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GCK Newsletter - August 2013

Wednesday, 4th September 2013



Hi again from GCK

There are so many exciting happenings at Kindy.

We have recently welcomed Amelia and we have bid Gretel goodbye. We wish Gretel well on her next educational journey and know that Amelia will enjoy getting to know us as we get to know her!

As part of our observations and planning, we have noticed lots of repeating patterns of children's behaviour (often referred to as schemas). Children repeat actions over and over again to test things out, make sense of their world and to learn. Children find schema related play satisfying and engaging. Once we see the patterns we can support them, extend them and manage the frustrations that sometimes occur as a result. The main schemas we have noticed are: "transporting" - where children transport objects from one place to another,

"transforming" - an interest in changing things from colour mixing to transforming in imaginative play and "trajectories" - a fascination of things moving through space.

As we notice the various schemas emerging so we offer activities that will stimulate and support them in their learning.



Parent Help

There are many ways that you can help.

- We have a gardening roster up and once a month we need helpers to weed, sweep up the bark and cut back plants. If this is something you can help with then see Charlotte or put your name down on the list.
- We also have a roster for parent help for St Andrews visits.

Website update

We're going to be launching our website in the next couple of months and we will be approaching parents to come and join us for the launch, ask any questions that you may have and interact with others

More will follow soon. We're excited about the creation of a web presence for our kindy and look forward to sharing it with you.

Family Evening!

Mark your calendar for 13th September from 5:30 -7pm. Bring the family along and a plate of food to share, and come and meet the other GCK families. This is always a lot of fun and it is a great opportunity to socialise and chat to other parents and the kindy staff.

Getting involved

- There is a washing roster for our towels.
- If you arrive early at pick up time there are odd jobs like wiping tables, washing paint pots or sweeping.
- At the end of term we have a roster for some of our tasks that need to be completed before we go on holiday.
- Come and spend a morning or part of the morning and read to the children, do puzzles etc. It is a great way to interact with the children and any help is greatly appreciated.

Interested? Chat to one of us or Charlotte

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Dates for your diary

Please take note of these selected dates and come and support your kindy!

Family evening – 13 September from 5.30pm

End of term 3 - 27 September

Going forward, these dates will all appear in an interactive calendar on our website.



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Visiting our kindy

Please do drop in to the kindy when you can, we'd be pleased to answer any questions you have or just generally catch up! Reply to this newsletter to let us know what you think of it or what type of things you want to hear about going forward.

God bless

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