

February 2024

# Kindy News



The latest news and information about the world of kindergarten



## Working Bee—Help Needed!!



Sunday, 25<sup>th</sup> February—8am to 11am

A working bee to weed and prune gardens, and to complete odd jobs is needed.

We hold two working bees during the year that are marked on your kindy calendar. Without the help of our kindy families at these working bees we wouldn't be able to maintain our kindy at the high standard that you see. **It would be greatly appreciated if all families could volunteer their time and help at one of these working bees.**

Please bring along: Wheelbarrows, shovels, spades, rakes, garden tools, garden hedges, safety equipment and gurney (if you have one). It would also be great if we can get a few utes/trailers on the day to take the rubbish to the dump.

A sign-in sheet is located on the sign-in table for your name and equipment/tools you can bring on the day.



## Save the Date! (Term 1)

### Working Bee

Sunday, 25th February  
8-11am

### Social Meet and Greet

Sunday, 10<sup>th</sup> March  
3-5pm

### Committee Meeting

Monday, 11<sup>th</sup> March  
at 6.30pm

### Term 1 Break-up

Group A—26<sup>th</sup> March  
Group B—28<sup>th</sup> March



# Social Meet and Greet

## Sunday, 10<sup>th</sup> March from 3-5pm

Our first social event for 2024 will be held on Sunday, 10<sup>th</sup> March. This will be a wonderful opportunity for families to get to know one another and become familiar with who your child is friends with at kindy.

**Please bring a plate of food to share in a 'Pot Luck' style dinner. As we have a child at our kindy with a peanut allergy, please ensure that food does not contain peanuts, or is clearly labelled.**

A list will be placed on the sign-in table for you to RSVP.

It's BYO drinks (no alcohol), kindy cup for water, chairs, picnic rugs etc.



## Parking at kindy drop off and pick up

When dropping off and picking up, road safety is of utmost importance. Parking is located on both sides of Jasper Street with additional parking bays at the entrance to the kindergarten (one being a disability parking bay). **Parking inside 'The Grounds' grassed area is not authorised and be aware these gates can be locked at any time by 'The Grounds' staff.**

While your child is learning, these safety guidelines will help prevent accidents:

- \* Always **hold your child's hand** near cars, and outside of the kindy grounds. Explain why it's important for your child to hold your hand.
- \* Before moving a vehicle, check that no child is behind, in front of, or around the vehicle. Don't rely only on car cameras and sensors. **Always do a visual check** around the vehicle.
- \* Although it is great to catch up with other kindy families, never leave young children to play near parked or moving vehicles.
- \* Never leave children alone in the car.
- \* If possible, **use the kerbside**, rear passenger door when getting your child into and out of the car. This way, your child will get used to always getting in and out of the car through the safest door—the one furthest away from traffic.



For further information visit [Hand in Hand; Let's go places](https://www.carrs.qut.edu.au).

# Feedback and Quality Improvement Plan

Your opinions, comments or expression of interest or concerns about your experience at Bayview Heights Community Kindergarten is important to us. A feedback folder is located at the sign-in table for any comments or concerns you may have. All feedback will be acknowledged and followed up by staff.

The [Feedback Form](#) is attached if you would prefer to provide feedback electronically.

You can also view our Quality Improvement Plan (QIP) displayed in the Multi-Purpose Room. This outlines goals for our Kindy and we welcome your ideas for future projects and improvements on the form provided.



# Wait List Applications

Have you placed younger siblings on our wait list? As we do not have a sibling policy it is advisable to enrol younger siblings on our wait list as early as possible.

Enrolments are taken strictly in order of entry from the Wait List once your form is returned.

[Wait List Form](#)

## Children's Lending Library.



The children's lending library will be open next week! - Monday, 19<sup>th</sup> February

It would be great if you and your child got into the habit of borrowing regularly from the kindy lending library as this fosters a love of reading and literacy development.

The children's library is located in the locked wooden cabinet inside the multi-purpose building.

On top of the cabinet you will find:

- \* A box of borrowing cards: one with your child's name on it (the key to the cabinet is in the front of this box).
- \* A list of instructions on how to use the library.
- \* The borrowing limit is 2 books at a time.

The maximum borrowing period is 2 weeks. Library books will be rotated per term. During the last two weeks of every term the cupboard will be emptied and the books reconciled.

There will also be a parent lending library available. There are some great books, so make sure you have a look!

Happy Borrowing!

## Family Plaques

### Order by 22<sup>nd</sup> March

To celebrate the kindy's history we have established a Family Memory Wall at the entrance to the kindergarten (on the Multi-purpose building wall). Family plaques can be purchased and will feature your family name, your child/ren's attendance details and an optional picture symbol.

Don't miss out on being a part of the kindy's history.

The order form will be placed in your parent pocket and also at the sign-in area. You can also download the [order form](#). This opportunity is also available to past families. Feel free to pass this on to past kindy families you may know.



# News and Information

- \* It is most important that you read your 'Family Handbook' that was emailed to you last year as in most cases it will answer your queries relating to your involvement with the kindy.
- \* Remember to please check your child's pocket daily which is located at the sign-in area.
- \* For all administration, fees, enrolment and committee enquires please see Suzan. Information or concerns relating to your child are to be directed to Colleen.

## Outstanding Paperwork

- If you still have any outstanding paperwork or forms to be signed or returned to the kindy, please take care of these matters as soon as possible.

## Visitors Book

Visitors are now able to sign in and out via iCheck-In (Konnect). It is extremely important for insurance purposes that all visitors to the kindy sign in. This means ....

- \* All siblings
- \* Parents completing work at the kindy
- \* Any social events (BBQ, fundraising events, etc)
- \* Attending Committee Meetings
- \* Grandparents or other relatives



You **do not** have to sign in as a visitor if you are dropping off or picking up your child for the day. Any time you are at the kindy outside of your child's regular kindy hours, or you are unsure, then sign.

# C&K Parental Code of Conduct

Family participation at C&K services is both encouraged and valued. Building open and honest partnerships with families is crucial in developing genuine relationships with children and providing a high quality educational and care program. In most cases these relationships are characterised by mutual respect and a shared understanding of working together to provide the best possible learning environment for children.

C&K is also committed to ensuring the safety and well-being of C&K community members. C&K expects that parents/guardians conduct themselves in a manner which is respectful of others and mindful of the diverse interests of all community members. The Code applies to ALL parents, guardians and family members of children enrolled in a C&K service and to any of their invitees or guests (including emergency contacts). This Code also applies to all conduct associated with membership of the C&K community including attendance at functions and events held by or on behalf of C&K.

The [C&K Parental Code of Conduct](#) is available on the C&K website. Please do not hesitate to see staff, if you have any questions.

## eSafety—Online safety for under 5's

As part of the eSafety Early Years program, a booklet for families has been created to offer practical advice and strategies for parents and carers, to tackle online safety issues for children from birth to 5 years old. This resource aims to ensure that young children's experiences with digital technology is safe, fun and builds good online safety habits right from the start.

[Online Safety Guide for Under 5's](#)

## Committee News

To be continually informed throughout the year you are welcome to attend the monthly Committee meetings and/or read the meeting minutes which will be placed in the "Committee Meeting Minutes" folder near the sign-in table.

The AGM was held on 12<sup>th</sup> February. We thank the outgoing 2023 Committee for their hard work and dedication in making the kindy such a wonderful place for our children, and we also thank the generous people who took on the responsibility of a Committee position for this year.

The next Committee meeting will be held on Monday, 11<sup>th</sup> March at 6.30pm.



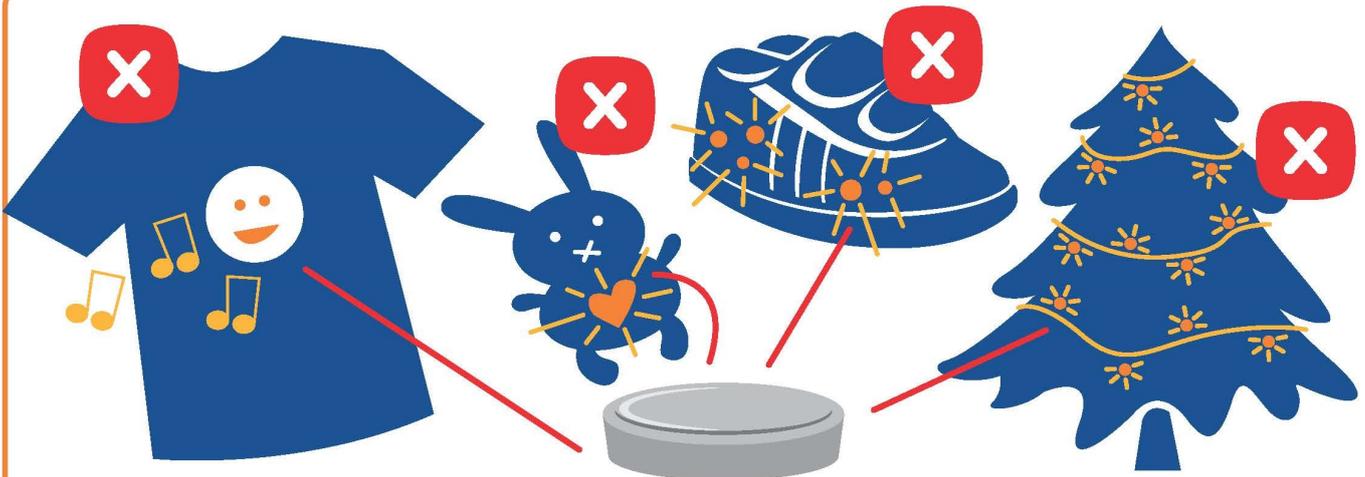
# Be Button Battery Aware



In Australia, approximately 20 children per week present to hospital after a button battery exposure, with approximately one child every 3 weeks sustaining a severe injury.



Button Batteries are extremely dangerous and life threatening to children!



Items including clothing, shoes, bags, books, toys, craft materials, and Christmas decorations (e.g. fairy/Christmas lights) that contain button batteries are **strictly not permitted** at C&K.



## Triple P takes the guesswork out of parenting

Primary Care Triple P is a quick and personal way to get Triple P parenting program help. It is tailored to your own needs.

### Is this you?

Being a parent should be easier than this! Perhaps you can't take your daughter shopping because she always throws a tantrum. Or maybe you have a baby who just won't settle down. Or a teenager who's become rude and defiant. When one or two problems are making family life harder than it should be, Primary Care (or Primary Care Teen) Triple P can help.

### What is Primary Care Triple P?

Primary Care Triple P is one of the many types of Triple P parenting help. With Primary Care, you see a Triple P provider on your own or with your partner.

### What happens at Primary Care Triple P?

First, you will decide what changes you would like to see in your child or teen's behaviour. Then, your Triple P provider will give you some ideas and strategies to help you and your child make these changes. You may also watch a DVD that shows how other parents cope with the same problems. And you will take home a tip sheet to remind you of your new parenting strategies.

#### > Mahina says:

*"I would try to get a babysitter to look after Jacob but he'd cry so much I'd usually give up. Thankfully, Triple P gave me good ideas to get him used to being with other people. Now I can have a few hours to myself each week."*



### Find out more:

[www.triplep-parenting.net](http://www.triplep-parenting.net)

### How long will it take?

Usually you will see your Triple P provider about four times. Each session will last from 15 minutes to half an hour. That's two hours at the most. Two hours that could help you turn your family life around!

### Will Triple P work for me?

Triple P is one of the few parenting programs in the world with evidence to show it works. More than 200 research trials and studies show Triple P can help families in many different situations. It's already helped millions of children and their families in more than 20 countries.

### How can I get Triple P?

The Queensland Government is committed to supporting Queensland families by enabling free access to Triple P programs. Go to [www.triplep-parenting.net](http://www.triplep-parenting.net) to find providers who are offering Primary Care or Primary Care Teen Triple P free of charge.

#### > Darren says:

*"Olivia changed quickly from a happy kid to a withdrawn teenager but my wife and I didn't know what was wrong. Triple P helped us rethink the way we talked to her. Not massive changes, just a few little adjustments, like listening more and not asking so many questions. Now she comes to us when she has a problem."*



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