

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 4 Nov	9am	Groups 4,1,2 Sculptures by the Sea Arr 8.50am for departure at 9am sharp
Tues 5 Nov	9.00-9.30am	Group 3 Overview Meeting , Group 3 classroom
Weds 6 Nov	Am	Bushlink
Weds 6 Nov	9.30-11.30am	Open Morning
Sun 10 Nov	10am -1pm	Kinma Care Day for all families
Week 5 →		
Mon 11 Nov	7.00pm	Board Meeting
Fri 15 Nov	9.30am	Welcome Catch Up for Preschool Transitioners 2020
Tues 19 Nov	Am	Transition begins
Weds 20 Nov	Am	Tinkering Day (*pods needed)
Thu 21 Nov	1.00 for 1.30pm	Group 3 Play 'Alice in Wonderland', Hall – all welcome
Fri 22 Nov	Am	Transition
Mon 25 Nov	9.30am	Dental Health Talk at Preschool – all Preschool families welcome
Mon 25 Nov	1.30-2.30pm	Last Group 3 Surf Awareness Programme (*drivers needed)
Tues 26 Nov	Am	Transition
Tues 26 Nov	2.15-3.00pm	Last Swimming lessons for Groups 4/1/2
Weds 27 Nov	9am-11am	Preschool Morning Tea
Fri 29 Nov	Am	Transition
Tues 3 Dec	9.30am	Eyesight Screening at Preschool
Tues 3 Dec	Am	Transition
Weds 4 Dec	9-10.30am	Kids Christmas Market – all welcome
Weds 4 Dec	7-8.30-pm	Orientation Evening for New Preschool Families
Thu 5 Dec	9.30am	Eyesight Screening at Preschool
Sat 7 Dec	4.00-7.00pm	Gratitude Gathering – all welcome
Weds 11 Dec	Am	Preschool Excursion to Kimbriki
Tues 17 Dec	Pm	Preschool End of Year Celebration
Wed 18 Dec	Lunchtime	BYO picnic followed by Farewells, Term 4 ends

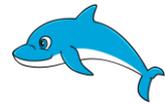
Surf Safe and Swimming

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 Bazaar



Bargains galore!



Kinma Café!

More bargains!

Payments and donations!

What a great Bazaar we had last week!

Together we raised \$1,550 for our Primary kitchen fund, and all on a very hot Friday afternoon.

The three hampers in our raffle were won by Georgie Hannon, Evan Mooney and Sonia Bridekirk – thanks to everyone who bought a ticket.

Bargains galore were discovered, delicious food was made for the café, willing helpers came helped make sure the food and beverages were sold to help us cool off, and the bargains were sold to add to the Kitchen Fund.

Heartfelt thanks to every wonderful person who made it happen in every way, big and small!

Admin



Any questions?

We could mention hats, shoes, water bottles, labelling clothes, paying school fees on time, but we know our parents know all about those things so we won't...

We're leaving this page (almost blank) to see if you have any questions about anything. If you think of anything you're not sure of, Julie and Claire are in the office Monday to Friday and are happy to chat with you any time.

Julie, Claire, Narelle and Carin

Preschool News

We would like to welcome new children that have started this term. It's wonderful to have them and their families join us.

Dog Safety Program

We went through some situations where we do NOT touch a dog, this list is useful to remember and will keep us all safe. Do not touch a dog when they are:

- ❖ Sleeping
- ❖ Eating
- ❖ With their puppies
- ❖ Sick or sore from an injury
- ❖ With no owner or have no lead
- ❖ In a car.

It is also not safe to give a dog tight cuddles or to scare them.

As dogs cannot talk, how do we know what they are saying? Issy said "Stop it, I don't like it and tell the teacher! But dogs bite instead."



There are ways we can tell what dogs are feeling, a scared dog will have its tail down and it will make itself small by tucking up. An angry dog will try to make itself look bigger. It may show their teeth, the hair near the collar will be sticking up and their tail will be up. If we see a dog like this we stop, stand very still, put our hands by our sides and look at the ground. Then look up to see if the dog has gone, walk away backwards slowly and tell an adult about the dog. A happy dog will be wagging its tail and looking comfortable.

Kruze said "If the owner is with it, we can touch it." Issy said "Ask its owner."

We acted out being a scared dog by tucking up and an angry dog baring our teeth.



We then went through the procedure to safely approach a dog. Walk up slowly, stop 3 big steps away and ask "Please can I pat your dog?" Tuck in our thumb and curl all the fingers around it to make a fist, offer the back of this fist below the dog's nose to smell, that's how the dog gets to know us. Never touch the head or the tail. Pat the side of the dog.

We practiced this on Joker, our visiting dog, who was very sweet and loved all the pats. By having the dog program visit us, we are able to discuss and learn through hands-on experience to build our confidence and knowledge of being around dogs. Even if the children have a family dog, this added information about when not to touch them or an unknown dog, is very useful and practical. We hope that this information is helpful to get to know some dogs in a safe way.



Diwali

Diwali is the five-day festival of lights, celebrated by millions of Hindus, Sikhs Jains and others across the world.

Diwali, which for some also coincides with harvest and New Year celebrations, is similar to many other festivals in the world as it celebrates new beginnings and light in the darkness.

The word Diwali comes from the Sanskrit word *deepavali*, meaning "rows of lighted lamps".

Houses, shops and public places are decorated with small oil lamps called diyas. People also enjoy fireworks and sweets too, so it's really popular with children. Traditionally, this celebration marks the return of their deities Rama and Sita.

Traditions

- Many lights and oil lamps are lit on the streets and in houses
- People visit their relatives and have feasts
- Fireworks and festivities are an essential part of the occasion
- People decorate their hands and feet with henna or Mehendi. People believe Henna brings positive spirit, good luck, happiness and joy.





Here at Kinma we have been celebrating Diwali, with activities that Karthi and Elijah have been sharing with us. We have been creating our own designs for henna on our hands. Karthi has been applying the henna as part of our Diwali Celebrations. The henna is part of the excitement, preparation and celebrations. This is a traditional Indian Celebration of Lights.



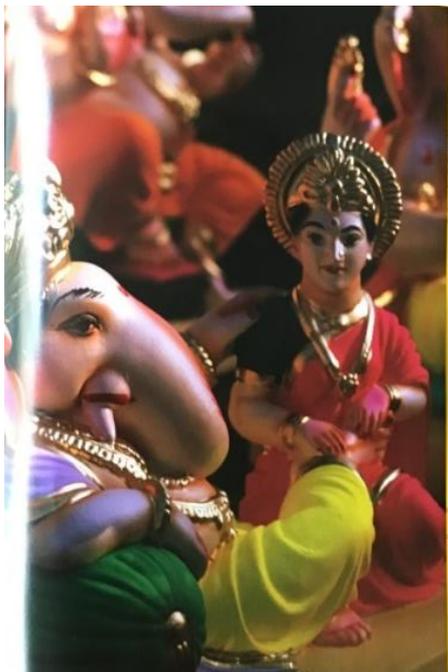
We have also been making diyas, small clay pots. Children made their own design and decoration. Some discovered how to use bought diyas as a mould. We filled these with oil, or traditionally ghee, and put a piece of cotton and light them.

The children sat quietly and watched as the diyas were lit around our rangoli. The rangoli that we made this week from the collected flowers, was the centre piece for our celebrations at the end of the week. A mandala design was decorated with flowers to make the area beautiful and to celebrate this festive time together. Traditionally coloured rice flour, sand or coloured rock salt can also be used to make a rangoli of large sizes. Elijah brought in statues and a book about Diwali to show and share with the group. The children were interested to look at the statues and hold them as they were passed around the group and to look at the book and all the illustrations.

Elijah chose these two pages to show the children. Josh, Elijah's older brother, had also shared these with us a few years ago when he was at Preschool.



The children have been learning about different cultural celebrations. Their creativity is being expanded to consider body art, using clay and flowers in different ways. There have been many instructions and explanations which has supported their listening and understanding. And waiting for a turn to have a henna decoration and then waiting for it to dry takes a lot of patience and perseverance! Thank you to Karthi and Elijah for sharing their cultural celebrations with the Preschool community.



The following is an excerpt from the inspector's comments in our Ratings and Assessment summary earlier in the year (Standard 4 Staffing Arrangements):

“The interactions between the team are respectful and friendly and educators work collaboratively. The knowledge skills and passions of individual educators are acknowledged and promoted with strengths recognised and utilised in the program. Learning is shared throughout the school community and professional standards guide practice. Educators reflect on practices to ensure that children feel safe and secure and diverse perspectives are shared and valued.”

From the Preschool Team

Andy's Group

We had a busy week of making our airport and the shops to go inside. So far we have a travel agent, check-in, a luggage carousel, an ice creamery and a pizzeria. The children have been opening the shops for the rest of the school at break and choice times with no shortage of customers. It's lovely to see the big kids pausing a whole school game to come over and order a pretend pizza, and fantastic to see the excitement on the Group 4 faces. Coming soon will be a mechanic to service the planes and a doughnut shop!

In literacy we have been making lots of signs for our dramatic play in addition to looking at 'sh' words, sight words, and practising our writing through creative stories.



Though we are yet to jump on a plane, we have begun experimenting with a look at magnets, volcanoes and balloons. We discovered that Earth is one giant magnet and that the magnetic force can travel through many different materials such as water, plastic, wood and even our own bodies!





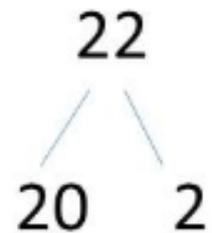
Sal came in to experiment with Bi-carb soda and vinegar as the children combined them to blow up a balloon. They then placed sticky tape on them and saw how a seal is formed when pierced with a skewer (unless they missed!).

In maths we continue to look at difference and counting on, through many different games. 'Choo choo trains' is the term we have for our maths stations that the children rotate through. Our new game this week include hidden number (a great game for home)

- Players start with either 10 or 20 counters
- Player 1 hides an unknown amount in a cup
 - Player 2 has to figure out how many are hidden by working out the difference.



For an extra challenge some of the children have been looking at partitioning numbers. That is separating the tens from the units in order to add 2 digit numbers.



Feel free to drop in for an ice cream or Pizza!

Group 3

Group 3 have been busy!

Friendship Seed Day

Last Wednesday the children welcomed over 70 students from 10 schools to host Kinma's special Friendship Seed Day. Tanika, Kate and Shala prepared a speech which welcomed our guests, provided information on the history of Friendship Seed Day and expressed the importance of 'sprinkling' friendship around the globe.

The Group 3 children put into practise their communication skills by setting aside their nerves and launching themselves into mixed groups to teach friendship band making.

The afternoon was spent: playing soccer, shooting hoops, modelling with clay and continuing friendship bands; whilst engaging with and developing new friendships.

We would like to shout out a huge, "Thank you!" to Claire, Pete, Louisa, Amy, Karen and Lesley, for helping to cater and serve all of our hungry guests.



Friendship Seed Day reflection:

My experience of the past friendship seed days haven't been the best but I have to say this one turned out quite well. I met three girls in year 5 called Zoe, Sienna and Arin from Currumbena. I met them when I was put in a group to teach kids how to make friendship bands Sienna and Arin were both in that group and they were pretty good at snake around the pole, but they needed a little practice to do stairs right. It is so hard to teach people how to make friendship bands. I talked to them a lot and they introduced me to their friends from Currumbena. Zoe came over and I played with them for the rest of the day I had a really good time and I think they did too. I was sad that they had to leave at two o'clock and we exchanged details. I hope to keep in contact with them.

By Isobel

Surf Safety

Schools out for summer...or Monday afternoons for surf safety at Mona Vale beach! Despite the monster waves and blustery cold conditions, there was enthusiasm both on the beach and in the water. We are hoping for some warmer, sunnier days as we head into the final weeks at Mona Vale. A big thank you to all our parent drivers!



Current events

The children reflected on the recent climb closure at Uluru, which served as a spring-board for some interesting class discussion. They critically engaged with a newspaper article and wrote responses to the Sydney Morning Herald's cartoonist Le Lievres', artwork, *Peace at Last*.

Please enjoy Tanika's poetic response to the visual literacy stimulus:

Peace at last

A rock you might see.

But what is underneath?

Does anyone think of the past?

Or is it just forgotten history?

Indigenous beliefs.

Sacred ceremonies.

A treasured place.

A spiritual connection.

They asked many times for the rock not to be climbed upon.

It is a place of concealed stories,

about how the earth was made.

Each belief is sacramental.

Each belief should be respected.

Especially since the Indigenous people,

have been upon this earth for so long,

and have so much knowledge of the land.

But people have ignored this wish,

by walking upon the rock,

for their own desire.

Peace at last.



By Tanika



Group 3's drama games and play rehearsals.



The Group 3 play will be showing at 1.30pm on Thursday, 21st November.





SATURDAY AFTERNOON BASKETBALL

The Manly Warringah Basketball Association is holding basketball squad training & fun on Saturday afternoons, conducted at the Northern Beaches Indoor Sport Centre (NBISC), Jackson Rd, Warriewood, with expert coaches. The program is on each Saturday during school term.

There are three groups - **Biddy Ball** for ages 7 and under 1.30pm - 2.30pm & **Lightning League** for ages 8 & over 2.30pm - 3.30pm. The cost is \$10.00 per week coaches are American professional Jerome Lee and Representative coaches Tim O'Sullivan and John Pete.

Each week players will be taught the skills of the game by experienced coaches and put into teams for a short modified games. New players wishing to join a competition team should attend Saturday sessions so they can improve their skills, be graded and later placed into teams when a new competition starts. Players who are already playing will also benefit from the extra skill sessions. If you are interested in joining Saturday basketball then just come down.

Aussie Hoops

We also have our Aussie Hoops program 9.30-10.30am on Sundays which runs all term conducted at the Northern Beaches Indoor Sport Centre,(NBISC) with expert coaches. To book a position go to the link <https://aussiehoops.basketball> looking forward to seeing you there.

Great fun/Great coaches

Email: mwba@manlybasketball.com.au <http://www.manlybasketball.com.au>

SATURDAY AFTERNOON BASKETBALL



- Learn to Play/Play (only \$10 per session)
- Excellent coaches - Ages 7 & Under (1.30-2.30pm)
 - Ages 8 & above (2.30 - 3.30pm)

ON THIS SATURDAY AND ALL TERM

COME ON DOWN AND HAVE SOME FUN!! (NO BOOKINGS REQUIRED)

NORTHERN BEACHES INDOOR SPORTS CENTRE

Jacksons Rd Warriewood, ENQUIRIES MWBA 9913 3622