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**NO KINDY-THURSDAY
21st MARCH
(Staff Training.)**

Our new GOVERNING COUNCIL

Chair person— Kim

Secretary— Tammy

Treasurer— Clair , Hallie

Fundraising— Kylie , Amanda , Natasha
Support members - Jarome, Tamiaka, Mel,
Zahra, Atong, Anthony

Thank you for supporting our kindergarten
We need more people wanting to
volunteer for the kindy as our Governing
Council members are very dedicated in
their role.

Next Governing Council 29/3/19 at 9.00am

Session times

8.45am - 11.45am

11.45pm - 2.45pm

Before a morning or an afternoon session starts we would like to encourage you to use the outdoor activities. As you know children always love to play with their parents. In this time, the staff are setting up facilities and activities for your children.

It is important to be on time to collect your child. If you think you will be late please arrange for some-one else to collect your child as children can become distressed if left when others go home. Please let us know if someone new is to be picking up your child.

If you call and we would not recognise your voice we won't give information relating to your child. Just making sure that all children are safe and protected at EEK.

LUNCH. Please place your child's lunch in the fridge BUT leave their morning and afternoon snack in their kindy bag.

As you know especially the children need to learn and follow good food habits. Naked foods please.... (no additional packages and no highly processed and sometimes foods) The children learn from each other and it is much easier to encourage them to try new and healthy foods at kindy. Please note (eg. chocolate, biscuits, chips , rollups, upandgo, nuts,) will be sent home as outlined in the EEK healthy food policy

Fees

There are still a number of outstanding fees. Please pay as soon as possible as this money buys resources for your child to use.

Parent child Excursion to Gorge Wildlife Park 8/4/19 Monday Every child needs to be accompanied by their parent 1 child - 1parent (no siblings)

Cost \$15 - The kindy is heavily subsidising this excursion.

If your child does not come to kindy on Monday and you want to participate you are very welcome to.

Please remember to bring lunch and drinks for you and your child. More information shortly.

Curriculum

For the past few weeks we have been talking about fruits and other healthy foods. The children tried some less popular fruits (grapefruits, raspberries, cherries, passion fruits) and most of them enjoyed the different taste (except for the grapefruit –no surprise there). Thank you for your kind words in acknowledging our promotion of new taste.

Just before Easter we will be focusing on the real Easter meaning of life, then traditions and celebrations. We will learn about the importance of being honest, supportive and caring for each other. This will nicely match with "Harmony Day" which celebrates uniqueness and focuses on each human being equal regardless of their race, culture, beliefs. As we sing " *we are one but we are many and from all the lands on earth we come...*" We will be exploring the moral values such as right and wrong in a variety of activities

Easter fundraising

We are also asking for donations towards our Easter basket. The raffle tickets are placed in children's pockets .

The raffle is to be drawn on Wednesday-10/4/19 at the end of the session.

Attending kindy Please let us know if your child is unable to attend the kindergarten. It is very important in order to keep staff ratio as per Departmental policy.

Ela. Chris, Kelly, Jeremy, Pui, Rachele

What Are preschool Math Skills?

Children headed to school are expected to have a firm understanding of basic skills. These math skills can easily be taught over the course of daily play and regular household activities like cooking, cleaning, and grocery shopping. Here are several kindy math skills that your child should be learning:

- Sorting-colours, sizes, and like items
- Identifying patterns and sequence
- Naming basic shapes
- Rote counting from 1 to 10+ and counting objects to 10+, recognising numbers just to mention the basics
- Grouping like items and the concept of adding to or taking away from the group.

You can also teach the idea of basic measurement: a full bucket versus a half bucket. Like most classic games, this is teaching in a nonthreatening environment that is set for the success of your child.

Duplo / lego or other blocks

Most preschoolers love to build with blocks. You can sort by colour or size, build towers with 2 blocks or 6 blocks or many blocks, build a tower and then count the blocks, or create patterns with different colours, shapes and sizes. This toy leaves plenty of room for imagination.

Dramatic Play with Blocks

Dramatic play and creativity go

hand in hand when playing with blocks. Challenge the children to become little contractors as they build a city with blocks. Place the blocks on the floor and invite them to build a town. Remember that blocks are open-ended materials and there is no 'right or wrong' way to use them. Think about adding props like toy people, cars, trees, etc. to make the town look realistic. Talking about the process while children are playing helps them to learn. Making up a story about this town would be fun, so ask plenty of questions to help the children create the scene

