



# Harmony Day

Harmony Week is the celebration that recognises our diversity and brings together Australians from all different backgrounds.

It's about inclusiveness, respect and a sense of belonging for everyone.

On **Thursday March 21st** and **Friday March 22nd**, Please send your child to kinder wearing **orange** to celebrate Harmony Day.



## Reminder:

For the safety of our kinder children we would prefer that only Adults use the pin pad for access to our kinder.

Please do not share the code or open the door for unfamiliar Adults. Please direct them to the office for access and to verify they are authorised to collect a child from this service

It is also very important that only adults open the doors and discourage children from doing this.

### After Kinder Care

Thankyou to all the families who responded to our After kinder care survey– in response we have adjusted our permanent rate which will be put into place for Term 2.

The cost will be for-  
Pre Kinder families \$40 per day and for YBS families \$30 (due to the shorter time they are able to attend an AKC session)

**We still have vacancies for Term 2 and can accept permanent and casual bookings.**

Under the terms of eligibility determined by the Australian Government we are unable to offer the CCS rebate as we are a service primarily providing **early education** to children in the year that is 2 years before grade 1 of school such as a preschool or kindergarten.

In line with the VECTEA award under which our staff are paid they are contracted to contact and non contact time. We set 5pm as the collection time for After kinder care as this is the latest our educators are available under their contracted contact/non contact time.



Easter Raffle tickets have been distributed to families.

Please support this raffle by selling your tickets and donating an Easter item to go into the hamper prizes.

Donations can be left in the basket in the foyer or in the office.

**Last day of Term one  
Thursday March 28th  
Sessions will finish at normal times.**

**First day of Term two–  
Monday 15th April.**

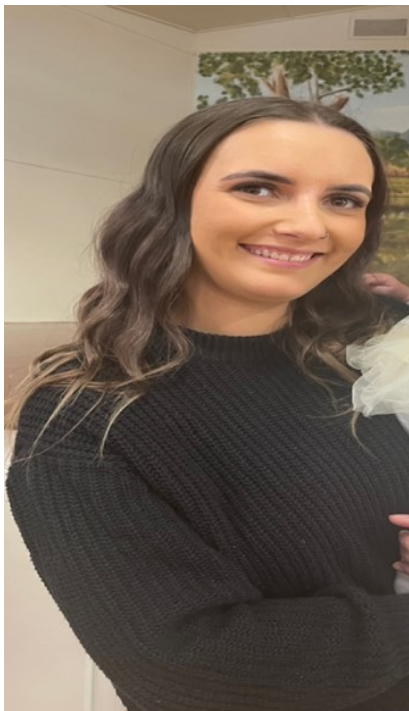
Next Committee of Management meeting  
Monday April 15th - 7pm at the kindergarten.

## KID JOKES

**What is a dinosaur called when it's sleeping?**

**A Dino-snore!**





## Student Placement

Hi, my name is Toni

I am currently studying a Bachelor of Education with Swinburne Online and am undertaking a teaching placement at this Early Learning Centre as part of my degree. I look forward to working with your children, gaining new professional experiences, and assisting in any way I can. I am currently studying a Bachelor of Education with Swinburne Online and am undertaking a teaching placement at this Early Learning Centre as part of my degree. I look forward to working with your children, gaining new professional experiences, and assisting in any way I can.

### Health/Medications

Any child requiring medication must have details completed by a parent/guardian in the medication book. Medication must be clearly marked with the child's name and in the original container. Medicine must be handed to a staff member on arrival at kinder. Please do not leave medicine in children's bags.

If your child has an ongoing illness ie. Asthma we must have a copy of your child's asthma plan (signed by a doctor) and a risk management plan that we keep on your child's file.

Children cannot attend kinder if we do not have this information as it is a department regulation.

If your child is unwell we ask you keep him/her at home, despite the desperate 'but I want to go' cry. Kindergarten cannot provide the comfort and attention that a sick child needs and sending him/her to kindergarten not only puts an unfair burden on your child but also puts other children and staff at risk. Please notify kinder of any illnesses your child may have including head lice. Health department exclusion times are on display at kindergarten in the foyer and apply to children suffering from a contagious condition or infectious disease.

In the event of your child becoming ill at kindergarten, you will be contacted and may be required to take your child home. If you are unable to be reached, your emergency contact will be notified – Please ensure that your child's emergency contact numbers are always up to date.



### Family Connections

Can all families please bring in a family photo to be added to our family wall.

The family wall will be created and seen by all members of the kinder community. If you prefer not to have your family on the wall you could draw a picture of your family instead. By bringing in a photo we take this as your acceptance of the photo being put on display.



### Name Label Fundraiser

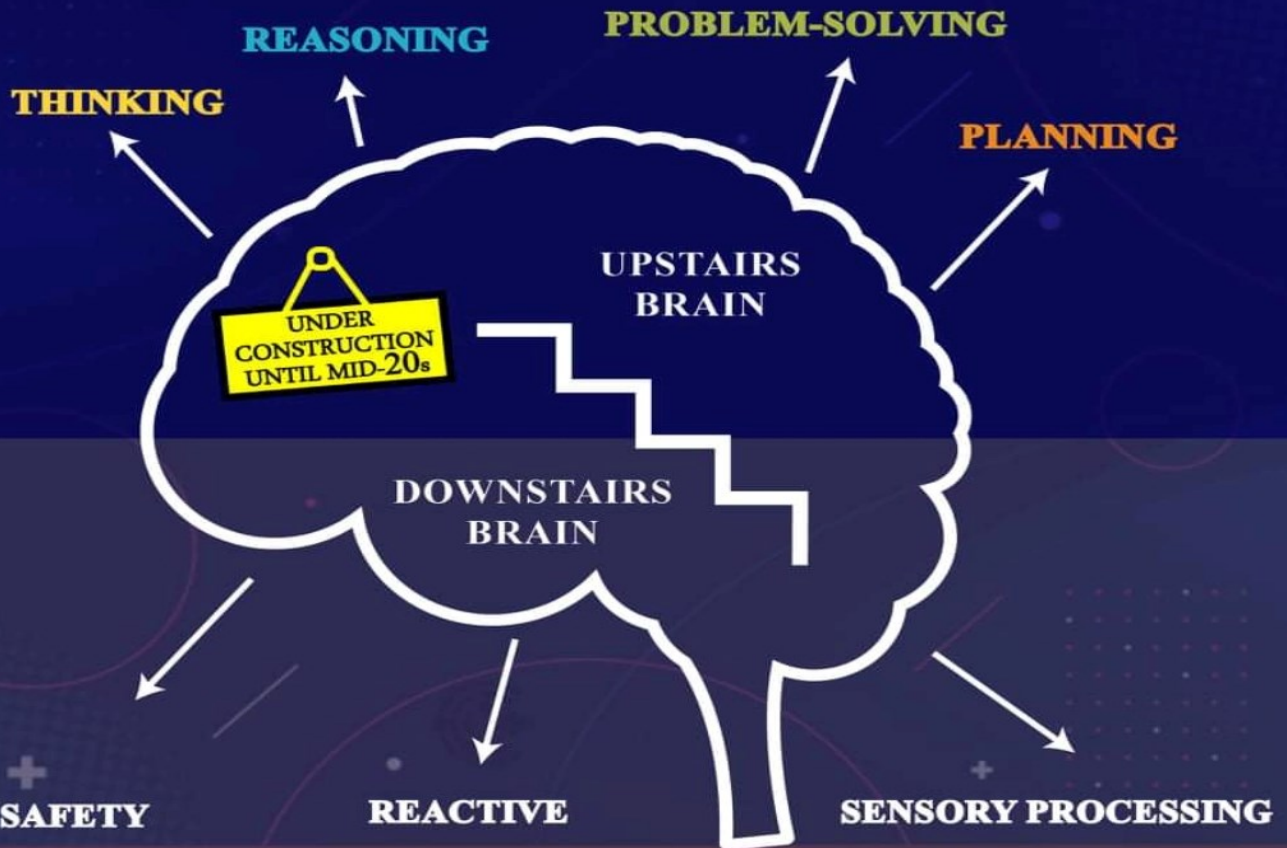
Everyone needs name labels and by using the code below you can save 5% and kinder will raise 15%.

<https://www.mynamelabel.com.au/discount/ADK0515>

Delivered directly to your home, it couldn't be any easier.

# UNDERSTANDING THE BRAIN

WILL HELP UNDERSTAND THE BEHAVIOR



When a child has **BIG EMOTIONS** or **FEELS THREATENED**, they are **DYSREGULATED** and in their **DOWNSTAIRS** brain. They can't access their **UPSTAIRS** brain, where thinking and reasoning occurs.



## CHALLENGING BEHAVIOR ?

Use the Power of **YOU!**

They need **YOU** to Co-regulate, not escalate further. You can't reason with someone who can't access their upstairs brain.

Listen. Validate. Help them feel safe.

Meet them where they are:

**THEY'RE DOWNSTAIRS.**

**GREG SANTUCCI, OCCUPATIONAL THERAPIST**

Concept from *The Whole-Brain Child* by Dr. Dan Siegal and Dr. Tina Payne Bryson

