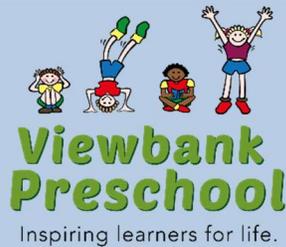


# Newsletter TERM 1 - 2019



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## Welcome to Term 1!

Dear Families,

It is a busy time of year at the kinder and it is wonderful to hear from the teachers that the children are all settling in well. We have been lucky to be chosen as a provider of the Early Childhood Learning Program and have welcomed Mia Cao as our Mandarin teacher for 4 year old kinder who has been a great addition to our awesome team. We have also been successful in getting grants to update the notice boards in the foyer and we are in the process of ordering new furniture for the kinder.

The Welcome BBQ is coming up on Sunday 31st March. It will run from 11pm-1pm and is a fantastic opportunity to meet other families and the preschool's committee members. There are sausages, drinks, and icy poles available for pre-purchase via order forms that will be distributed soon. You will need to RSVP and place a food and drink order and these details will be available soon. We would love to see as many families as possible in attendance.

Together with our fabulous educators, we have a committee of volunteer parents working to ensure Viewbank Preschool maintains its excellent standards. I would like to encourage everyone to consider helping us throughout the year in any way you are able. Whether it is at a working bee in Terms 2, 3 or 4, being a parent helper in class, or being involved in a sub-committee during the year. It is such a rewarding experience to be involved in the running of the kinder and I hope everyone takes an opportunity to help out where they can.

We hope everyone has a great year, has a positive experience with being part of the Viewbank Preschool community and enjoys reading about how it has begun in this newsletter.

Rob Wright  
President

## RED GROUP

**Wednesday, 13<sup>th</sup> March**  
*Litter sister's incursion - healthy eating education*

**Thursday, 21<sup>st</sup> March**  
*Photo Day at Kinder*

**Monday, 25<sup>th</sup> March**  
*Water Safety Program - Staying safe.*

**Sunday, 31<sup>st</sup> March**  
*Welcome BBQ: 11am-1pm*

**Thursday, 4<sup>th</sup> April,**  
*Lapathon: 12.30-1.15pm*

## BLUE GROUP

**Wednesday, 13<sup>th</sup> March**  
*Litter sister's incursion - healthy eating education*

**Friday, 22<sup>nd</sup> March**  
*Photo Day at Kinder*

**Tuesday, 26<sup>th</sup> March**  
*Water Safety Program - Staying safe.*

**Sunday, 31<sup>st</sup> March**  
*Welcome BBQ: 11am-1pm*

**Friday, 5<sup>th</sup> April,**  
*Lapathon: 2-2.45pm*

## GREEN GROUP

**Thursday, 21<sup>st</sup> March**  
*Photo Day at Kinder*

**Thursday, 4<sup>th</sup> April**  
*Teddy Bears Picnic*

## Red Group



A warm welcome to our wonderful red group families. We have had a great start to 2019. The group has settled in very well.

This year red group has 8 girls and 14 boys.

Red group has no anaphylaxis children this year. Please leave whole nut products out of lunch boxes as there are other children at the service who do have extreme allergies. Traces of nuts in products is okay for red group.



Well done to parents managing to navigate our staggered intake program. Hoping everyone is feeling part of our community now. Thank-you so much for all the input into our program so far. It is very much appreciated by myself and Merryn.

The children each have a portfolio in the room. These are filling up already with the very busy work we have been doing. We invite you to contribute to the portfolio if you like. Portfolios need to stay at the kinder so please come in any time to have a look along with your child. Families will be taking portfolio's home over the mid-year holidays.



Red group are managing themselves very well throughout the sessions with great independence skills. We have learnt the rules and limits at kinder and the children have done well at remembering them most of the time. Our biggest challenge at the moment is listening to more than one instruction before we begin our transition to the next routine. We are all very excited about eating times and the children have had very big appetites after all their play.



Interests throughout the term have been - finding interesting living things in our garden, cooking up a storm in the sand-pit, big block building, running through our sprinkler hose on hot days, Chinese New Year lantern making, just to name a few. This was a great activity for everyone to do practising our scissor skills. They make our room look so colourful hanging from the roof.



We have been drawing self-portraits and talking about ourselves and our families with our "About Me" sharing with the group. The About me book has been shared in our library space with the children as well.

## Red Group



We have been discussing families and how they are all different. It is nice to see the children counting their pets as family members. We have been drawing pictures of our families to put into our portfolios. Thank-you for bringing in your family portraits, keep them coming. The children love seeing these on the wall. They create a sense of belonging as well as encouraging many discussions amongst the children. Great for their language skills and self-confidence.

Gardening, worms, composting, and recycling have been a big focus. We have been identifying what things are made of to determine which bin they need to go in.

Healthy eating is another learning focus. This will lead to healthy lifestyles and our Lapathon on the last day of term. We will learn about healthy eating and healthy daily practises such as drinking water and milk, being active, bathing, brushing our teeth, resting, and sleeping.

By the end of term 2 we will have knowledge on the following topics through our intentional teaching.

- Kinder Rules
- Summer
- Ourselves
- Body Awareness
- Healthy eating
- Composting / recycling / worm farming
- Colour
- Shape
- Exercising – Lapathon event to end term.

We are very excited about our **Calm4Kids Yoga program** coming to kinder next term. This will be a weekly program running for 8 weeks. A 9am start for this program on a Monday morning. More information to come in your pockets.

## Red Group

### Other intentional teaching for term 2 are -

- Library borrowing
- Living eggs program – week 6 and 7
- Animals that come from eggs ~ birds, reptiles, frogs, caterpillars
- Domestic animals
- Dental Care
- Emotions
- Autumn
- Maps
- Flags
- Mother's Day
- The community – Shops, post office, hospital
- Community workers

### Special Dates for the remainder of term 1.

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### Term 2 – Special dates

Wednesday 1 <sup>st</sup> May	Librarian visit
27 <sup>th</sup> May – 7 <sup>th</sup> June	Chick Hatching Program
Thursday 30 <sup>th</sup> May	Dental Visit
19 <sup>th</sup> & 20 <sup>th</sup> June	Mid-year parent/teacher meetings

Look out for the term 2 duty roster coming out soon. We would like each family to do a minimum of 1 duty per term. We love having grand-parents come along too if parents are busy.

Are there any red group parents/grandparents who would like to do a sharing session with red group as you discuss your occupation as a community worker, culture or special talent you could show the group?

Please speak to Ann-Marie if you could help.

That's all for now.

Thank-you Ann-Marie, Merryn, Rebecca and Mia

## Blue Group

We have had a great start to the year in Blue Group. The children have settled well and arrive smiling and excited to begin their day. The children are becoming more familiar with daily routines and beginning to form new friendships within the group.

Families have been providing very nutritious and delicious lunches and snacks. We have been encouraging children to eat healthy snacks and lunches. We encourage families to leave sweet treats for home. Just a reminder to families to ensure that no nut products are packed in child's lunches or snacks. We have one child who has anaphylaxis to nuts. Please continue to remind and assist your child in washing their hands-on arrival to kindergarten.

### **About Me Project:**

Children have enjoyed standing up in front of the group and sharing their about me' page. We have all practiced being a great audience and remembering when speaking to use a nice loud voice, so everyone can hear. If you have not returned yours yet it's not too late.

### **A Peek at What We Are Learning:**

- Kinder Rules- Indoor, Outdoor and Group Times
- Lunar New Year
- Shapes
- Water Safety- being safe around water and pools
- Sustainability
- Colours
- Looking after our bodies- healthy foods and exercise.

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18 <sup>th</sup> & 19 <sup>th</sup> June	Parent/Teacher Meetings.

Thank you,  
Sophia, Anna, Rebecca & Mia



## Green Group

Green Group have had a wonderful start to the year. The children have settled well and are arriving smiling and eager to participate in the kinder program. They are becoming familiar with rules and routines and gaining independence with toileting, finding their fruit at snack time, pouring their own drinks and packing their bags. So far, we have been busy pasting, painting, building with the large wooden blocks, puzzles, drawing, moulding play dough, doll washing, constructing the trainset and cooking up a storm in our kitchen. We have learnt some new songs...3 jellyfish, 5 cheeky monkeys, Open shut them, 5 currant buns and Everybody do this. The children love having the opportunity to act out these songs in front of the group.

Outside the children have been busy exploring our extensive yard. They have enjoyed the swings, cooking and digging in the sandpit, climbing the fort and coming down the slide, using the diggers in the construction area, water play with sea animals and we also planted some carrot, garden pea and sugar snap pea seedlings. All of that and we have only had 5 full sessions!

### What's coming up?

For the remainder of the Term 1, we will be looking at shapes, colours and we will begin discussing families-Don't forget to send in your family photo if you haven't already done so. We will celebrate the end of Term 1 with a Teddy Bears Picnic.

### Dates to remember-

#### Term 1-

- Kindergarten Photos-Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> March.
- Teddy Bears Picnic- Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> April.

#### Term 2-

- Librarian visit-Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> May.
- Mid-year parent/teacher meetings-Monday 17<sup>th</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> June.

Please feel free to speak to us if you have any questions or concerns.

Barb, Merryn and Rebecca.

## FUNDRAISING – 2019

Every year the fundraising committee puts together fun and memorable ways to help raise funds for our Preschool and give our kids and even bigger and better learning experience. To date fundraising events have enabled us to purchase, a large crash mat and two tumbling mats, a set of bamboo building blocks, the pedestal sign in table, the boat, outdoor mud kitchen setting, new home corner furniture, recycled tree trunk benches, tables and chairs, a great selection of up to date fiction and nonfiction books, large floor puzzles, outdoor sand diggers and much more!!

This year the wish list includes toy prams, a stand for the large water sand tray, new shelving for the kindergarten room, a large round net swing, small plastic vehicles, posters and Duplo.

The initiatives in 2019 are not only a great way to raise much-needed funds they are great opportunity to be part of the community and provide fabulous keepsakes for years to come. Some of the fundraising efforts this year will include, welcome & Bunning's BBQ, Lapathon, Mothers & Father's Day stalls, Scholastic book club, picture plates and the end of year Christmas party. Before each event information will be placed on the noticeboard and inside your child's pockets, we ask that all parents help in contributing your time and support to help ensure we reach our goals and make 2019 a great success.

Jane & Summer

Fundraising Team.

## In other news...

Did you know? Viewbank Preschool has been rated under the federal government's National Quality Framework and exceeds all the requisite standards!

### **Hats Please!**

In line with our Sun Protection Policy please ensure your child has a named wide brimmed hat for each session.

### **Visitors Book.**

It is a regulatory requirement that all adults sign themselves in and out in our visitors' book when on parent duty or spending any length of time at the centre. (maintenance work, assisting with fundraising tasks or general helping out) The visitor's book is kept on the left-hand side of our sign in desk.

### **Can't make it for kinder duty?**

If you are unable to come into the centre and assist us during the sessions but would like to help out in another way, we would be very appreciative. Last year we began the huge task of re-organising our children's library. We are well on the way but still have some books that require colour coding. (labelling spines with coloured stickers) If you are able to take home a small bundle of books to label for us please see a staff member.