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Diary Dates:
Kindy Disco – Tuesday 31st March 5.30 - 7 pm
Kindy Closure day Tuesday 7th April (No Kindy on this day)
Term 1 ends Friday 10th April
Term 2 begins Monday 27th April

DISCO

Tues 31st March
5.30 - 7 pm
SEACLIFF KINDERGARTEN

Get those dancing shoes on. The Kindy Disco is back!!! Tickets are now available from the Kindergarten staff. Our annual disco is loads of fun and a great way for the children and parents to get to know each other.

Tickets will not be available at the door so get in early and secure your tickets. Cost is $5 per child. Siblings welcome.

Children will receive a glow stick, drink and sausage included in the price. Parents can also enjoy the BBQ and drinks at a small charge.

Please come along and join in the fun. Proceeds will go towards the purchase of new equipment for the kindergarten.

We are also looking for volunteers to set up the kindy and to help on the night. Please put your name on the roster if you can help.

Donations of cupcakes or biscuits that can be sold on the night will be kindly received and will help with our fundraising efforts. Please place a list of ingredients with the goods you bring along so that any parents of children with allergies can clearly see what is in the products you have supplied. Goods can be delivered on Tuesday during the day or brought in at the start of the disco.

Our kindergarten relies heavily on fundraising to upgrade equipment etc so please help where ever you can.

Curriculum

So what have we been learning at kindergarten?
From our initial investigation of the butterflies and their life cycles the children have been learning about other life cycles, insects and mini beasts. We have also been investigating the concept of symmetry. We have involved the children in a number of activities in which they need to match and notice things that are symmetrical including

- games on the interactive television, pattern making with shapes, drawing and finding things that are symmetrical...
- We have been noticing similarities and differences and sorting according to attributes. We have looked at ourselves as part of the Harmony Day celebrations and some children have painted their portraits. We will continue this investigation of ourselves and our similarities and differences over the weeks to come.
- Children have replanted some of the garden beds and germinated sunflowers. We have begun talking to the children about sustainability and the ways we can help the garden to flourish eg worm juice. The children have made zucchini slice twice because they loved it so much. (Recipe on the back of the newsletter.)
- We are keen to expand the interest of some children in sharing their collections so if your child is a collector and has a collection of some sort at home they would like to show and talk about please bring their collection along.

Helping children to use oral language and describe things is a great way to build their language skills. Talking in front of a group builds their confidence as does sharing something important to them.

Please remember to return the children’s learning stories to us once you have read and shared the learning with your child. Keep telling us about your child’s experiences and interests at home so that we can make the kindy and home connection strong.

Thanks to everyone that has shared or helped or brought something in this term. We appreciate your interest in your child’s education.

Excursions

Now that children have settled into the routines of kindergarten and have confidence with this environment we are keen to start venturing out into the community and becoming involved in some excursions and visiting performers in term two. Details and permissions for excursions will be distributed prior to us going and parents...
will be asked to sign consent forms for each occasion. Please let us know if you know of great places to visit.

**Governing Council News**

The minutes of the Governing Council Meetings will be put on the notice board above the sign in bench after each meeting for those parents who are interested. Regular updates will also appear in the kindy newsletter.

Please remember Governing Council Meetings are open meetings and all parents are welcome to come along.

**Pets for the holidays**

A Family wanted to care for the kindergarten fish during the holidays. Aquarium etc supplied. Please let us know if you can help.

*Happy Easter Holidays to everyone.*