

Kinder Weekly

Week 11, Term 1, 2018

What a term we have had. The children have worked so hard and learnt so much in this first 11 weeks, we are very proud of their achievements and are very much looking forward to more growth and excitement next term.

Important Dates

Last Day of Term - Friday 13th April

ANZAC Day March - 10am Wednesday 25th April

Judith Locke Parent Workshop - Monday 30th April (see more info below)

First Day Term 2 - Tuesday 1st May

Judith Locke Parent Workshop

Another reminder, as she comes very highly recommended. Author of *The Bonsai Child*, Judith Locke will change the way you think about parenting. She explains modern parenting trends and the impact on the children. She will be presenting at St Gregory's School Hall, Monday 30th April, 6:30pm - 9pm. Cost \$15 per person or \$20 per family. Payment via QR!, school office or phone.

Friday Morning Gross Motor

Our final gross motor session will be happening this Friday from 9:30am on the grass side. We will be celebrating our final day with ice blocks for the kids after the rotations. You are welcome to hang around to share in the cool treat as a thank you for your support over the term.

Holiday Reminders

Please take some time this holiday break to recheck labels on all clothing and belongings, and especially ensure your child's winter uniform is all fully labelled. Please also check for any stray readers and library books that may be lying around, as we would appreciate their return as soon as possible.

Holiday Reading

We would love for your child to be either reading a book on their own or being read to every day over the holidays. It does not have to be a reader, any book or exposure to literacy is perfect. However, if you would like your child to take a few extra readers this week for the holidays, please send in their reading folder and we will be sure to give them an extra 2 books.

ANZAC Day

Every year the students, staff and parents who serve in the armed forces are invited to participate in the ANZAC Day march in Queanbeyan. This provides a terrific opportunity for our school to show their support for all those who have given their lives to serve our country. This year ANZAC Day falls in the middle of the second week of school holidays so I anticipate that some families will be away and unable to participate. Students will need to wear full winter uniform and will assemble at 10am in Crawford Street.

Thank you,

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Please feel free to contact us via email any time regarding non-urgent matters

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Weekly Sounds

REVISION

of all learnt sounds

Tip of the Week

What can I do in the holidays to support my child's continued learning?

Did you know that a large majority of what you are already doing daily with your child is probably laced with rich and beneficial development opportunities? In Kindergarten, we don't expect any formal holiday work to be done aside from daily reading. However, the below experiences may be something you can easily engage in to keep your child thinking and problem solving over the two-week break.

Embrace Writing & Reading in their world

- Making lists for daily jobs or tasks
- Grocery store alphabet hunt
- 'Painting the concrete' with water and paint brush, writing sight words, sentences, letters
- Keeping a daily holiday journal
- Write all the words down that they can read in their favourite book

Consolidate Number

- Keeping track of a printable daily calendar & reciting dates, days of the week and how many days until school goes back
- Helping sort and classify toys into their right boxes/places
- Counting out fruit/balls/cutlery or any group of objects

Strengthen Fine Motor Movements

- Playdough
- Threading or lacing
- Pegging onto a line
- Tweezing rice into small containers
- Water play - filling, pouring
- Folding & unfolding clothes
- Using scissors for experimental cutting

Practice Gross Motor Motions

- Going up and down stairs
- Hopscotch
- Skipping
- Throwing & bouncing balls
- Simply being outside

Build Independence & Responsibility

- Making their own bed
- Choosing their daily outfits
- Helping to set the table
- Set a small daily chore to complete
- Packing their own toys away