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NEWSLETTER

Dear Families

What an exciting time for the children as they begin their transition to school programs. We can't wait to hear from them about their discoveries at school. This week we will begin to welcome the 2020 Oakbank Kindergarten children. Over the next few weeks they will have one morning session and one full day session. It is a great opportunity for our current children to be role models for them and help them become familiar with our routines.

Sharon Miller, the Director here for 19 years, has retired now and the Governing Council farewelled her with a gift for her garden and a beautiful photo of the kindergarten. We await to hear who will work here next year. Staffing is a little unclear as once again we are on the borderline for a teacher position. We have been really pleased with how playgroup and Occasional Care have opened up the kindergarten to the community and hope that they will continue next year.

We have a fun Term 4 planned and know that the children will delight in our adventures together for their last term at kindergarten.

Regards

Cathy, Donna, Catherine



Fundraising

Great fundraising efforts have enabled us to have our oven installed. We have a small oven now available for give away. We would love it to go to a community group in need or a family. Please see Cathy or Donna.

Summer Sizzler raffle

We need some more items for our raffle. Suggestions - drinks including wine, sunscreen, beach toys and towels, sun hats, salad bowls, drink bottles etc.

We would really appreciate families selling tickets to friends, family and work colleagues. Please let us know via text if you can take a book of 10 tickets.

Thank you to:

- Shaun McBeath for pressure cleaning the deck and cubbies
- Kiwanis, Lions and Rotary clubs who all donated towards our new oven - \$2,000 in total.
- Emily's mum, Lisa, for always being there on the last day of the week at 2.45 pm to help clean up. Is there anyone that could help us now?

Diary Dates

Closure Day Thursday 14th November

Don't forget there is no kindergarten on Thursday of this week. Staff will be involved in training and completing the Quality Improvement Plan for 2020. We are entitled to four closure days a year but decided to only use three this year to save on disruption to family routines.



Bike Day Sunday 24th November

Pack your bikes, a picnic rug and some lunch and join us at the Brockoff Lions Park Bike Track which is across from the petrol station at Balhannah. There are two tracks, one for younger children and one for older. We can also play at the playground. The whole family is welcome. This is an alcohol free zone. Please let Cathy know if you will be attending.



End of Year Excursion Tuesday 3rd December

Another bus trip and this time we will be exploring Nairne. First stop is Green Valley Strawberries on Nairne Rd at 9.45 am. We will have a tour in the strawberry field and the packing shed, then a strawberry milkshake.



Next stop is the nature playground at Bythorne Park on Nairne Rd. for some exercise and exploration of the lake area. We will walk up to near the old railway station for lunch.



Last stop is the Head, Heart and Hands' shop at 81A Main Rd. Nairne for a puppet show - 'Blizzie the Gnome' which gives an environmental message.



What a big day out. We need lots of parent help as we require a high adult to child ratio due to the water at Bythorne Park. Please let a staff member know if you can join us.

The cost of the excursion is \$12 per child. You can deposit this on line into our account with your child's name and Excursion as the reference or place the money in a labelled envelope for the fees box. You will receive a consent form soon. A risk assessment has been completed.

Family Night / Graduation Wednesday 4th December

We ask families to arrive at 5.50 pm. At 6.00 pm Robby Bowler will be performing for us. She is a musical entertainer who is a lot of fun and gets the crowd involved. This will be inside for acoustics. There is no cost for families for the performance as this is part of our end of year gift to the children.

After we will have a shared tea - please bring a large plate of food. For this function we will be able to keep food warm but it would be great if you could heat it prior to arriving.

At the end of the night we will have our graduation ceremony where the children will receive their Learning Journals jam packed with photos, work and learning stories which reflect what they have achieved through the year.

We will also have an auction of canvasses produced by our talented artists and raffle tickets for the Summer Sizzle Hamper will be available to buy on the night.

We plan to be finished by 8.15 pm.

Statements of Learning

Cathy is very busy writing Statements of Learning. These are reports that describes your child's achievements over the year. We will get you to read and sign them. We then send them to your child's Reception teacher and place your copy in your child's Learning Journal - something wonderful to read and reflect on as the children continue to learn and grow.

