



Coming Events Term 2, 2018

Week 8

Mon 18 th June	Civic Park Excursion (Mel's Grp)
Mon 18 th June	Governing Council 7:30pm
Tues 19 th June	Proform Kitchens Excursion (Mel's Group)
Wed 20 th June	Planetarium Excursion (Catherine's Group)
Thurs 21 st June	Twilight Play

Week 9

Mon 25 th June	Zoo Excursion (Stacey's Group)
Tues 26th June	Pupil Free Day
Wed 27 th June	Podiatry Visit
Thurs 28 th June	Gorge Wildlife Excursion (Liana's Group)

Week 10

Tues 3 rd July	Podiatry Visit
Tue 3 rd & Wed 4 th July	Cycle Days
Thurs 5 th July	Museum Excursion (Stacey's Group)
Wed 4 th & Thurs 5 th July	Last Days of Term

Term 3 Returns Monday 23rd and Tuesday 24th July

PUPIL FREE DAY

Please note our next Pupil Free Day is:

Tuesday 26th June (Term 2 Week 9)

There will be NO Kindy or Occasional Care sessions on this day. Thank you for your understanding.

LIANA ABSENCE

Due to a University placement Liana will be absent from the 12th June - 8th August 2018. Fozia, who is familiar with the Centre and has previously worked here, will be taking the Dahlia small group for the time Liana is away. The excursion to Gorge Wildlife Park will still be going ahead with Mel, Sharon and John assisting on the excursion.

If you have any questions feel free to speak to a staff member at the Centre and they will be able to assist with your questions.

CHICKEN WEEKEND ROSTER

We are looking for families to 'Chicken sit' our chickens each weekend until they are old enough to live in our coop outside. If you would like to go on a roster for looking after our chickens please see one of our staff, thank you.

CYCLE DAYS

Tuesday 3rd and Wednesday 4th July are Cycle Days – *weather permitting of course!* Children are welcome to bring in their wheels (bikes and scooters). A riding course will be set up in our carpark and supervised by kindy staff. Please remember to also **bring a helmet** as children will not be allowed to ride without one. Please name everything.

When arriving at kindy with your 'wheels' please leave them outside of reception, thank you.

Kindy bikes, scooters and helmets will also be available for children to use.

GOVERNING COUNCIL MEMBERS NEEDED

We need at least 3 additional members at the moment. Please let Heather or Jo know if you are interested in coming along to our next meeting. This is open to any adult member of our Centre community (parent, grand parent, community service provider etc.).

It is critical for the operation of the Centre that we have families and community members to form our Governing Council. The Governing Council consults with the staff team to make decisions for the future direction of the Centre. They make decisions including changes to policy, how funds should be spent, hiring of contractors, major works to be done on the Centre facilities, set Kindy fees, approve pupil free days and approve sessional structure. The governing council is also privy to regular reports including director's report and financial reports. The Governing Council supports the Centre staff and ensures accountability for financial and other decision making. We need people who have children's best interests in mind, who can reflect on information presented and provide feedback, who can commit to 4 meetings throughout the remainder of the year, who want to know other families better and who want to have a say in the Centre management.

Next meeting 18th June 2018 7:30. Key agenda items will be policy review and outdoor learning environment consultation. All welcome.

SCHOLASTIC BOOK CLUB

New **Scholastic Book Club** catalogues are available in the kindy (near the sign out sheet).

Orders can be done online or returned (with cash) to the kindy no later than 20th June, 2018.



PODIATRY VISIT

Podiatry Care Modbury will be visiting our Centre on **Wednesday 27th June** and **Tuesday 3rd July** to conduct a brief assessment of children's feet, legs, the way they sit and walk and their footwear.

This assessment is offered free of charge.

Brochures and consent forms have now been emailed to families. Hard copies of the consent form are available from Jo at reception.

WET WEATHER PLAY

We are all embracing the changes in the weather! As things get wetter it is timely to think about what we can learn from experiencing the change in the seasons, how this impacts our access to the outdoor learning environment, the equipment we need and our Centre procedures for adapting to changing weather.

Curriculum

Observing the changes in the weather can support children to understand science concepts such as the cycles of nature and where our water supply comes from while building respect for the natural environment. It can also support children to understand the importance of seasonal rhythms to farming and other living systems. Wet weather play provides an opportunity to make decisions about appropriate dress for outdoor play and to risk assess experiences for their suitability in wet weather. It may also support children to develop independence, curiosity, exploration, problem solving and self-regulation.

Wet Weather Gear

Please consider storing a rain jacket and gum boots for your child at Kindy, if you haven't already, to ensure they have ready access to the equipment they need. The Kindy has a small number of spares to support all children to be involved in local walks. Please ensure that you are sending a change of clothes (or 2) every day so that if they do get wet or muddy we can support them to change into their own clothes and be comfortable and warm for the remainder of the day. Umbrellas are welcome. (Please ensure all of your child's possessions are clearly labelled with their name to help us return any misplaced items.)

Risk Assessment

While we do allow children to play in the rain with the right gear, part of our risk assessment is that we expect children to be responsible and responsive to the changing conditions. In practice this looks like educators discussing this with children, educators reminding children to check they are wearing clothes that suit the weather, not going on the swings in the rain, wiping equipment before using it when it has become wet and moving safely in the rain. While we try to not allow wet/cold weather to prevent us from learning outside, children are not permitted outside if there are strong winds, electrical storms, hail or heavy rain. The Centre has a hot weather policy and inclement weather risk assessment that refer to the way we approach changing weather conditions. Please ask at reception or contact the Centre if you would like copies of either of these.

"There is no bad weather just the wrong equipment"

COMMUNITY INFORMATION

Twilight Play

Due to the weather forecast we will postpone Twilight play for a week and hold it on Thursday 21 June from 5:30-7pm regardless of the weather – it might have to be inside box construction rather than **A Walk in the Dark** - but we'll still have some Kindy torch experiences.

Vegan Cooking

Amy's program was a great success and we are most grateful for the extraordinary effort that she made to share her skills and knowledge. Copies of her recipes are available on request.

Instructions for making the wax wraps are easily located on YouTube. If there is any interest we could make some more another day – just speak to John.

Amy said that, her time permitting and sufficient interest, she might have another course in 2019.

If you have something that you would like to share with or present to families, speak to John or one of the team.



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First Aid

There are still vacancies for Leanne's session on Saturday 23 June.

Gifford Reserve Planting – Week Three Term three



Since 2013 the Children's Centre has partnered with the school, Nature Resource Management, Tea Tree Gully Council and Ardtornish parent Michael Sneyd to develop a Butterfly Garden at

Gifford Reserve.

We aim to model and engage children in activities that are beneficial in the long-term for ourselves and our community.

Following Tree Planting Day in 2018, every kindy child will be able to plant a butterfly attracting grass or shrub, and may contribute (donate) a gold coin to the cost of the grasses and shrubs.

The planting will coincide with Special Visitors Week. We will provide more information early next term.

Regards to all

John Buckell

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Three Hour Course
Saturday 9:30am-12:30pm
7 April, 23 June, 22 September
& 8 December 2018

Assumes no previous knowledge of First Aid

- For parents and carers of children that do not require assessment
- Includes CPR, choking, head injuries, bleeding, burns, convulsions, poisons, & fractures

Registration essential call 8264 9828
or call/SMS John on 0409 984 495

Cost / Venue

- \$35 now \$20 (concession available) \$30 per couple
- Ardtornish Children's Centre Community Room, 2 Saarinen Avenue, St Agnes SA 5097

