

Term Three, Week 5

KINDER NEWSLETTER



Alexandra Kindergarten Newsletter

Letter Writing

As part of our goals for the children's learning of literacy the children will be writing a letter to a member of our community. The children's words will be written down in the form of a letter thus enabling them to understand that print is used to communicate messages. The letters will be sent to a member of the U3A group who will send the child back a letter showing the children what happens when mail is sent. Due to current restrictions unfortunately we can't take an excursion to the Post office so we will be setting up a mock post office in the foyer with Sally as our post lady. The children will have the opportunity to 'purchase' their stamp from Sally and then 'post' their letter in a pretend letter box we have made.

Link to the framework-

(Outcome 2: COMMUNITY- Children are connected with and contribute to their world)

(Outcome 5: COMMUNICATION- Children are effective communicators)

September is Nude Food month @ kinder

Nude Food is food without excess packaging. This reduces the amount of 'stuff' that needs to go in bins to be sent to landfill. Durable, reusable containers are a great way to bring food, as they may last from pre-school through to high school and beyond, providing long term cost savings and environmental benefits.

For September try to pack ... **A Waste-Less Lunchbox**

- * Snacks in reusable containers
- * Drinks in a reusable container
- * Reusable utensils when needed
- * A reusable lunchbox or backpack
- * Small pieces of fruit, yoghurt or snack items in a reusable container

Pre-Service Teacher- Abbey Phelps will be in attendance as a Pre-service teacher from August 17th to September 11th.

For her to observe your child she must have your permission. Please go to this link

<https://www.cognitofirms.com/SallyPhelps1/PreServiceTeacherParentGuardianPermissionForm> and indicate your consent. The form takes less than one minute to complete.

Important Dates-

- August 21st- Term fees due
- August 21st- Picture plate drawings and payment due in
- August 26th- Issue 6 Book club orders due in
- September 18th- Last day of Term 3 1.45pm finish
- October 5th- First day of Term 4
- November 2nd- Student free day- No kinder
- November 3rd- Melbourne Cup Day- No kinder

Alexandra & District Kindergarten

COVID Safe Plan

Wellbeing of ADK Employees, Families & Children

- Exclude all ADK Employees, families & children who are unwell from building & grounds.
- Make sure all staff comply with COVID-19 health & restriction advice.
- Provide information on how to stay COVID safe and provide advice on what to do in the event they come in close contact with a confirmed case of COVID-19.
- Provide advice in relation to personal hygiene (including PPE), updated infection control practices and the adherence to COVID-19 control requirements.

Guidance

- Restrict non-essential contractors from entering the ADK building or grounds and reschedule visits to a more practical time.
- Monitor entry and exit points to maintain social distancing and prevent over-crowding, including provision of clear signage. Ensure similar arrangements are in place for general access and exit including evacuation routes.
- Where reasonably practical, always ensure employees, contractors & families maintain 1.5 metres physical distancing.
- Use telephone or video for essential meetings where practical.
- Where reasonably practical, stagger start times for kinder sessions to minimise the risk of close contact between families.
- Request contactless delivery and invoicing of goods/resources, where practical.

Physical Distancing

- Display signage with maximum capacities directing employees & families to maintain physical distancing wherever practical.
- Adopt strategies to avoid crowding at kinder entrance/exit.
- Consider what work can be done offsite, such as administration work from home.

Hygiene and Cleaning

- Adopt good hand hygiene practices.
- Have hand sanitiser at key points around ADK, such as entry and exit points and kitchen areas. Ensure bathrooms are well stocked with hand soap and paper towels.
- Ensure rubbish collection is performed regularly to avoid rubbish overflow.
- Clean indoor hard surface areas frequented by staff or families at least daily with detergent or disinfectant. Clean frequently touched areas and surfaces including in foyer, printers, handrails, taps and washing facilities, whenever practical with a detergent or disinfectant solution or wipe.
- Display signs about physical distancing, hygiene, and hand washings practices around the centre where practical.

Record Keeping

- Make employees & contractors aware of the COVIDSafe app and the benefits of the app to support contact tracing if required.
 - Ensure that all site visitors record their details on the visitor sign in register