news". I am delighted to say that every child has had-a-go at telling news at some point. Fabulous!

Laundry Roster:

Thank you to all the parents who have helped so far this term with the Kindy laundry. It is most gratefully appreciated. The roster is full - thank you! It is posted on the Kindy door **for you to check your name**. Laundry will come home with your child on a Wednesday, to be returned on the following Monday morning, please.

Thank you for all your help with your son or daughter's learning. I truly appreciate any assistance that you can provide – it has been an absolute blessing having parents being so positive and helpful with bringing a pet to Kindy. The kids were sooooo excited about doing this!!

Looking forward to a fabulous last term with these gorgeous Kindy friends. Please remember the date of our Kindy Concert is **Monday 2nd December**, at Kindy.

Kindest regards,

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(Kindy Teacher)