



Term 2, 2014

A message from C&K Park Lake Staff

Vacancies for 2015

We are currently taking names for 2015 cohort. If you or someone you know are interested and wish to place your child's name on our waiting list please complete a waitlist application form available in the Kindy foyer, or alternatively head to www.candk.asn.au/parklake and complete the online waitlist application. Families will be contacted mid- year for placement for 2015 positions!

PAG Meeting on Wednesday 4th June at 2.30pm in the Kindy

The PAG plays a very important role in our Kindergarten. All parents are welcome to attend and suggest ideas for fundraising and social events for our kindy. An agenda will be available for all parents to view on our Parent Information Board. Please take the time to have a look at this, and add comments or ideas/suggestions. All parental support will be much appreciated.

Parent Helpers

Parent Helpers have now started assisting us in the classroom. A big thank you to all of our parents who have assisted us so far or have put their name down on the roster. Your help is much appreciated. Remember only 1 parent at a time please!

Entertainment Books

Just a reminder we are still selling our Entertainment books. If you would like to purchase one please use the online link sent out. Thank you to all the families that have supported us and for all the families that will support us in the future.

Curriculum Update

Library Visits

Both our groups have been enjoying their very first visits to our library at Park Lake S.S. We have met the Librarian and talked about what we use a library for. We have listened to lovely stories and talked about the characters and the timelines of the story. We can't wait to get back there every visit and learn more about books.

Worm Farming - Educational Program

Our children have been very fortunate to have a visit from our local Council to teach us all about worm farming and how to recycle our waste. They showed us the worms; we built the worm farm and sang songs together. Our worms hopefully will be very happy here 😊.

If you have any vegetable scraps you can bring in we are sure our worms would love that.

Guinea Pigs

You may have noticed that our Guinea Pigs are by no means on the small side! They sure do love to eat! A container will be placed in the foyer in the mornings, if you have any fruit or vegetable scraps (no watermelon or grapes please – they tend to get a bit smelly. Please pop them in the container so the children can feed the Guinea Pigs after morning tea.

Prop boxes

Role play is a big part of learning at Kindergarten. We are collecting items for 'Prop boxes'. Each Prop box has a theme – Vet, Hairdressing salon, Asian restaurant etc and will be added to over time, so if you have any items you feel might be suitable that you are willing to donate, pop them in a box! We will place a basket in the foyer for any donations 😊. Our first box we are collecting for is- VETS

News from Group A and Group B

Who can believe we are into week 6 of Term 2! This year is racing by and we have been super busy at Kindy too. Library visits, worm farm visits, Mother's Day afternoon tea, Under 8's day, cooking...the list goes on.

We are starting to make a good dent in our letter and sound recognition – this is something you can help your child with at home by emphasising initial sounds in common words such as cat, dog, tap, car. Games of I-spy using the initial sounds of things rather than the letter they start with are also a good way to help children sound out words.

Early math is also an important part of your child's vocabulary and you can extend on this by

counting each and everything you come across! Play games by taking away and adding items. Comparing size, shape and colour are also early foundations of mathematics.

Shop Play

This term an interest in shop play has become emerged. If anyone has any recyclable shopping bags, receipts, supermarket catalogues, they could donate that would be appreciated. This play is wonderful as it lends to so many key learning areas being developed such as early mathematical language – big, small, more, less, money exchange – counting, measuring weight of items. It also creates opportunity for children to collaborate together in their play and share exchanges of language – using manners, conversations etc, as well as being creative and forwards planning.

Sustainability

As part of our work on sustainability, we are **collecting soft drink bottles** – empty please! If you have any, please rinse them out and bring them in!

Sunscreen Register

Could we all be vigilant in signing the sunscreen register every morning. This is a requirement for every parent to sign this of a morning. Can you also please ensure your child has sunscreen on before arriving at kindergarten daily.

Picture Plates

Thank you to all our families for the huge response with our picture plates order. These have been sent off and are being made. We will communicate to all families when they arrive.

Dates to remember:

June 3 rd	Group A – GCCC Pat & Play Safety Program
June 6 th	Pupil Free Day – Group B
June 9 th	Queen’s Birthday Public Holiday
June 12 th	Group B –GCCC Pat & Play Safety Program
June 27 th	Last Day of Term 2
July 14 th	Term 3 Starts