



Curriculum News

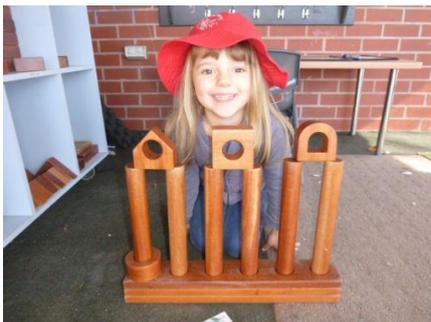
It's hard to believe that we are zipping so quickly through term three! Although spring has sprung, we have been inundated with rain and cooler weather lately. We look forward to the warmer days, and this change of season to engage in building our vegetable gardens ready for a late spring/summer harvest to add produce to our regular cooking experiences. I'd like to take this opportunity to thank the children, staff and parents for being so supportive of me in this role while Lorry is away – Bethany ☺

Focus on Numeracy - Measurement

Our numeracy focus this term around measurement, following staff training with Lisa – Jane O'Conner from the Primary Maths Association. Our aim is to develop consistent use of mathematical language around measurement attributes, including

- time – hours and minutes (how long until..)
- temperature – degrees Celsius (how hot/cold)
- angle – an angle is formed when two straight lines meet.

Other measurement attributes we are continuing to explore; mass, linear, capacity, circumference, perimeter, sound.



Macey is proud of her creation exploring balance, 3D shape, measurement of mass



Iliana calculating the distance she has to go along the ropes

Children have been investigating the concept of measurement using tools at Kindy, such as the measuring tapes, rain gauge, and clocks.



Charlie checking how many millilitres of rain we have in the rain gauge

Healthy Eating

At Elsie Ey, our Healthy Eating Policy states; *parents and carers are encouraged to provide healthy food and drink choices in line with the **Right Bite** strategy.* We are encouraged to see children provided with so many nutritious foods for their snack and lunch, and celebrate children choosing foods which nourish and fuel their bodies during the day.

Children enjoying a range of healthy food choices in their snack and lunch boxes;



Bailey crunching on a carrot!



Sienna munching her sandwich at lunch



Amelie choosing which delicious strawberry to eat first!

Children also had the opportunity to engage in further learning about healthy eating through creating healthy recipes to cook at Kindy. We have made dishes using fruits and vegetables in a rainbow of colours – green zucchini fritters, blueberry muffins, yellow lemonade. We've enjoyed tasting our creations, and even trying some new foods.



Stephanie helping to chop green vegetables for the frittata with Ashleigh and Makira

Transition to School

- What we are doing at Kindy
We are beginning conversations with children about the transition to school – which school they will be going to, who they might know there, what they think school will be like.
- How you can support your child
You can start by familiarising yourself and your child with the school they are going to. Talk about their expectations and share your own positive experiences of school.



Children explore the Hewett school library with Trudy during one of our nature walks.

Research into successful transition for children to school highlights the importance of building relationships – with adults and other children at school, just as we've done at Kindy. This supports children in developing a sense of belonging in the new environment.



Charlie developing confidence in a school setting

Recognising Staff

The 15th-19th of August was SSO Week. We took this opportunity to celebrate the work of the Early Childhood Educators at this Kindy. Susan Close, Minister for Education and Child Development, wanted to 'shine a light on their contribution to the education system'.



The lovely ladies; Bronny, Trudy, Wendy, Sarina, Karen, Cathy and Sandy. (not pictured: Marnie, Wendy N, Sarah, Sue)

Lost property – Children's lost property can be found in the basket near the front entrance to Kindy. Please check this basket regularly for any items lost. Items left in this basket at the end of the term will be donated to charity.

Children's reports – Term 3 reports for children will be handed out soon for you to read and share with your child. We are seeking some feedback from you about these reports, and we ask that this is returned in week 1 next term. We hope you gain a greater insight into your child's development and experiences at Kindy through these reports.

Save the Date!

Our Twilight BBQ, will be held on the evening of **Thursday 24th November** after the Student Free Day. This evening session will begin at 5:30 until 7:30. We look forward to seeing children and their families at this end of year celebration.

Last day of term 3

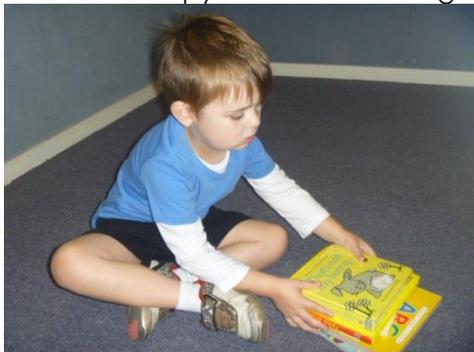
Please be aware that we have an early pick-up time for the last day of this term in line with the school. We finish at **2:00 on Friday 30th September**.

Governing Council News

Governing Council members are busy organising the BBQ, Bake Sale and Raffle for our Twilight BBQ. Keep an eye out for further information coming your way, and let us know if there are ways you're able to contribute to this evening celebration.

Kytos Fundraising – Thank you to those who placed orders for our Kytos Bakery fundraiser. We hope you enjoyed your yummy treats!

Readathon – Congratulations to the participants of our Readathon. Together you raised over \$1000! What a great effort, and chance for children to engage with parents in such an important learning experience as reading together. Our plan is to put the monies towards a 'listening post' where children can use headphones to listen to the reading of a story, and follow with a copy of the book being read.



Harri reading a book about rabbits

Staff News

Long Service Leave – We look forward to welcoming back Lorry and Cathy next term after their long service leave. We can't wait to hear about each of their exciting adventures overseas!



A Friendly Reminder

Clearly marked labels: If you would like your children's items returned if lost it is vital that their items are clearly labelled. Last term we had a large number of items that were left at kindy without any names, we would like to be able to return lost item to their owners.

Wet Weather gear: Children's named gum boots are welcome to stay at kindy we have a rack on the veranda where they are stored. Coats should stay in children's bags ready for our nature walks.

Spare Clothes: Please remember to bring a spare set of clothes for your child. Messy play is an important part of our curriculum, and having an extra set of clothes can ensure that your child can enjoy all the activities that kindy has to offer.

Water Bottles: Please ensure your child has their named drink bottle every day. Water bottles are important for several reasons; limiting the spread of germs, having water for the nature walks, tracking water intake for healthy bodies and preparing for school when children need to have their own water bottles.

Allergies: We would like to remind families that we have children with the following allergies: **Legumes (Pea family), Nuts, Sesame and Eggs.** **Please alert staff if your child has any of these items so we can manage the risk to other children.**

Illness: Reminder, if children are unwell it is recommended that they have a 24 hour period free of symptoms before returning to kindy.

Elsie Ey Playgroup

The Elsie Ey Playgroup is on during school term from week 2 until week 9 in term 3, on **Thursdays 9.30-11.00**

For parents/grandparents/carers and children aged 0-5 years.

We meet at the Hewett Primary grounds in the secured play-ground area.

- Gold coin donation
- Fruit platter supplied for children

Our playgroup is currently supported by Trudy who has a Diploma Qualification in Early Childhood Education

Enquires phone **85221900**