

# BRINKWORTH PRIMARY AND EARLY CHILDHOOD CENTRE

## NEWSLETTER

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### DIARY DATES

## September

9th—School

Photos

10th—SBPS meeting  
at Brinkworth

14th—16th—three  
way interviews

21st—Meyer Ram  
Sale

25th—**LAST DAY  
OF TERM 3**

## October

12th—**START  
TERM 4**

### ATTACHMENTS:

- Encounters with Emily
- Teddy Bear Picnic
- Vocational care

## MEYER RAM SALE



Monday 21<sup>st</sup>  
September

Thank you to our wonderful parents who have undertaken a job.

**We are still  
after 2  
helpers out  
at the sale**

Dear Families,

We are rapidly nearing the end of term! The last two weeks have seen departmental visitors working with educators; hosting the partnership meeting; touring visitors around our site; and celebrating our Footy Colours in the kindy. We were pleased to see our leaders tour the Clare Valley Children's Centre around the site on Tuesday and Wednesday of week 6. The leaders showed commitment, passion and understanding of our site. It was very exciting to see! A beautiful card was sent from the Kindy to thank us for their tour.

### PARENT SURVEY

Over the last week you would have received links via your phone, email or on Facebook in regards to filling out the parent survey. The links are different for both preschool and school families. We are keen to have 100% reply to this as it helps us with our forward planning for our site and ensures we are meeting the needs of our learners and families. The survey is short and anonymous with a range of questions around learning, teaching and wellbeing of our learners. We ask you to fill this out and let us know as you will go into the **draw to win a \$50 voucher for a pub meal from The Junction Hotel**. If you require a hard copy of the questions, please pop into the front office and we will be able to supply you with one. Thank you for helping us to improving the teaching and learning at our site and continue to have our children at the centre of all we do.

### THREE WAY INTERVIEWS

Next week is interviews! During this time, educators will be meeting with families to discuss the progress and learning of the child. To ensure we keep to the 15 minute time allotment, we ask you prepare some questions prior to the meeting times.. It is best you give these to the educators prior to the meeting to ensure they have time to gather results or any information you may require. To ensure we are keeping in line with Covid protocols, there will be no desks at the meeting and sanitiser will be available at the door. We look forward to further discussing your child's learning.

### DEPARTMENTAL TESTING

The last few weeks, learners at school have participated in Phonics testing, PAT-R and PAT-M These tests allow for educators and learners to see the progress they have made over the year and where they need further support. These assessments, are conducted in a calm and supportive environment allowing them to feel safe during this time. The results of this testing will be discussed with you during parent interviews. If you would like another time to meet, please see Kel.

### THANK YOU!

A big thank you to our families who continue to show support and kindness to our site. Last week we received beautiful biscuits for Early Educator Day. What a thrill! We are very grateful to those supporting our morning tea for the school based preschool meeting on Thursday and those who are preparing some treats and sandwiches for the Ram Sale. We appreciate the community spirit!

Kind regards Miss Barns

# What teams do you belong to!



I belong to Tigers and the Crows. - Oliver



I really like Power! - Nade



I have two teams - eats, tigers - Alicia



Daddy plays with Lewie. I Love Go Tigers. - Evie



Football. Horses team. - Liam



Crows. - Wesley



Tigers. Netball. - Etta



I know about 'Go Crows.' I really like Tigers. - Imogen



Tigers. Port Power. That's all. - Ned



I belong to Mason's and Hugo's team. The Cats. - Leni



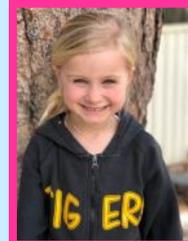
Tigers. I cheer for Crows and Port Power. - Lachie



Cats and Crows! - Hugo



I only go for Cats. I watch footy with my dad on the TV. - Mason



I go for BSR, they are yellow and black and Port Adelaide, they are black, teal and white - Sadie



## STAR OF THE FORTNIGHT



Congratulations to Claire and Todd for a focussed learning effort in the classroom!

## VALUES AWARD



Congratulations to all our Values recipients. You have been showing the values around our site which is great to see!

# WE'RE WORKING TOWARDS SOME BIG LEARNING

## KINDY Kindy Renovations

We are thrilled with our lovely new spaces at Kindy!

Over term 2 holidays, a wall was removed in the kitchen, allowing for more light and easier supervision. The staff toilet was also improved, with a cleaning cupboard and new washbasin added to the area.

The sandpit has had new decking built, and the creek has been reconstructed with a concrete base for easy cleaning.

Children have enjoyed watching and talking to the various builders who have been working on these areas, and we were pleased that the creek was ready just in time for last week's hot weather!

- Kim



## R-3

In the moon class we have been exploring data in our daily lives. Children are often asked to make choices about an idea or question and then we consider how this can be turned into data.

For example; where was a carved wooden bowl made in the Philippines or Thailand? We then explore what the answers tell us and how this information can be represented. This is an example of using a real life situation for students to enhance their understanding of math.



The class also brainstormed "Where do we find Writing?" some great answers were: **On property or homes-fences; workplaces and buildings; cars and trucks; clothing; on the ground.** We then took our i-Pads and walked around Brinkworth taking photos of the writing we saw.

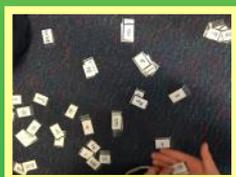
- Mrs Wright & Mrs Jones

## 3-6 Place Value Rules

Every day in our Maths learning we have been focussing on learning the rules for Place Value.

**Aspect of Processes of Counting** We have explored the different families of "quantity" symbols for different purposes.

In our learning groups we helped each other build our understanding that we use different quantity symbols for different purposes and lots of these quantity symbols have a relationship to each other.



We have revised and explored the rules for writing numerals.

**We have practised making and reading large numerals.**

Writing a numeral involves very important mathematical thinking skills- visualising!

We have developed our skills in accurately describing how many periods there are in a particular numeral by visualising.

- Ms Kenny



# IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR FAMILIES

## Parent Survey is LIVE

The parents of your students will be sent a link (unique to your school) via either email or SMS.

Our **school's** unique survey link is: [https://educationsa.syd1.qualtrics.com/fe/form/SV\\_eJ3AXNw9IsJQcdL?RID=CGC\\_eCOIBWt2OGkYhUc9+Q\\_CHL=email](https://educationsa.syd1.qualtrics.com/fe/form/SV_eJ3AXNw9IsJQcdL?RID=CGC_eCOIBWt2OGkYhUc9+Q_CHL=email)

Parents can find more information at [www.education.sa.gov.au/parentsurvey](http://www.education.sa.gov.au/parentsurvey)

For our **kindy parents** the survey links is: <http://tinyurl.com/yxzn37n6>

The due date is Wednesday 30th September 2020 so please make sure you are in the running for the \$50 meal voucher and get your responses in !!!

Thank you everyone

## Mindfulness for Everyone

**Do you sometimes feel like there is too much happening around you?**

**Are thoughts keeping you awake at night?**

**Would you like some time out to become more relaxed?**

**Or are you just interested in knowing what Mindfulness is all about...**

We are running our Mindfulness and Meditation Course in Clare in Term 4, 2020

**Daytime classes commencing Tuesday 20th October for 6 weeks  
12 noon – 1.40pm**

**Evening classes commencing Wednesday 21st October for 6 weeks  
6.20pm – 8pm**

**Both at the Clare Medical Centre**

**Cost: \$120**

**Early Bird (if booked before 20th Sept) & Repeat Participants: \$100  
(Concession available on request)**

In these 1 ½ hour sessions we will explore techniques to:

- ~ improve mental clarity, concentration, relaxation and sleep ~ reduce stress
- ~ learn to be in the present moment and out of 'auto pilot' ~ improve relationships
- ~ manage pain ~ become less judgmental of ourselves and others

**Places are limited - to register or make enquiries, contact:**

**Melanie Michael: 0428 101 228 Michelle Sanders: 0407 795 104 mid-northmindfulness@gmail.com** Certified Mindfulness-based Stillness Meditation Facilitators

# NOTICES

WEEK 8 THAILAND	7/9	8/9	9/9 Newsletter Photos with Carmen Governing Council	10/9 School-Based Preschool Meeting at Brinky	11/9
WEEK 9 INDONESIA	14/9 Interviews	15/9 Interviews	16/9 Assembly	17/9	18/9
WEEK 10 INDONESIA	21/9 Meyer Ram Sale	22/9	23/9 Newsletter	24/9 Teddy Bears Picnic CHS tour 9:30 - 10:30am	25/9

## Kids Helpline

If your child is facing any concerns or worries, particularly with this current unrest, please do not hesitate to call Kids Helpline for advice.

Phone: 1800 551 800