



## Coromandel Valley Kindergarten

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**Term 4:** Please see the attached term 4 overview. Please take special note of:

- Pupil fee days– Monday 14<sup>th</sup> October and Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> December
- Governing Council Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> October and 27<sup>th</sup> November 4.30 – 6pm
- Kindy @ Coro Primary excursions –Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> November
- Parent Q & A *anxiety and change management* Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> November
- Graduation Celebration Friday 29<sup>th</sup> November 5 to 7pm

**Parent / Teacher Communication** - as part of our communication we will be preparing a Statement of Learning (SoL) for each child that will highlight your child's learning journey at Kindergarten. A copy of this report is also made available to the school you have nominated for their information.

**Art Show Portfolio** – We are sure you and your family enjoyed attending the annual art show with your child this year. It has been an amazing opportunity for the children to develop some very special concepts and be expressive.

Hopefully you are interested in purchasing your child's art work portfolio for \$20.00 this year. As a fundraiser this has significant value to the kindy budget, but more so would be a beautiful keepsake of treasured art pieces you could display in your child's bedroom, give to grandparents or put in a keepsake box for them.

It is not too late to EFT your \$20 for the art portfolio to:

Coromandel Valley Kindergarten

BSB: 105 – 078

Acc # : 3022 13140

Reference: Art Show

**Fundraising**– during term 4 you will have an opportunity to purchase tea towels your child has been a part of decorating, and a range of top notch wine form some local boutique wine makers. Both make excellent Christmas presents and keepsakes for family members or yourself.

**Staying Safe at Kindy**- as the weather improves a number of risk factors increase at Kindy:

**Sunsense:** Children have been supported in practicing making safe choices all year with understanding the UV levels and when to apply sunblock. We would encourage you to be very active in this from now on as the UV level rises so is the risk of skin damage to your young child. We expect that your child will have applied sunblock in the morning before coming to Kindy and we will help children throughout the day with reapplication. Supporting them to apply sunblock (don't do it for them) several times a day when they are not at Kindy keeps up a really good habit. Investing in a non-greasy, cream based tube or pump bottle of sunblock is a good idea – roll on varieties have proven to be ineffective at adequate skin coverage and leave children's skin at risk of burning and sun damage.

**Hydration:** we always encourage drinking plenty of water during the kindy day. Please make sure you have given your child's water bottle a good scrub – especially the lid and drinking spout area. We offer filtered water at Kindy.

**Snakes:** will again become very active in the hills as the weather warms up. We invest in a clove based snake deterrent spray twice a year. The children are well practiced at snake awareness and our practiced safety drill is becoming embedded. You could have your own safety drill at home – what would you do if you saw a snake in your back yard?

**Bushfire season:** this is a significant risk to families living in the hills area. We have a specific bush fire plan and have undertaken preventative maintenance to our trees and gutters to prepare for the season. If the fire danger rating is extreme the Kindergarten is open but we do not expect your child to attend Kindy if you are activating your bushfire action plan. If the fire danger rating is catastrophic the Kindergarten is closed for the day. Are you aware of how to get information about bushfire danger ratings each day? Do you have a bushfire emergency action plan in place for your home?

**Safe choices:** we have been working throughout term 3 on the concepts of safe choices and who can help keep us safe. We will continue this work during term 4 with each child producing a *helping hand* – nominating 5 adults in their lives that can help them if they don't feel safe.