



NEWSLETTER

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COMMITTEE MEETING: 19 MAR 2024

Directors Report On behalf of myself and all the staff at Albany Creek Kindergarten I would like to thank all of the parents who have volunteered to take on roles within our Management Committee. As a community organisation, we would be unable to operate without so many willing and capable volunteers. We look forward to achieving great things in 2024.

A fresh supply of C&K t-shirts have arrived to the front office so if you were chasing a different colour or size, these can be purchased from the front office for \$18 each.

Also available is 1kg honey from a local supplier for \$15, with cash as the preferred payment method.

EASTER RAFFLE We would like to thank all families for their support in raising funds for children's resources. Congratulations to our winners: **1st** Emily Bowes, **2nd** Denise Gibson, **3rd** Steve & Michelle Byrnes, **4th** Michelle Robinson, **5th** Danielle Sear, **6th** Caitlin Enriquez.



Term 1 has progressed very quickly and our major stakeholders have been involved in the following:

CHILDREN

Recently our 4 year old groups participated in the incursion - Reptile Adventures which provided opportunities to build knowledge about native animals and reptiles and snake awareness. This opportunity linked well to the Early Years Learning Framework (EYLF) Outcome 4 ("Children are confident and involved learners") and the Queensland Kindergarten Learning Guidelines (QKLG) Connectedness ("showing respect for environments").

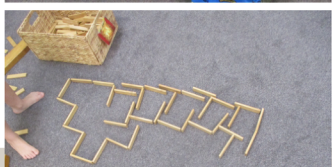
As a kindergarten we acknowledge children as thinkers and theorists and therefore they drive the learning within the classroom. Here is a snippet of what has been happening within our classrooms -



Mrs Tracey Wilson's Green group have begun the year creating social connections through various name games, songs, stories and the creation of a 'friends' book'. Their interests have led to play and discussions around insects and spiders. This play allowed for investigations into facts, creative play to design their own bugs, other arts and craft, books, songs and construction play. Following the Reptile Adventures incursion this interest extended to Australian animals and links to Aboriginal perspectives.



Mrs Robyn Taylor's Young Kindergarten children have been learning the routine of the day and many important social skills. They have been monitoring rainfall in our rain gauge, meeting the native bees, the chickens and the new fish, discussing 'sometimes' and 'always' foods and learning about the life cycle of a butterfly. The Young Kindy children were also able to role play in a hairdressing salon. Gradually the children are being able to separate positively from their parents and enjoy their days of discovery and fun.



Mrs Janelle Bull's Blue group have been exploring dinosaurs after the museum sent us a dinosaur bone and fossils. They also made a volcano erupt in the sandpit. The **Yellow group** have been reading Fairy Tales. They have cooked Gingerbread Men who somehow ran away. The children thought if they made signs someone may have been able to help find them. So far they have not been seen.

Both Blue and Yellow groups have been extending their physical skills eagerly completing the obstacle course every day. They have also been looking after the worm farm and are keen to feed the chickens and hoping to collect eggs.

Mrs Carli Wilson's Red group have settled beautifully into the kindy year and kickstarted their learning by exploring all things animals. They began this journey as children discovered all sorts of creatures in the kindy environment from beetles to lizards, native bees, spiders, grasshoppers, snails, and birds. This inquiry-based learning saw children researching animals, creating habitats, making bird feeders, and culminated in a captivating visit from Reptile Adventures. This learning led to many discussions and learnings about caring for Country and Aboriginal culture. The children's interests have shifted now to transport and emergency services where lots of collaborative play is taking place sharing materials, roles and listening to others' ideas. They have also been fortunate to have parents joining in the fun for stay and play mornings and celebrating birthdays.

All groups have completed the first of our emergency evacuations where they have practiced a fire drill and/or lockdown procedure. All 4 year old groups are looking forward to starting Bush kindy in Term 2.



FAMILIES

Families have been involved in gathering more information about the kindergarten experience through documents shared by their classroom teacher and an opportunity to attend an information session with their teacher. Families also had the opportunity to gain further knowledge about the centre at the AGM.

Last week our families were invited to attend a Speech and Language talk provided by local Speech Pathologist Judy Marin and her team. The information provided is always valuable and we hope that the participants valued from the experience. Throughout the year we hope to provide other worthwhile information sessions for families, as well as Hearing screening tests for children in June from 'Hear and Say'.

Our Clean-up Australia Day event was a huge success again with 50 volunteers from our Kindergarten and the wider community. This is a great opportunity to come together to continue the regeneration of the local bush and creek area. We were pleased to see that the amount of rubbish continues to diminish, even after the heavy rains earlier in the year.

Bush Care will also continue to meet outside the Kindergarten during three more events throughout the year (9th June, 3rd August and 3rd November). Our goal is to have an engaging nature space for our children as they participate in "Bush Kindy" opportunities to this area and continue to build links with our local community.

EDUCATORS/STAFF

During our January team meeting we utilised feedback from children, families and the community to review our philosophy and update our Quality Improvement Plan (QIP) with new goals. These goals can be viewed in our QIP folder in the foyer or on displays outside each classroom.

Staff also began the year completing self-assessments and setting goals for the year with myself, as Educational Leader and then their teams. These goals will be worked on and evaluated throughout the year.

Staff have already had some professional development opportunities about KISS funding, plants and weeds and sessions with Autism Queensland. The team were also supported by Autism Queensland who visited each 4 year old Kindergarten class to provide free inclusion support advise through observations and the sharing of their knowledge. Autism Queensland also shared that they offer free workshops for families ([Professional Development & Parent Education - Autism Queensland \(autismqld.com.au\)](https://www.autismqld.com.au)).

PURCHASES

Purchases have included portfolio books for each child, outdoor maintenance and improvements and regular Kindergarten supplies from the general budget.

Tracey Wilson

Nominated Supervisor

WE HAVE JOINED CONTAINERS FOR CHANGE!

Containers for Change is a state-wide recycling scheme that enables not for profit associations like ours, to fundraise for their cause. Every eligible container collected is worth 10 cents, which can really add up!

How to donate? From Term 2, drop your containers in the ORANGE bins located at the front entry into Unit 1 at the Kindy (please note: collections and bins won't be accessible over the Easter Break) **OR** use the account #C10157789 at any refund collection point.

What's eligible? ♻️ Most aluminium, glass (now includes wine bottles), plastic, steel containers and poppers.

Gabi and Melanie (from the fundraising committee)



Is your child starting Prep in 2025?

Find out why Albany Hills State School is a great choice.

- Meet our prep teachers and administration team.
- Take a school tour and visit our prep precinct.
- Learn about our Prep curriculum.

Prep Information Sessions
In the auditorium, Thursday 2 May 2024, 9:00 - 10:30 am or 6:00 - 7:00 pm.

Under 8s Morning
Join us at our Under 8s Morning - a morning of activities for children under eight in the company of their family, Tuesday 14 May 2024, 9:00 - 10:30 am.
Adults who are not current Albany Hills parents must sign in at the office.

Visit our website for videos and more: albahills.eq.edu.au

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A High Performing Independent Public School
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C&K COVID-19 Response Level
GREEN
(Low response)

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PARENT CORNER



After School Restraint Collapse

After a long day of sensory overload, conformity & masking, it is only natural that children are burnt out after school.

Implement consistency & structured routines.

Prepare them a nutritious snack to prevent 'hanger'.

Avoid instant demands such as unpacking school bag, chores, homework & changing clothes. Unless they offer a run down, avoid asking them about their day. They will process it then tell you.

Give them space, peace & quiet.

Allow them to run, jump & play if required.

Prepare them for any change in routine.

SOLITUDE

Sensory Overload

www.sensoryoverloadaustralia.com.au

After Kindy Big Feelings

Does your child have a great Kindy day but as soon as you reach the car at pick up time your little angel unleashes with big explosive emotions? If so, it is very common and normal, and it does not mean you are doing anything wrong as a parent.

Your child is working hard all day to follow the routine, rules, and expectations along with sharing, taking turns, waiting, coping with feelings of excitement and disappointment - not to mention managing different personalities and behaviours from peers. All this without the people they care most about - their parents/carers.

It doesn't take long after a hug hello at pick up time for all these big feelings to be released!

If you are finding this is happening in your home, follow the links or QR codes for more information that may support you through this tricky time.



https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=_qB2t6cj-FY



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