



2024 Newsletter Part 2

Welcome



Well here we are, it's the second half of the academic program already and the year has just flown by. I know what you are thinking. Where did the time go? Keep calm, you still have time!

We have children who are at high risk of Anaphylaxis.

We ask that you do not pack nuts or nut products in your children's snacks and lunches.

Your actions will help to support these children by providing a safe

Peanut and Nut Free Classroom

Nuts, peanuts or any products containing nuts or peanuts are NOT allowed.



I really hope you have all had a great year and enjoyed your time at Greenvue Kindergarten. For the kinder children it will be their last term soon as the kids are now ready for school. For the Pre-Kinder children, there is another year of fun & learning to go next year. A big thank you to all the contributors and volunteers who have made such an effort to ensure the children are in the best environment to learn and grow. And a big thank you to our wonderful teachers & educators Anna, Aadil, Shruti, Lionie, Daphne, Louisa, Janine, Helen, Montana, Sandra & Kate, as well as to all our pre-service teachers from various universities for the great work they have done to help develop the life skills of our early learners this year! They make it look so easy but we all know it is a tough job. We are lucky to have teachers & educators that love and look after our kids like they are their own. Enjoy the New Year & summer holidays with your family and friends. Give your lovely children an extra cuddle at night and most of all keep safe!!!

Happy reading everyone. Warm regards, M Nauman (*Service Director*).

"Education is not the learning of facts, but the training of mind to think."
Albert Einstein

Upcoming Events

Term 3 Ends Friday 04 October 2024
Term 4 Begins Monday 07 October 2024

Mini Monstars - Sports Incursions
All Groups: 07 & 10 August 2024

Dress Up Costume Days:
All Groups: 28 & 31 October 2024

Kinder Photo Day
Kangaroo Group: 21 & 24 October 2024

AFL Grand Final (Public Holiday): Friday 27 September 2024
Melbourne Cup (Public Holiday): Tuesday 05 November 2024

Kinder Kangaroo Group Graduation Ceremony - Monday 16 December @ 5:30pm

PreKinder Koala Group End Of Year Party - Thursday 12 Dec & Friday 13 Dec

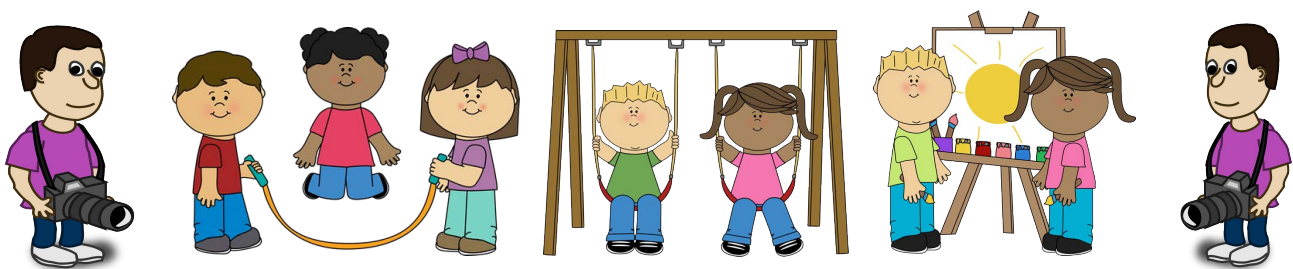
(2:00pm to 3:30pm - for prekinder children only)

Kinder Photos

Our 2024 Kinder Photos will be held on Monday 21 & Thursday 24 October 2024 for the Kinder Kangaroo Group by a professional photographer from Vision Portraits. Details will be sent to all families on how to order photo packs for their children with various options available.

Please don't hesitate to contact our Kinder Admin Office if you require any further information about or assistance with placing orders for children's kinder photos.

Unfortunately children who don't attend kinder on the day will not have the opportunity to have their photos taken, as the professional photographer is only booked for the above mentioned dates.



Staying Sun Smart
for everyone!

Once Term 4 starts, we are back into the summer months, please remember to bring in your child's hat with their name written in it when they attend kinder session, also please remember to put sun-screen on your child either at home or before the session starts at kinder.

The free SunSmart app (www.sunsmart.com.au) tells you when sun protection is recommended for your location and shows current UV levels. Sun protection times can also be found at the Bureau of Meteorology website and live UV levels are also available from ARPANSA .

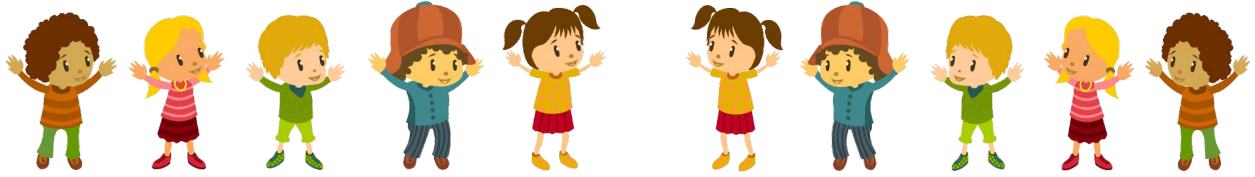
When UV levels are low (typically from May to August in Victoria), sun protection is not recommended unless you work outdoors, are near reflective surfaces (like snow), or outside for extended periods.

Slip, slop, slap and remember the following steps when going outside:

1. Slip on clothing that covers as much skin as possible
2. Slop on sunscreen SPF 30+ broad spectrum screen
3. Slap on a wide brimmed hat that offers shade to your head, face, neck & ears
4. Seek shade and Slide on some wrap around sun glasses



Kinder Groups News



Term 3 & 4 is an exciting and busy term at Greenvue Kindergarten. For our 4 year olds it is time to get ready for school! During this term, we will be focusing on the children's social and emotional skills as well as building on their Language and communication skills. This is beneficial for all the children, both going to school and staying at kinder next year as they have missed so much of the year and they were unable to build their skills in those areas. We have also introduced group learning times where children get to work together in a group then participate in follow-up experiences during the week, as they would do at school. Children are also working with teachers on their individual goals. As always, literacy and numeracy are woven throughout our program and we work on them daily, in various ways.

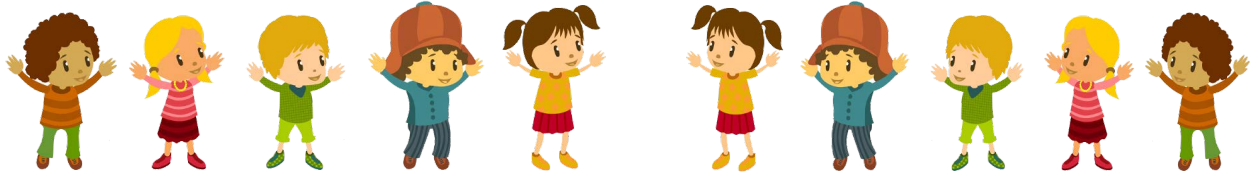
Another learning focus during this term is on Plants & Gardening, in particular how we grow vegetables & fruits. The children have been planting a variety of different seedlings in our garden area and they have been caring for them by making sure that they take out any weeds and that they water them every morning.

Some interests of the children have been on sea creatures, as well as pre-historic animals such as Dinosaurs, so we have incorporated that into our daily experiences.

Show and Tell has been introduced for the Kinder Kangaroo Group. Children are able to bring in a toy, drawing or book that they would like to share with their friends. Show and tell will be conducted each day that your child attends.



Pre Kinder Groups News



Our Pre-Kinder Koala Group have been very busy also learning about Plants & environmental sustainability. We have planted a variety of vegetables in our garden bed and have been caring for them by watering them every day and taking out the weeds.

During snack time, we have been talking about how to keep our bodies healthy including healthy eating, exercise and the importance of washing our hands.

We are very excited to learn about different flowers, shapes and colours. Children have been enjoying doing a variety of art experiences and especially enjoying painting patterns of different shapes.

We will be doing a lot of science experiments at parents' request so we are all looking forward to that. We are always open to ideas and requests from our wonderful parents.

At the same time we have been getting the children ready for 4 year old Kindergarten by working on their confidence, social and emotional skills.

IMPORTANT: *It is a legal requirement that we hold a copy of your child's most up-to-date immunisation record. Please ensure that as soon as your child has had their 4 year old immunisations, a copy of their updated record is brought into the kinder office.*



Dress Up Costume Party

To celebrate Children's Week, all children are invited to dress-up on 28 & 31 October 2024 as their character of choice from their favourite story book and join in the fun activities we have planned! We request children do not wear costumes which are scary; we need to be mindful that some children may be frightened by these. The children will also participate in a parade to show off their costumes at the end of the session!



School Readiness

Readiness for school is in itself an important factor for consideration before starting school, despite the responsive and adaptable programs that schools provide for children and the emphasis upon individualizing learning for each child. Readiness is not about schools just adapting and attempting to meet the needs of children. International research emphasizes that certain areas of development and maturity are essential for children so that once at school, they are able to maximize the opportunities provided.

Social and emotional areas are the key areas of development that are most important for a child in regard to school readiness. This is in contrast to what many people believe - reading, writing and knowing colours or numbers are NOT readiness indicators. Some schools may suggest this is necessary, however this is only a reflection of a particular school's position and not reflective of a child's readiness for school. The key areas of social and emotional maturity related to school readiness can be summarised by reviewing these questions. At kinder does your child

- *Separates easily from parent / carer at drop off ?*
- *Independently makes a decision of where they are going to work / play ?*
- *Self initiates and sustains engagement (6 – 8 minutes), has the skills to solve basic problems and ask for help from the teachers if needed ?*
- *Works and plays besides other children ?*
- *Has basic independence skills (able to put shoes, art smock on, toileting independently) ?*
- *Sits with the group (e.g. during group time) and remains focused, ask questions and answer questions from the teachers ?*
- *Self regulates their emotional responses when they need to do something they don't want to (e.g. don't tantrum when it is time to pack up) ?*

The importance of these skills related to school readiness is highlighted when one imagines a class of twenty school children who do not have these skills. The good news is that most children when they start school have these skills; unfortunately however there will be some children who start school and do not have these skills. This is why making informed decisions about children and school readiness is paramount to giving children the opportunity to thrive and flourishnot just cope.

Graduation Ceremony & End Of Year Party



All the teachers & staff at Greenvue Kindergarten take great pride in their kinder graduates and all their achievements throughout the year! This year's Graduation Ceremony will be held at the Grange Community Centre on Hogans Road in Hoppers Crossing. The children dressed in graduation gowns & capes are to be awarded with graduation medals, diplomas & gifts. The children dressed in graduation gowns & capes are to be awarded with graduation medals, diplomas & gifts. They will also perform a very special song that they have been preparing for their families. Parents/Guardians will be more than welcome to bring still & video cameras to capture these precious moments.

All children (Pre-Kinder & Kinder) will have their group's own End Of Year / Christmas Party during their last week of the year. Families will also welcome to join in the celebrations during the pick up times of these sessions. Santa Claus is also expected to be in attendance for every group to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas & a Happy New Year.

Please kindly contact the kinder office if you need further clarification about any of the above, or you wish to make a contribution towards any of our upcoming activities.