

Burnside Kindergym News



Term 1, 2009

Tues, 27th Jan – Thurs, 9th April

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FUNDRAISING

Kindergym T-Shirts are available for purchase at the desk. We have sizes 2,4,6 and 8 available in Hot Pink, Navy, Lime Green and Red.

Jigsaw Educational Toys will display their terrific range of toys, puzzles and games for ordering. Mon. 9th Feb – Sat. 14th Feb.

Tiddles and Chich gorgeous children's clothing will be displayed and available for purchase from Monday 2nd March to Saturday, 7th March

Easter Raffle Lucky Squares will be available for purchase to be in the running for one of three fabulous prizes. Start Monday 23rd March and drawn Thurs. 9th April.

Entertainment Book launch will occur April 2009. There are huge savings to be made for Mums, Dads and children alike. Don't miss out!

PUBLIC HOLIDAYS

Adelaide Cup

Kindergym will be closed on Monday, 9th March for the Adelaide Cup public holiday.

Easter

Kindergym will close for Easter after the completion of lessons on Thursday, 9th April. This will also be the start of the school holiday break.

BOOKING A CATCH UP SESSION

All our classes are full so please book your catch up session in advance. It is a safety concern if the classes are over full.

Turning up without a booking does not mean we can fit you in. Please be considerate of Administration staff and book your catch up session.

Please notify Andrea if you are unable to attend. This will assist with booking catch up sessions.

FOOD FREE ZONE

Thank you for remembering to keep Kindergym a FOOD FREE ZONE.

Due to severe allergies in some of our children we request that you feed you child prior to or after your Kindergym session.

Your support in adhering to this request is appreciated by all staff and families of children at risk of severe reactions.

The Kindergym Crew

Wk 1 Woz the Wombat - crawling

Wk 2 Edna the Echidna - rolling

Wk 3 Elsie the Emu - running



Wk 4 Kaz the Kangaroo - jumping

Wk 5 Maurie the Marsupial Mouse - hopping

Wk 6 Claws the Koala - climbing



Wk 7 Paddles the Platypus - sliding

Wk 8 Lochie the Cockatoo - balance

Wk 9 The Possum Pair

- swinging and hanging



Wk 10 Easter Bilby

Wk 11 Easter Bilby (Mon - Thurs)



Kindergym Makeover!

You may have noticed Kindergym has been painted and given a fresh look for 2009.

Special thanks to all committee members and partners for helping prepare for painting, cleaning and putting everything back in its place!

Thanks to Damien Handke (0430 700 345) for painting the room so beautifully.

CAR PARK SAFETY

A reminder to all families to drive carefully in the car park. Please park in the designated parking spaces. Our children are precious and we need to watch out for them.

DO NOT PARK in the no parking zone abutting the oval. This makes it very difficult for cars to reverse and turn to exit the car park. It is also an area for emergency vehicles to park should they be called out to Kindergym.



INSURANCE COVER - Babies and School Age Considerations



For safety reasons, young children not enrolled at Kindergym who are crawling on the floor and not contained within parents arms or a baby carrier will need to **pay Insurance Cover each term of \$10 to cover them for accidental injury.**

This insurance cover does not extend to children 5 years or older. It is preferable for school age children to remain at home as the temptation to be on the equipment is very strong. Little people often feel intimidated and wary of older children bouncing and climbing on equipment.

School age children will not be permitted on the floor area as Kindergym is a preschool programme and school age children cannot be covered for the usage of our equipment. Please plan in advance and bring an activity (ie: colouring or a book) to be done in the locker area.

Thank you for assisting us in this area.

Feeding babies and supervising siblings

We appreciate it is difficult when you have more than one child to tend to however we are concerned that when babies are being fed during session times there is often not a dedicated adult supervising the sibling.



It is a Kindergym expectation that an adult supervises their child to minimise the risk of falls and accidents occurring.

We would like to request that, where possible, another adult be available to supervise your child if you need to feed your baby. If this isn't an option please endeavour to feed your baby prior to coming to Kindergym

Thank you for helping us to keep our little people safe!

Kindergym Matters

Although we don't like to enforce too many rules and expectations we do need to have a few to ensure the safety of our little people and maximum participation and enjoyment for all concerned.

We would appreciate parents and carers assisting us by:

Upon your arrival:

- ☺ Please check your name off with Andrea (essential in case of evacuation to have accurate roll)
- ☺ Please remove your child's shoes AND socks (it is unsafe to climb in socks)
- ☺ Please remove your shoes and pin your name tag on (located on bench inside door)

During the session:

- ☺ Supervise your child at all times – if you need to briefly leave your child at any time (eg: visit the toilet) please advise a staff member so we may supervise in your absence
- ☺ Interact with your child, encourage them and play with them. You can make a huge difference to your child by spending **1 hour of quality time** with them each week.
- ☺ If your child chooses not to participate in the group times please remove them from the group and sit quietly with them to ensure minimal disturbance to the warm up and cool down sessions.
- ☺ Parents and carers listen to the discussions so that you can talk with your child about what they have learnt

After your session:

- ☺ Please organise your child promptly to ensure minimal congestion in the Kindergym venue and the car park at lesson change over

Kindergym Committee – are you interested?

Did you know that Burnside Kindergym is run by a Committee of dedicated people?

We have lots of laughs at our meetings (held twice per term) and have a fun time at our clean up evenings once per term.

Please let Andrea, Trisha or Catherine know if you would like to join our group. Our Annual General Meeting will be held in March at the Kindergym Hall. Details will be displayed closer to the date.