



Coromandel Valley Kindy News

Dates to Remember

Family chats:	29th, 30th July, 1st, 2nd, 6th, 9th August	Picture Products due:	16th August
Governing Council	Wednesday 14th August	Book Week dress up:	Tuesday 20th/Friday 23rd August
Police Visit:	Thursday 15th August	Mini-Olympics:	Tuesday 27th & Thursday 29th August
		Pupil Free Day:	Friday 6th September

Director Update

Welcome to our new children and families starting this week, and to Izzy as our new teacher in the Wattle group and she will also do some days with the Banksia group, so everyone will get to meet her.

Big thank you to Louise and Suzanne who put in much time and effort to make the art show a success. Thanks to all the children, families and friends who came along to view the children’s work. You can collect these art pieces from the kindy.

I am looking forward to an interesting term 3 as we continue our training with David Gilkes about inquiry learning at kindergarten and how we can plan for quality teaching and learning.

Mandy



Governing Council Update

- ◆ Fundraising—Thanks to everyone who supported our Online Auction we raised \$4000 for our outdoor area redevelopment. This term we will share some ideas and get family feedback on what you want to see in the yard as we develop a site plan.
- ◆ We say thank you to Lauren (Harriet P’s Mum), who has finished her time on Governing council with Harriet heading off to school in term 3.
- ◆ Tea Towels have now been delivered and the children have done a great job, please collect from the kindy.
- ◆ Two more fundraisers coming up with Mini-Olympics in term 3 and wine fundraiser in term 4.
- ◆ New members are always welcome on Governing Council, next meeting 6.30-8pm 14th August.

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Mini-Olympics

Children will be involved in coming up with ideas for the mini-Olympics over the next few weeks as we watch Olympic Games events and talk about what events would be good to have at our kindy mini-olympics. We will be experimenting and trying new things as well as practicing our events ready for our

Tuesday 27th August for Banksia Group, 9.00-10.30am

Thursday 29th August for Wattle Group, 9.00-10.30am

Family and friends are welcome to come along and watch as children participate in the events in a obstacle course with various stations set up to work through.

We are asking for families help children to get sponsors to make a donation for their participation in the mini-Olympics. The fundraising will go towards kindy resources, which children will help to choose.

Forms will be in pockets this week and to be returned on the day of the event.

Total donations can be paid into the kindy bank account with your child's name as reference.

All donations big and small will be gratefully accepted. Thank you.

Fees and new equipment

Observations from educators of children's play over the first two terms has made us realise that children are seeking out more experiences where they are using their whole bodies. We have used a portion of the term 2 fees to purchase some new equipment for this type of play. It has been ordered and is on it's way. We can't wait to see how children enjoy playing with them.

Governing Council

Are you interested in joining our governing council? All families are welcome.

New members are welcome.

We meet on Wednesday at 6.30pm in week 4 & 9 of each term. Next meeting on

Wednesday 14th August at 6.30-8.00pm

Welcome to new families

A big welcome to our 5 new families joining us with 3 new children in the Banksia Group and 2 new children in the Wattle group.

In children's first term we offer a meeting with your child's focus teacher to come up with some shared goals for your child's time at kindy.

In the next couple of weeks we will put out a sign up sheet to book in a time to chat. This is mainly for first termers but all families are welcome to book in a time if they want to chat about their child's learning.

Individual Learning Goal Conversations

Banksia Group

Monday

29th July

Tuesdays

30th July & 6th August

If you need another time please chat to staff.



Police Visiting Wattle group on Thursday 15th August at 9.30am



SOUTH AUSTRALIA POLICE
KEEPING SA SAFE



If there are children from the Banksia group who missed the SA Police visit in term 2, you are welcome at this session. It will be about an hour and includes a chat with police officers, a chance to try on some uniforms and ask questions as well as checking out the police car. An adult will need to stay with Banksia children.

Come and share

Do you have a special interest, interesting skill or job you can share with the children.

The children's learning is supported by learning new things and about people in their local community.

Please let us know if you would like to share anything or come and tell us about what you do. For example cooking, showing us your work uniform, playing an instrument, sharing a different language or doing some gardening with the children. You may have some other ideas.



Pupil Free Date

Friday 6th September

No kindy on this day

Staff will be doing training on National Quality Standards and our learning environment.

This date coincides with Coromandel Valley Primary School show day.

Book Week

Reading is Magic

Tuesday 20th and Friday 23rd August

Who needs an excuse to dress up? There will be dress ups at kindy, but children can also come in their own costume.

Individual Learning Goal

Conversations

Wattle Group

Thursday

1st August

Friday

2nd & 9th August

If you need another time please chat to staff.

Picture Products

\$24 per plate

Need to be completed by 16th August

Table set up at kindy in morning and afternoon for families to do drawings together or they can be taken home. Siblings may want to do one as well. We have textas you can borrow or use your own.

Once drawings are completed, please pay total amount via bank transfer with reference as child's name.

Ask Mandy If you have any questions.



SeeSaw

See saw is an App where educators can share individual and group work done at kindergarten. It will provide more opportunities to communicate and streamline processes so all family members can connect with staff whether they are on site regularly or not.

The limitations of a private Facebook group such as not allowing us to share work and communicate directly with individual and small groups of families, left us looking for an alternative to communicate with families.

Several families and other kindergarten staff have recommended See Saw as an option which is simple to access for families and easy to use. We will be using See Saw this term and it will be instead of the Private Family Group Facebook page, please take any photos of your child you would like to keep from this Facebook Group as it will be closed in August. The public Facebook page will continue.

You can join with QR code or via the relevant link below,

Banksia Group <https://app.seesaw.me/s/258-858-503> Wattle Group <https://app.seesaw.me/s/946-136-490>

There will also be an invite in your pocket with a personal QR code to set up your account.

Staffing Update

Banksia Group

Mondays and Tuesdays

Mandy, Suzanne & Louise

Wattle Group

Thursdays and Fridays

Mandy and Izzy

*Izzy and Louise will be covering staff
who are out in both groups.*

Policy Feedback

We are currently working on our site policies.

Process for feedback and evaluation

1. Director will review or write policy
2. Staff will provide feedback
3. Governing Council will provide feedback
4. Policies will be provided to families for feedback.
5. Feedback collated and reviewed by Governing Council to be approved and published.

If you are interested in being a part of the feedback and review process please let Mandy know.

Emergency Week at Kindy—week 4, 12th-16th August 2024

We will have visits from emergency services, SAPol on Thursday and following up with other emergency services to talk about emergencies and how we should respond to an emergency and get to see and learn about who can help in an emergency. **If you have any connections to people in emergency services we would love some help in connecting and having visitors at kindy.**

Thanks

There are 4 types of basic emergency responses that apply to sites and services:

- Evacuation (leaving the building in response to an internal issue, such as a fire or gas leak)
- Shelter-in-place (remaining inside a building to prevent exposure to an external issue or threat eg bushfire)
- Lockdown (seeking secure shelter and hiding in response to the threat of serious unlawful violence)
- Off-site evacuation (a planned alternate evacuation point in response to a significant internal issue such as a major fire or

Mandy Dempsey—Director, teaching Monday/Tuesday and Thursday/Friday

Suzanne Harris—Teacher on Monday and Tuesdays **Isobel (Izzy) O'Brien**—Teacher on Thursday Fridays (Term 3 & 4)

Louise Hill—Early Childhood Worker Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday