



Coromandel Valley Kindergarten

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Diary Dates

Term 2:

- 12th May Mother's Day (look out for your child's beautiful Mother's Day card)
- Tuesday 7th & Thurs 10th May World Asthma Day – Pyjama Day fundraiser– wear your PJ's and give a gold coin donation
- Playgroup commences (odd weeks) from Friday 10th May 9am to 11am
- Wednesday 15th May 4.30pm to 6pm Annual General Meeting – Cancer Council Presentation –
- Friday 17th May Kindy fees due in full
- 22nd May Simultaneous Story Time – Alpacas with Maracas
- Monday 20th May and Wednesday 22nd May Kindy Photos in the morning
- Wednesday 29th May 6 to 7pm Parent Q&A Series - Curriculum and Pedagogy
- Thursday 30th May Pupil Free Day - Kindy is closed for staff development
- Tuesday 4th & Thursday 6th June Excursion "Wild Imagination" and picnic lunch
- Monday 10th June Public Holiday - Kindy is closed
- Tuesday 11th & Wednesday 12th June Child Youth Health(CYH) 4year old screenings
- Wednesday 12th June 4.30pm to 6pm Governing Council Meeting
- Friday 28th June 5pm to 7pm Art Show –
- Wednesday 3rd July Parent Q&A Series - Nutrition

Easter Raffle – thank you to the many that donated goods for our raffle prizes and bought tickets. The baskets were amazing and had some lovely items in them. We have made over \$450 from this fundraiser which will go towards buying a dishwasher / sanitiser for the Kindy.

Building Relationships -Individual Learning Plans (ILP)

ILP meetings and plans have been successful with a number of families taking up the option of a 1:1 conversation with their child's focus teacher. All of the ILPs have been emailed to individual families. Can you please take the time to read the ILP, make a comment and return it to your child's focus teacher by email. There has been a slow response to this and we value your comments so please take the time to follow through with this.

Playgroup resumes on Friday 10th May, 24th May, 7th June, 21st June, 5th July. Please bring \$3.00 and a piece of fruit to share.

Accounts Payable term 2 fees are about to be posted into the family pockets. We appreciate your prompt payment and expect you to be able to do so by the due date Friday 17th May. Please note we have a policy in place that excludes children from excursions if the kindy fees are in arrears. If you require a payment plan please discuss with the Director ASAP.

Term 1 Parent Survey has a response rate of 54%. From the response analysis we have been able to develop some parent Q&A evening sessions. The first session will be about the early year's core learning criteria, our philosophy and corresponding teaching style. Other sessions we are hoping to plan will include nutrition, transition to school and dealing with big emotions

We have also taken on board feedback about seeing more pictures of the day – so we are attempting to add snapshot posts during the day on our Facebook page. Some days this is easier to do than others but we will try to post each day. We are also starting a Kindy scrap-book to hopefully capture the week in photos and child voice comments.

School Choice Many parents like to take their time and look at a number of sites before choosing a school for their child to attend. We highly recommend you take up the option of school tours in the local area and beyond if that is your preference, visit a few sites and decide from there. It is an important decision so remember to ask questions and seek feedback.

There will be a note in your pocket asking you to nominate your likely school choice and return to us. Please remember that you will need to approach the school for enrolment information and forms – and please don't assume that because there is an older sibling at the school the school knows their younger sibling is coming too.

Some parents have also suggested Kindy should be informing everyone which children are going to certain schools – this is a highly personal choice and for many reasons it is up to you who you tell.

We suggest if you are interested in knowing who will be attending the school your child is going to you add a post on our Facebook page and get responses that way.

Staying Well we have a strong focus in term two and three on personal and group hygiene to help combat the spread of cold and flu bugs. Please help us by keeping your child away from Kindy if they are unwell and / or contagious. Please take a look at the sign on the front door as a guide to when your child should not be here.

Communicating with Families please update your email details with a personal email address to ensure you are getting your kindy news. We have noticed a number of parents reminding their children to leave the parent pockets alone. Thank you for this as it is so important only adults manage the information in the pockets to make sure you are getting your information, birthday invites, teacher notes etc.

Independence Day last term we held Independence Day at Kindy to encourage children to have a go at being responsible for their belongings. We have noticed children arriving at kindy this week carrying their own backpacks, getting their lunch, drink bottles and shared fruit ready and signing in without parent help. Several children have even announced to me with pride that they are being independent! This is great to see – we thank you for continuing to encourage your children executive function development. This term we will be focusing on looking after our belongings at the end of the day packing lunch and drink bottles away, taking all our clothes, jackets etc with us along with prized art craft and writing projects.