

Tuesday 9/10/12 (WEEK 1)

Lameroo Kindy Newsletter



WELCOME BACK EVERYONE! I hope you all enjoyed some sunshine and fresh air in the holidays. Some more rain would be good but I guess we'll have to be patient. It's always great to welcome the children and their families back to Kindergarten and to see how much they have grown just in two weeks! We look forward to seeing you all on Tuesday. Doug and I really enjoyed our trip away to Western Australia and were reminded of not only how beautiful the state is from North to South, but how big it is! We travelled 15,000 Kilometres and were seasoned caravaners at the end of it! It was also very good to be home.

WELCOME TO Beth Philbey, Harry Bowman, Maddison Venning, Charlie Best and Raquelle Wellburn who will begin their Pre-Entry sessions of Kindergarten this term. We wish them all and their families, a happy time with us.

I would like to say **THANKYOU** to Agnes Shwerak who relieved for me while I was on Long Service Leave. I thank her for her energy and commitment to the Kindergarten. She obviously enjoyed her time in Lameroo with you and your children and did a great job.



THANKYOU to Annita and Lisa who presented a Lameroo Kindergarten display at the Pinnaroo Show on Wednesday. I was not able to see it but was told it looked great!

THANKYOU for supplying Party food at the end of last term and helping with some cleaning tasks in preparation for a busy Term 4. Your help is always appreciated at this busy time.

CURRICULUM

This term, we look forward to a curriculum focus about **TOYS, GAMES and PLAY** which will encompass all learning areas in a holistic approach. The children will make toys, play group and partner games, visit the Day Care Centre to play games and have a Teddy Bear's Picnic. We will again share visits with the School for activities too.

We are making a **Display** of the children's **Favourite toys** and would love you to take a photo of your child with this toy and write a short story about the toy for us to include with the photo. You might write about what the toy is, what it's made of, where your child likes to play with it, who they like to share it with or what they have done with it. We will then ask the children to tell us about their toy while they're at Kindy and include that in our display. We then hope to use the great photos in a **BIG BOOK**.

PORTFOLIOS Please can you send back your child's **PORTFOLIO** as soon as you can? We also really appreciate the comments you make in the **PARENT PAGE** of this folder as it all contributes to improved and meaningful assessment of your child's learning. Please can you give us some feedback on this page? Thankyou

OCCASIONAL CARE Places available during Term 4

As some children have started full time kindergarten, there are now some Occasional Care places available. Please ring Ali on Mondays if you would like to make a booking. We'd love to welcome you.



Our Occasional Care Service is well co-ordinated by June Sparks, (Early Childhood Worker 2) who is committed to offering a high quality programme and ensures that the children have a fun day of playing while learning. You can also use our 'Answering Machine' and leave a message if the phone is unattended.

The Kindy number is: 85763 379

NEWSLETTERS



Our Newsletter is a really valuable way of involving you in your child's learning, making links with home and kindergarten and passing on information about a variety of activities. It often contains important dates about coming events that involve your child. Our Newsletter is prepared **every ODD Tuesday** (The week number is always listed at the top of the Newsletter and on the main door at the entrance to Kindy.) At present, most of our Newsletters are being emailed to Parents by choice and some are being sent home as a hard copy. I encourage you to read these Newsletters regularly to stay informed with what is happening at Kindergarten. They also provide opportunities to talk to your child about what they have been learning about at Kindergarten. If you'd prefer to have your Newsletter sent home as a hard copy because you're not able to check your email regularly, please let Ali know. We'd be happy to help. Any feedback about what else you would like to see and read about in the Newsletter would be gratefully received.

HATS AND SUNSCREEN



Lameroo Kindergarten is a 'Sunsmart' centre which means we have a policy in place for the best care of the children's skin while they're outside at play. In Term 4, your children will need a named, broad brimmed or legionnaire style hat to wear while at play outside. We will also apply sunscreen before outside play. If your child needs a specific sunscreen, please send it along with their name on it. We will also be encouraging play in the shady areas of our yard.



CURRICULUM FOCUS - Toys/Games/Play

This term will begin with a focus on 'Toys, Games and Play' as a basis for our Kindergarten Curriculum. We will be integrating all Learning Areas into this focus and will be using the Early Years Learning Framework (Our Curriculum document) to plan and programme for the children. (Check out our Parent display for more information on the 'Early Years learning Framework' or E.Y.L.F. at Kindergarten.)



CHRISTMAS CATALOGUES sent out last term, are now due to be returned.

Thankyou

We would love some more boxes for our 'Junk materials box' if you have some at home. We will then decorate them and send them back home to you!! Ha ha.

Each Friday at Kindy, the children have 'Talking Time'.

'Talking Time' will begin in Week 2. Notes are being sent home this week. Please can you help your child be prepared for their turn? The first Topic is: 'A Toy I like'.
All the best!



A LOAD TO THE DUMP

We have some no longer needed items that need to be taken to the dump. Please can you let us know if you're able to help us in this way? Thankyou.

GOVERNING COUNCIL MEETING

Our next Governing Council meeting will be held on Tuesday, October 23 at 7.30pm at the Kindergarten. Our meetings are friendly with lots of ideas sharing and opportunities for you to have a say in decision making; they are generally from 7.30pm until about 9.30pm and are a great way to find out what is happening at the Kindergarten too. See you there!

COMMUNICATION at Kindy

We believe that good communication at kindergarten between our Parents and staff is really important to ensure that we are working in a close partnership with you for the best learning outcomes of your child. We have an EMAIL LIST to enable Parents to receive regular updates on their child's day, receive their Newsletter online or pass on any information about their child to staff. We also have an 'answering machine' at



Kindergarten if you wish to leave a message. We will also have a 'SHARED COMMUNICATION BOOK' on the front cupboard if you wish to leave a message that way. We will also try to catch up with you as often as possible at the beginning or end of the day to share about your child's progress with you. Thankyou.

LIBRARY VISITS - We visit the Library each **THURSDAY** for borrowing and sharing a story. Please can you help your child remember their **Library Bag** on Thursdays. Thankyou

Have a wonderful Term and we look forward to sharing our learning with you.

ALI, ANNITA, LISA AND JUNE

Important Dates to Remember:

Week 2 - Morning Talks start - Friday (19/10/12)

Week 2 - KINDY WILL BE ON TUESDAY, THURSDAY AND FRIDAY

Week 3 - Tuesday, October 23 -Governing Council Meeting at 7.30pm at the Kindy.

Week 9 - December 6 - OUR KINDY CONCERT (Mark this date in you calendar!)