

February Newsletter

February 26, 2018



5 Little Speckled Frogs

Well we are halfway through Term 1 and Melinda and I are excited about the wonderful friendships and bonds that will be made over the coming year and the connections that will be made by families in the Yungaburra community.

We are already seeing the children start to interact and mix with each other as peers as we focus on getting along and treating each other with respect.

As I have mentioned in previous communications, we are focusing on routine in the early stages of the year. It is important that the children realise, and get used to the fact, that there are different times in the day for different activities. We have 4 mat times throughout the day, so the children get into the habit of sitting and listening to the teacher for instructions and lessons.

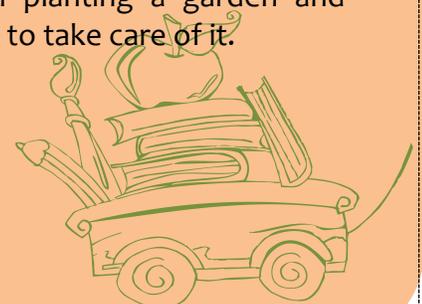
During these mat times we read a story, learn a song, play a game and other activities that relate to what we are focusing on at the time.

We are also focusing on set jobs that we all need to do as individuals so the whole team will benefit. These tasks include; cleaning up equipment, putting our shoes and hats in the correct place, throwing our rubbish in the bin, being responsible for our own belongings, washing our hands, trying to set up by ourselves for rest time, and following instructions quickly so that the team is not left waiting.

At the moment the group as a whole, are interested in counting games and stories. We have been doing 5 Speckled Frogs and 5 Little Ducks. We act out the stories and this will help with the children's one to one counting. They have also loved a Balloon storybook that focuses on counting, so we will do more with that, including making number balloons to hang in the room.

During outside play the children have been exploring and going on 'treasure hunts'. We will extend on this play by providing props to enhance their learning. We will also include art activities that will complement their interest in exploring!

We will also begin planting a garden and getting the children to take care of it.



KINDY CAFE

Kindy Café is the Kindy's major fundraiser and provides needed funds so we can enhance the children's Kindy experience with excursions, incursions (Zoo to You), and new and exciting resources! In the past few years the Café has raised enough money to buy the Interactive Computer, a watercooler, storage cupboards, library bags, picture plates and new toys like the much-loved magnetic blocks! Kindy Cafe is also a great way to interact with our wonderful community and for families to form life-long friendships, not to mention the kids love coming to Kindy on a Café day!! For it to work well each family needs to contribute through baking, helping to set up and helping at 3 markets throughout the year. If everyone does their bit, it will not be a burden for anyone! Thank you to those parents who were rostered on for February or contributed it other ways.

AGM

Our AGM is on Tuesday the 6th of March, at 5.15pm here at the Kindy. At the AGM we present the 2017 audited accounts and say thanks to our past committee members before they hand over their roles to this year's parent and carers. At the moment we have nominations for most of the management committee positions but if there are any other keen and willing presidents, vice-presidents, secretaries or treasurers out there please don't hold back! If you would like to nominate for a position, please let Sarah know so that she can email you a nomination form. Big thanks to those people who have already put their hands up – without you our Kindy couldn't continue to operate as a community kindergarten.



Cooking biscuits

As you would know by now, Sarah is our administration Officer. Sarah works every Thursday and every 2nd Monday. If you need to leave paperwork or money for Sarah, you can always give it to Melinda or myself, to leave on her desk.

Fees

Each term's fees will be invoiced to parents during the term to pay as a term lump sum. This will appear in your **parent pockets**. Thank you to all the parents who paid their Term 1 fees early or by the due date – it's much appreciated as it helps the Kindy to meet our payment commitments.

