

# Newsletter

17th October 2019

Term 4 — Week 1

Dear families,

Welcome to term 4...with only 9 weeks to go until the end of your child's preschool year!

We have lots on, so please check the calendar dates on the next page and keep an eye on the website and your emails for updates. We will also post reminders on Seesaw for upcoming events.

Attached to this email are two learning summaries from one of our educators, Jenifer. We hope you enjoy reading them and gain some further understanding into some of the rich learning that happens here at Kindergarten.

I would also like to acknowledge the huge effort and time that Hayley invested to clean up the outdoor learning area over the holidays. We have also planted a lot of new native shrubs. If you get a chance, come and have a wander. Even though we employ a groundskeeper (Robert) for two hours a week, there is always so much to do in the outdoor area and Wirra. We are still exploring what to do about our poor lawn—we have had three consultants give us some ideas, as the new lawn we had laid 18 months ago has not thrived and is unlikely to come back. If you have some thoughts, please let us know!

Have you noticed the new outdoor blinds we have had installed under the verandah? We are excited that we now have a more sheltered, tidier looking space for the children, particularly in wintery weather.

All the best,

**Bianca**

## Special person Kindy days

We would like to invite children's grandparent or alternate "special person" to come along to Kindergarten on Monday 18th November or Tuesday 19th November between the hours of 12 and 3pm.

We will have some activities for children to engage in with their special person, or they can choose their own adventure and rediscover their inner child!

The children will have a Dancify dance lesson for your viewing pleasure (please note, some children may choose not to participate) 1:00-1:40pm each day.

If you have a story or photos from your early childhood that you would like to share in a book that we are creating, please bring it in. We will be happy to photocopy any photographs that you only have one copy of!

We hope to see you on the 18th or 19th November!

## **Friday kindergarten sessions term 4**

A reminder that the Friday Kindergarten sessions for each group this term are:

### Tuesday/Wednesday group:

18th October AND 25th October (weeks 1 & 2)  
10:30am-3:30pm

### Monday/Thursday group:

1st November AND 8th November (weeks 3 & 4)  
10:30am-3:30pm

Note: Aldgate Primary "transitioners" are welcome to attend kindergarten after their visit. Please let us know if your child will NOT be coming back to kindergarten. Children will be escorted back to Kindergarten by the school reception teachers.

## Aldgate Kindergarten

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## Calendar dates

### FRIDAY 18th October

Aldgate Primary transition visit  
Tues/Wed group

### FRIDAY 25th October

Aldgate Primary transition visit  
Tues/Wed group

### MONDAY 28th October

9am Gardening with Rebecca  
6:30pm Governing council  
meeting

### WEDNESDAY 30th October

9am Gardening with Rebecca

### FRIDAY 1st November

Aldgate Primary transition visit  
Mon/Thurs group

### MONDAY 4th November

6:30pm-7:30pm CFS family  
information session @ Aldgate  
Primary (BBQ at 6pm)  
All welcome!

### FRIDAY 8th November

Aldgate Primary transition visit  
Mon/Thurs group

### MONDAY 18th November

Special persons day

### TUESDAY 19th November

Special persons day

### THURSDAY 21st November

10am Scientific Bubble Show

### MONDAY 25th November

9am gardening with Rebecca

### WEDNESDAY 27th November

9am gardening with Rebecca

### FRIDAY 29th November

5:30-7pm End of year family  
picnic and Dancify disco (invite  
will be sent in coming weeks)

### SUNDAY 1st December

Stirling Christmas pageant 4pm  
(more information to be emailed  
soon about our float!)

## Transition to school

Hayley has been in contact with most of the children's 2020 reception teachers, and arranged for one of us to attend a transition visit to provide support for your child. We should have this all finalised in the next few days. We will also be making a time with their teacher to discuss each child's strengths, interests, learning styles, dispositions and areas that would benefit from support or consideration. This information will be summarised in your child's Preschool Statement of Learning, which we will begin working on very soon.

We welcome you to make a time to chat with one of us again, as we did earlier in the year, to discuss your child's progress towards meeting their individual learning and developmental goals. We are happy to do this in person, or make a time to talk on the phone if this is easier.

Another way we would like to support you and your child is by connecting families and children who are going to the same school. Take a look at the display (inside Kindergarten) of children's photos alongside photographs of their school. For some children, their school peers are in a different kindergarten group so we will assist these families to connect.

This is a compilation of the number of children going to each of our "feeder" schools for 2020:

Aldgate: 25, Bridgewater: 5, Crafers: 4, Heathfield: 2, Hills Christian: 1, Scott Creek: 2, St Michaels: 2, Stirling East: 3, (2 undecided)

## Yoga and Dancify

**Yoga sessions:** all 10am/10:30am

(detailed information has been emailed)

THURSDAY 17th October

TUESDAY 22nd October

THURSDAY 31st October

TUESDAY 5th November

THURSDAY 14th November

TUESDAY 19th November

THURSDAY 28th November

TUESDAY 3rd December

**Dancify sessions:** all 1-1:40pm

MONDAY 18th November

TUESDAY 19th November

MONDAY 25th November

TUESDAY 26th November

**We would love to hear from you  
with your child's feedback about  
Yoga or Dancify!**

**There are still some vacancies in the Tuesday  
yoga sessions—if you haven't yet returned a  
consent form please ask us for another.**