

## Term Dates 2019

Term 4: Tues 15 Oct – Wed 18 Dec

## Term Dates 2020

Term 1: Thu 30 Jan – Thu 9 April

Term 2: Wed 29 Apr – Fri 3 July

Term 3: Wed 29 July – Fri 25 Sep

Term 4: Tues 13 Oct – Wed 16 Dec

### Term 4

#### Next week

Mon 21 October	Session 1 - 9.45am Session 2 - 10.45am	NSW Dog Safety Programme at Preschool – all Preschool families welcome
Mon 21 October	1.30-2.30pm	Group 3 Surf Awareness Programme begins
Tues 22 October	8.00-9.00am	School Photo Exhibition (Preschool and Primary photos) – all welcome
Tues 22 October	2.15-3.00pm	Swimming lessons for Groups 4/1/2 <b>(*bag drivers needed)</b>
Weds 23 October	10am-2pm 12.30pm	Friendship Day – Group 3 Snack Attack begins (\$5)
Fri 25 October	2.00 -4.00pm	Bazaar <b>(*helpers needed)</b>

#### Week 3 onwards

Tuesday 29 October	9.00-9.30am	Group 3 Overview Meeting , Group 3 classroom
Weds 30 October	9.00-9.30am 9.30am	Group 1 Overview Meeting, Library Followed by 'Ocean Odyssey Exhibition' in Group 1 classroom
Weds 30 October	3.00-3.30pm	Group 2 Overview Meeting, Group 2 classroom
Weds 6 November	9.30-11.30am	Open Morning
Weds 6 November	Am	Bushlink
Sun 10 November	10am -1pm	Kinma Care Day for all families
Mon 11 November	7.00pm	Board Meeting
Mon 25 November	9.30am	Dental Health Talk at Preschool – all Preschool families welcome
Mon 25 November	1.30-2.30pm	Last Group 3 Surf Awareness Programme <b>(*drivers needed)</b>
Tues 26 November	2.15-3.00pm	Last Swimming lessons for Groups 4/1/2
Weds 27 November	9am-11am	Preschool Morning Tea
Tues 3 December	9.30am	Eyesight Screening at Preschool
Weds 4 December	9-10.30am	Kids Christmas Market – all welcome
Thu 5 December	9.30am	Eyesight Screening at Preschool
Sat 7 December	4.00-7.00pm	Gratitude Gathering – all welcome
Wed 18 December	Lunchtime	BYO picnic followed by Farewells Term 4 ends

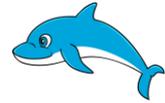
# Next Week – Surf Safe and Swimming

## Surf Safe Program - Group 3

Monday 21/10 to Monday 25/11, 1.30-2.30pm at Mona Vale Beach

Please pack:

- Swimmers (one piece for girls)
- Towel
- Hat
- Change of clothes including warm clothing for after the session
- Water bottle
- Wetsuit (if your child has one) \*SLS provide rashies
- Sunscreen if your child uses their own



Collection is either from the beach at 2.30pm prompt (near changing rooms at the top of the steps closest to the pool), or Kinma at 3pm.

**Please let Admin know if your child is being picked up or if they need a lift back.**

## Swimming Lessons - Groups Andy/4, 1, 2

Tuesday 22/10 to Tuesday 26/11, 2.15-3pm at Terrey Hills Swim School

Please pack:

- Swimmers (one piece for girls)
- Swimming cap
- Goggles
- Towel
- Water bottle – needed for the walk up
- A separate comfortable bag for swimming gear.

Children will change into their swimmers at lunchtime before they head up.

Pick up is from the Terrey Hills Swim School at 3pm prompt (31 Myoora Rd, Terrey Hills)

### Other information:

- T-shirt sleeves are to be worn all days, but especially on swimming days due to walking up to the pool
- Children may only use the changing rooms at the Swim School if accompanied by a parent
- Please bring your own afternoon tea for your child rather than buying snacks from the Swim School kiosk. It can be difficult for families with children who don't eat 'treat' foods to see others eating ice-creams etc.

**Please let Admin know if you can help drive bags up.**

# KINMA PRESCHOOL & PRIMARY PHOTO EXHIBITION

TUESDAY 22ND OCTOBER  
8.00-9.00AM

All families are invited to join us in the hall to view the photos taken by our 2019 photographer Cristina Mahony. A light breakfast will be provided.



# KINMA SPRING BAZAAR

FRIDAY 25TH OCTOBER, 2-4PM

**Book a table and sell your unwanted, good quality items**

**Find some great bargains – books, toys, games, clothes, accessories, home-made craft items and more! Do some early Christmas shopping!**

**Delicious afternoon tea!**

**Catch up with Kinma friends!**

**Help raise money for the Kinma Kitchen project!**



**Can you help run the Café?**

**Can you make or contribute something yummy for afternoon tea? Fruit, cookies, Smoozes, slices, cupcakes, cake, kombucha, iced-tea?**

**Would you like to book a table?**

**Chat with Claire if you can help.**

**Thanks!**

# Admin

## The Triangle ..... The Heart .....

Some families will have no idea about what I am writing.

Others will have some vague recollections of a particular place that children are asked to play in at morning tea and lunch times if after breaking the trust between staff and themselves.

Hayley (mum of Turiee) will know, about the safe place in the centre of the School back in the 90's (we used to call it the heart) for when children chose repeatedly to ignore what staff asked of them; to keep them safe.

The place is central in the playground and children can be on the bricks outside the kitchen and groups 2/3.

This is the area that the staff sit during break periods. There is access to toilets, the kitchen and shade.

Kinma does not look to enforce punishment as a rule, but we do make it clear to children when the trust between the staff and the student has been broken. When this occurs discussion is had. Staff are incredibly tolerant and understanding. However, after repeated requests to honour the agreed play spaces, the call is made that the student will play in an area where they can be monitored by staff, kept safe and know that the trust relationship has broken.

Kinma does not have fences. We do not organise specific areas for children to play. We do not walk around at morning tea and lunch "checking" on your children; we trust them.

As a school, we do not find punishments "just because" - that is remote from the actions. Tidying the library, picking up papers or staying inside away from other students is not supporting a child's understanding of needing to keep them safe.

We have - respect yourself, respect others and respect the environment as our mantra. Students who choose to ignore the very few limits that we put in place at Kinma are not giving respect.

We are speaking with the children this term about trust and The Triangle and would love for you as family to open the conversation about how to keep children safe.

Julie C

# Preschool

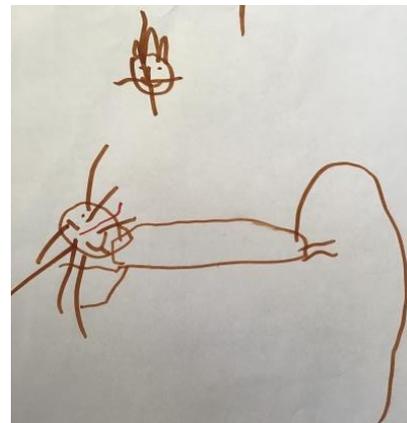
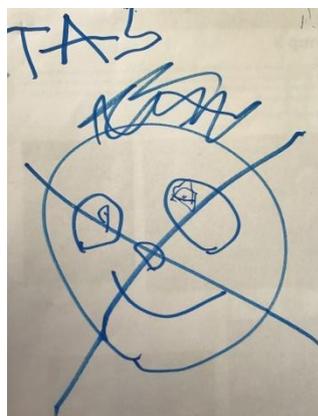
Welcome back and looking forward to Term 4.

## SKIPPER'S VISIT TO PRESCHOOL

Skipper came to visit Preschool. We took turns to take him for a walk around the Preschool garden. Skipper told us lots of things through his behaviour and actions. Our task was to interpret what he was telling us. He was eating things from the ground, telling us he was hungry, so we gave him some of his dog biscuits. He pulled the lead in different directions telling us where he wanted to go. He stood still for a while, telling us he wanted to smell the scents.



Then, he went indoors and sat on the cushion, telling us he wanted a quiet rest time. We made signs saying "Quiet please". We were calm and used quiet voices when we were near Skipper.



**Come along to the NSW Dog Program on the morning of Monday 25<sup>th</sup> October to learn more about safety and dog behaviour.**

## CAMPER VAN DAY

Ivy and Max often go camping and for a while now, they wanted to **share** their camper van with their friends. Then Bodhi and Stanley also had camper vans so Lizzie suggested we have “Camper Van Day” Lily, Lizzie and Skye parked the vans in the carpark and the children **helped to prepare** the area, **carrying** chairs out to the carpark.



Everyone came out of Preschool and started a **tour** of the three vans. They **discovered** beds, showers, toilet buckets, fridges, cookers and tables. We **learned** some new words like pop-top and swivel. Bowie enjoyed the swivelling chair. Skye brought a very interesting book that was all about different camper vans.





After lots of **exploring, discussion and fun**, everyone was hungry so we got our lunchboxes and water bottles from our lockers and found a good spot to have morning tea.

Welcome back to Christine who has returned after her travelling adventures. It was as if she had never left.....

From Kay, Christine, Karthi, Nina, Felicity, Lizzie and Pat



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# NEW SOUTH WALES GOVERNMENT'S RESPONSIBLE PET OWNERSHIP EDUCATION PROGRAM

## FREE VISITS FOR 2019

The NSW State Government is offering all NSW Preschools this exciting program "Living Safely With Dogs"

The program uses multimedia, role play, song & story with our characters Victor the Dog, Victoria the Cat who provide preschool aged children with a variety of stimulating activities to teach a wide range of concepts relating to the importance of being safe around dogs and responsible pet ownership.

- When dogs should be left alone, even the family dog or a friend's dog.
- What to do if approached by an unknown dog/unfriendly dog.
- The safe way to approach and greet a dog.
- Things we should not do to dogs.
- Situations when we should leave dogs alone.



Responsible  
Pet Ownership

ALL PRESCHOOLS WILL RECEIVE A CURRICULUM KIT

New app!  
PetTown: [www.pets.nsw.gov.au](http://www.pets.nsw.gov.au)

Take advantage of this free program  
by booking your school's visit online at  
[www.pets.nsw.gov.au](http://www.pets.nsw.gov.au)

or call Helen Ambler  
ph 02 8338991

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**CHILDREN & DOGS...IT'S OUR DUTY TO CARE**

# Andy's Group

## Term 4 Overview

Here we go for our final term together before wings are spread and the chickadees flee the nest!

In discussions with the children in term 3, we workshopped some ideas on themes and have landed on a perfect blend of drama and science. In order to accommodate both, we decided to create an airport where we can set forth to travel around the world to investigate the origin of scientific discoveries, as well as setting up the many shops they wish to role play as well. This is very exciting as there are so many rich opportunities to explore Creative arts, Maths, Literacy, Geography, History and Science, as well as the Social and Emotional aspects as the children collaborate toward some common goals.

The usual suspects in setting up dramatic play through shops are literacy

- Posters
- Brochures
- Menus
- Labels

and maths

- Money
- Quantities in recipes
- Charts and tables



In addition to these moments in play we will be focusing on particular skill sets in maths and literacy.

In literacy we will be delving into consonant digraphs (2 or more letters that come together to make one sound). The children love practising 'sh' as they put their finger to their lips and shoosh me! We will build on this by looking at sounds such as ch, wh, th etc. Through this we will build upon their bank of sight words as well as practice decoding words to read and encoding sounds to write.

In math we will continue looking at addition using larger numbers and begin to look at the difference between numbers through subtraction. They will also be heading back to work and using their Gerald and Piggie dollars to spend at the many stores within the airport. We are bringing cheques back!

We will of course be flying around the world and try to visit many different cultures, providing them with lots of arts, crafts and foods of different nations.

## Other bits and bobs

Book Boxes remains on a Monday, Wednesday and Friday.

Balls and hoops is how we start our Tuesday and Thursday mornings. We are introducing some more group games during this time so be sure to get here in time!

Swimming will be happening from chapter 2 this term (week 2) each Tuesday. Children must be picked up from the swim centre, promptly at 3pm. Please remember to include a towel, swimmers, a swim cap and goggles in a comfortable bag for them to carry. Also a water bottle is a must for these walks.

Transition will begin in Week 6 where the children will head to Group 1 for 2 sessions a week with Michelle and Tom.

Please ensure your children have a hat, a water bottle and a change of clothes in their bag each day. As the weather gets warmer there is the opportunity for water play so long as they have spare clothes. The children must wear a hat during out times otherwise they will be asked to play undercover.

If you have any toy tools we could use them for our mechanic shop.

Any questions or suggestions please don't hesitate.

Enjoy, I know we will!

# Group 3

## Group 3 Overview, Term 4

'Welcome to Wonderland!'

'What an idea. A crazy, mad, wonderful idea'.

*Alice (Alice in Wonderland)*

It's down the rabbit hole through to wonderland we go- with our play, 'Alice in Wonderland' just around the corner what better metaphor to explore?!



With 'Wonderland' as our theme for the term, Group 3 children have chosen lots of different paths down which to wander into their own Wonderland. Ghostly, mythological and mysterious worlds- just waiting to be explored!

Lewis Carroll's Wonderland will be at the forefront of everyone's minds as we immerse ourselves in rehearsals, costume creation and making of props for the first few weeks of this term. We are busy learning our lines and working out just how loud our voice needs to be so our audience can hear us.

Alongside these very practical things, we will look at the artistry and skill development required to stage a theatrical production such as characterisation, voice projection and stagecraft.

Combining, creative arts, literacy and technological skills, children have suggested that we create miniature sets for different characters and make stop motion animations based on original stories written by the kids.

We are continuing to read '*Parvana's Journey*' by Deborah Ellis as our class novel with the hope of finishing it in the next few weeks. Once it's complete, we will select and vote on something new - we are open to suggestions so please let us know if you have any books you think would fit into our theme of 'Wonderland!'

In maths we will delve deeper into fractions and decimals, whole number, patterns and algebra and continued consolidation of the four operations- addition, subtraction, multiplication and division. Group 3 children will engage in whole class and small group maths learning and the focus of our Thursday time slot for maths will focus on maths puzzles, investigations and problem solving.



## Friendship Seed Day

Ask anyone and they will concur that our own Group 3 Wonderland is built on Friendship! The annual tradition of Friendship Seed Day is coming up on Wednesday 23rd October. We have around 70 friends from other schools joining us for friendship band making, games, drama and other creative and sporty activities. We are currently donning our organisational hats and are in the midst of planning how the day will run

## Group 3 Excursion: Emil and the Detectives

Friday 29th November at Riverside Theatre, Parramatta  
By Erich Kästner, adapted for the stage by Nicki Bloom

Here is a short blurb from the theatre website:

*Never underestimate the determination of a child. Young Emil catches a train to visit family in the big city but something valuable is stolen. When a group of resourceful children rally together, the thief soon discovers Emil was not such an easy target.*

*Told in an intimate theatrical style by two skilled actors immersed in smoke and mirrors, miniature worlds and a cinematic score, Emil and the Detectives is sure to intrigue and delight audiences ages 8+ and their families*

More details soon...

## Weekly Timetable

Below is an overview of teachers who will be working with your children on any given day.

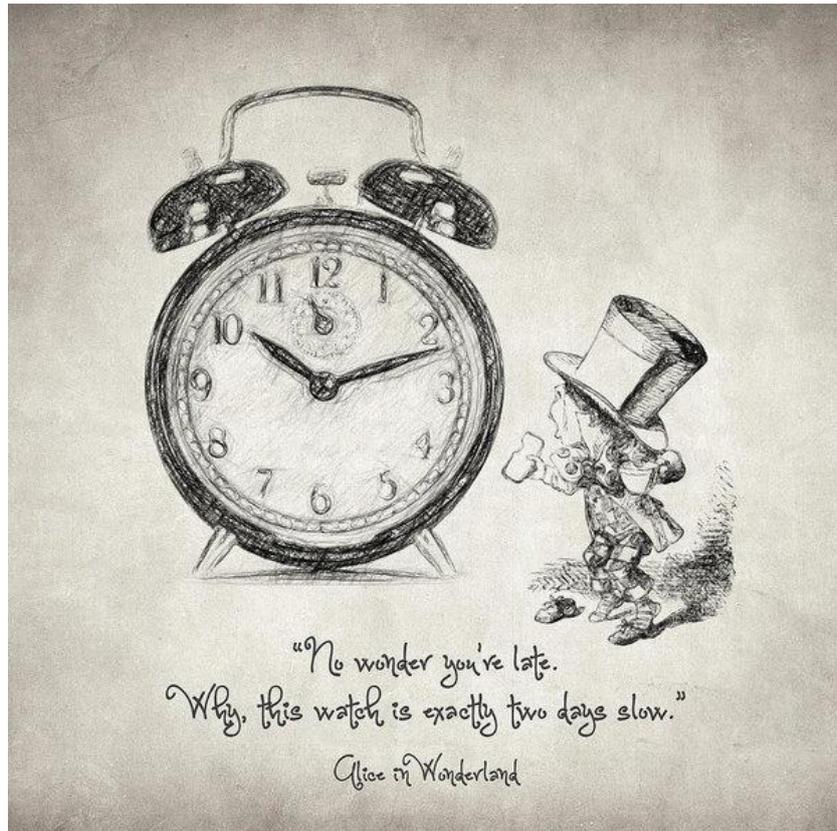
	Monday *	Tuesday *	Wednesday *	Thursday	Friday
Teachers	Katie and Deepika	Katie and Deepika	Katie	Katie and Deepika	Deepika
Weekly Activities	Surf Safe Skills	Yoga	Choice Snack Attack	Yoga Music	French

\*Grace also working with some children in Group 3 on these days

**Surf Safe Skills-** Please ensure children have all the necessary clothing and sun safety items on Monday. Thank you to those parents who have volunteered their time to transport us to the beach. Please note that we may catch the bus some Mondays but will give you lots of notice beforehand!

### Invitation for Group 3 Families

We would like to invite you to chat about the term ahead so let's meet on the morning of Tuesday 29th October, from 9.00-9.30am. We will do a few activities together, talk about what's happening this term and Katie and Deepika will be more than happy to discuss any questions you may have about your child/ren's learning in Group 3.



Please get in touch should you wish to discuss anything related to your child's learning and/or well being!  
And give us a shout out should you wish to share something with us or just want to spend some time in the classroom.

Katie and Deepika

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# Extras

**PITTWATER  
ARTISTS  
Trail**

**OPEN STUDIOS WEEKEND**  
Visit the working studios of 21 artists  
across 15 great Northern Beaches locations



**Saturday 19th & Sunday 20th October  
10am - 5pm both days**

Download a map from  
[www.pittwaterartiststrail.com.au](http://www.pittwaterartiststrail.com.au)  
to plan your route  