



BRINKWORTH PRIMARY AND EARLY CHILDHOOD CENTRE NEWSLETTER

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DIARY DATES December

2nd—Governing Council mtg @ 6pm followed by tea @ 7pm

7th—PUPIL FREE DAY

8th—Assembly

9th—Celebration and preschool graduation night

10th Retirement afternoon tea 1:30pm

11th—SPLASH DAY!
END OF TERM 4
Early finish 2:30pm

Happy Holidays

JANUARY 2021
27th- TERM 1

ATTACHMENTS:

- Encounters with Emily
- OSHC vacation

A hearty congratulations to Ripley our State Winner of the Deadly Science competition.



Dear Families,

We have reached the tail end of what has been an interesting, and somewhat challenging but overall EXCITING YEAR! We have seen huge growth in our learners no matter their age or stage and that has been reflected in the reports that are being finalised by educators. What resilient, confident and capable learners we have at Brinky! We should be so proud of the way in which they have handled the challenges, disappointments and changes that 2020 has brought. They have shown continual resilience and an ability to just keep going. A big CONGRATULATIONS to them all! We also thank you all for your understanding and support throughout the year. We thank you for the input you have had and the help you have always offered to our site. We appreciate each and everyone of you.

CAMP

Unfortunately our special Year 6 Camp has been cancelled at last minute for our learners. We were looking forward to heading to Adelaide with our buddies from Auburn and Koolunga, however, understand that these decisions are made to keep us all safe. The children are able to partake in regional day trips and will have a fun day out at Barossa Bowl land where they will challenge Ms Kenny and myself to bowling and mini golf championships! We look forward to sharing this day with them.

NEW PRINCIPAL

Last Thursday we had the opportunity to meet with Matt Stewart, our Principal for Term 1 and 2 of 2021. It was great to share our site with Matt, talk to him about what has been happening at Brinky and share our learning improvement story. Tomorrow night Matt will participate in our Governing Council meeting and meet some of our families. I wish Matt all the best as he begins at Brinkworth in 2021 and know that he will do a great job!

CELEBRATION NIGHT / PRESCHOOL GRADUATION & RETIREMENT AFTERNOON

I am awaiting final information from the department in regards to our final end of year events. As I have more information I will publish this via email, Facebook (both the public and online learning group) and with text messages. I am hoping that we can have the best results possible so that all these special events can go ahead.

STAFFING IN 2021

It is with great excitement I share with you our staffing for 2021. As you know, Amy has a temporary transfer to Blyth Primary in 2021. We thank her for her work at our site and look forward to seeing her in 2022. I am happy to announce that the structure for our classes for 2021 will be: Kirsty Gwynn Jones teaching our kindy learners Tuesday and Wednesday from 9-12 with them joining the R-3 class in the afternoon.

The R-3 class will be taught Monday to Thursday by Kimberley Hentschke and the 4-6 class by Jacqui Kenny. Matt Stewart will take the whole school with Paulie on a Friday and "Sustainable Friday" will continue. I look forward to hearing the great success of the learners in these spaces in 2021.

THANK YOU!

As I write my last Brinky newsletter, I would like to take the opportunity to thank you all for your support, care and kindness over the last 3 years. Reflecting on my time at Brinky brings fond, happy memories. We have achieved a lot in our 3 years from improving culture and learning outcomes to creating a welcoming environment that shares our children's voice. The children have shown commitment and dedication to our site and worked towards great results. Educators have continued to build their capacity and provide the very best for our learners. I leave this site proud of all that has happened and am excited for all that is to come. Thank you again for welcoming me into your community and giving me the opportunity to work with your children and family throughout my time here. This is by no means "good bye" but "see you round! Look after yourselves and keep striving for your very best.

Kind Regards, Miss Barns

Question time with the Kindy Learners



Q1: What is the best thing you have done at kindy?
Q2: What are you looking forward to doing at your new school?

Ned: Answer 1: Going over to the school. Answer 2: Playing with my friends.

Sadie: Answer 1: Playing in the doctors area. Answer 2: having sight words.

Wesley: Answer 1: Taking Manu to my home. Answer 2: Playing lego at Harry's school.

Evie: Answer 1: Playing with Leni in the mud kitchen. Answer 2: Playing with Mason.

Hugo: Answer 1: We played farms with the animals. Answer 2: playing on the playground.

Imogen: Answer 1: Making in the making area. Answer 2: to be a real school girl.

Liam: Answer 1: Build with blocks Answer 2: doing learning.

Ella: Answer 1: making with egg cartons, I made a bag. Answer 2: Doing wood work.

Alicia: Answer 1: making cakes in the mud kitchen. Answer 2: playing with my friends

Nate: Answer 1: I liked playing with Ella in the mud kitchen. Answer 2: Because there is another Nate there.

Leni: Answer 1: making castles with blocks
Answer 2: to collect bark chips to make porridge in the mud kitchen

Oliver: Answer 1: climbing on the frame. Answer 2: doing monkey bars

Lachie: Answer 1:
making the dam in
the creek.

Answer 2: to read
books by myself

Mason: Answer
1: playing on the
web swing.

Answer 2: playing
with Oliver



STAR OF THE
FORTNIGHT



Congratulations to the Week 7 stars of the fortnight.... Isaac and Banjo

VALUES AWARD



Well done to all our Values Award winners
Lara, Harper, Eli, Shana and Layla

WE'RE WORKING TOWARDS SOME BIG LEARNING GOALS!

KINDY

Our 2020 learners, it has been a privilege and an adventure watching this group grow in the last 12 months.

For our final newsletter item we asked each learner 2 questions.

Q1: What is the best thing you have done at Kindy?

And

Q2: What are you looking forward to doing at your new school?

Please enjoy reading their answers with a smile in your heart and an appreciation of true honesty. - Kim



R-3 During writing the moon class have composing letters to Aaron Blabey, the author of the 'Pig the Pug' and 'The Bay Guy's' series along with many more funny books. Aaron Blabey is one of the author's the moon class have explored as part of their inquiry into "Tell me a story". It is exciting to see just how far the children have come with their ability to compose interesting questions, after our whole school focus on oral language and specifically questioning. Below are some of the question's children have asked in their letters:

Why did you make your characters last name a food? Bailey

Are you making any other books with characters that have food names? Eden

Note: some previous characters include Sunday Chutney, Elinor Cabbage and Stanley Paste.

Would you write a book about horses? Georgia

Are you going to write a female (gender switch) version of 'Pig the Pug'? Isaac

What inspired you to be an author? Hannah

Are you going to write any more 'Pig the Pug' books? Harper

In maths the moon class have been working on making whole and part numbers. They have created fractions with paper and playdough and labelled each fraction. Last week they played domino fraction's fractions and matched fractions that were written in different formats.

Mrs Jones

3-6 End of Year Reflections

This year has been one of the most challenging for everyone. Our learners have faced many changes, disappointments and uncertainty this year. Every individual child in our class has supported others around them, stayed positive and have shown extraordinary resilience in adverse situations. There are a lot of unknowns in the world at the moment. Starting each day with a positive primer (something special in our world) has enabled us to make a positive start to every day before we begin our learning.

At the beginning of the year we wrote a letter to ourselves with our dreams, goals and hopes for 2020. This week we reflected on our thoughts from February.

Student quotes:

"I did most of my goals."

"I completed my goal of reading bigger books."

"I nearly completed Mathematics." "I like Science now." "Last year was so normal."

"Christmas will be different this year." "I have helped a lot with fundraising this year."

"I have worked hard to include everyone." "I have gotten better organised."

As a part of our wellbeing focus we recognise the importance of the mental state and perceptions of each child. Their ability to build social networks of support, feel confident as learners, and manage difficult and challenging emotions that arise daily.

"Tomorrow is the first blank page of 365-page book." "Write a good one." Brad Paisley

Ms Kenny

IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR FAMILIES

WEEK 8	30/11	1/12	2/12	3/12	4/12
	Brodie in		Newsletter		
	KPS TRANSITION		Governing Council		KPS TRANSITION
WEEK 9	7/12	8/12	9/12	10/12	11/12
	Pupil Free Day	Dress Rehearsal	Celebration and Preschool Graduation Night	Retirement Afternoon Tea from 1:30pm – Annette and Vern	SPLASH DAY!
		Assembly – school and Kindy			

For frequently asked questions for COVID-19 for parents and carers please go to the Education Departments website or use this link.

<https://www.education.sa.gov.au/supporting-students/health-e-safety-and-wellbeing/covid-19-coronavirus/frequently-asked-questions-about-covid-19-parents-and-carers>

COMMUNITY SUPPORTS Stay Connected



This information sheet provides some useful services available to everyone which can be accessed to maintain good mental health and safety.

Services in Clare

Department for Education:
Support children and families access education.
Social Work Angela Hocking/ Teresa Balmer:
(08) 8632 0606 Monday to Friday 9am-4pm

Uniting Countries SA
Uniting Countries provides numerous supports including homelessness service, domestic violence support, financial support, gambling and substance use support.
Address: Shop 4-5 Village Plaza
Clare SA 5453
1300 067 777

Transport Options—Red Cross Transport
Monday, Thursday and alternative Fridays
\$5 (up to 20km)
\$20 (20km-40km)
Ph: 86338100 and Email: aquin@redcross.org.au

Clare Christian Financial Counselling Service
Tuesday 9:30am—12:30pm
Contact: Jill Schunke (Manger)
Location: 8 Burton Street Clare Contact 88421134

Lions Club Second-hand Furniture Shed
2 Herriet Street—Opening Friday 9:30am and Saturday 9am –12pm

Country Outback Health
Address: 2/17 Lennon Street, Clare
Phone number: 08 884144100

CAMHS (Child and Adolescent Mental Health)
Address: Unit 4 and 5/17 Lennon St.
Contact Number: 1300 222 647

Mid North Community Passenger Network
Can support with transport to medical appointments
Phone: 8842 1677

24 Hour Services



Beyond Blue: Provides information and support to anyone to achieve their best mental health.
Contact: 1300 22 4636



Kids Help Line: Confidential phone counselling for young people age 5-25.
Contact: 1800 551 800

1800 RESPECT—Domestic Violence Support

Supports people affected by domestic violence including those experiencing abuse, those who are troubled by their abusive behaviour and those concerned about violence including family and friends.
Contact: 1800 737 732

Parent Helpline

Provides telephone information and support on children and young people, parenting, development and behavioral concerns.
Contact 1300 364 100 or mobiles 83031555

SAPOL/Ambulance/fire: 000

Child Abuse Report Line: 13 14 78

Headspace: Provides mental health support to young people.
Contact 1800 650 890

Men's help line:

Provides support to men with mental health, relationships and emotional well being
Contact 1800 457 870

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

Online - kidshelp.com.au