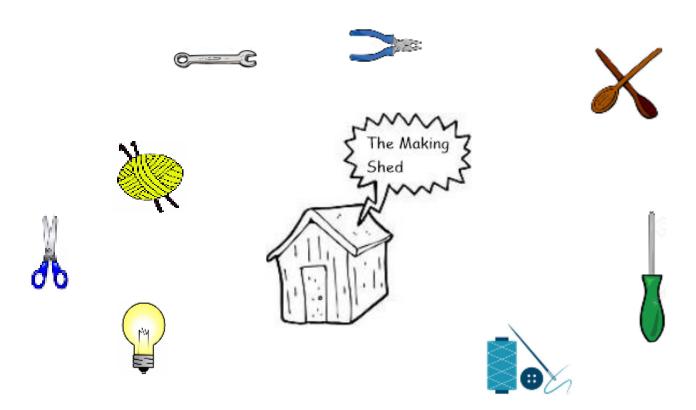


## Group 1 News - Term 3 Week 3



# Group 1 Overview

We hope you had a peaceful break and that you're all ready for the journey ahead! This week welcomed our newest members of Group 1; Aleena, Diesel, India-Rose, Josh, Max, Mia, Zoe and their families. Be sure to say hi and introduce yourself to any new faces.

Having safely returned from our journey into South America, we thought we should spend some time at home, tinkering around the house.

This term our classroom will be our shed and our theme will be making. We will be stocking our shed with the tools to make anything and everything with the sky as the limit. Cooking, drawing, construction, stories, number games, sewing, painting, building, publishing, tinkering, exploring and of course inventing. These are just a few of the tool boxes we will be stocking around our shed for the children to hang off their tool belts and get stuck into.



From a literacy perspective our theme is able to incorporate a diverse range of stories catering to all abilities. Many tool boxes will contain games ranging from letter sounds, recognition and blending sounds: through to story starters and character prompts in a 'make your own' box. Our theme offers the opportunity to delve into Pie Corbets method of storytelling and creating short narratives. This method allows children to participate in reading a story through pictures and/or words, whilst learning actions to go with it. No matter what their level of ability may be, they are able to read a story and eventually change certain parts of it, making it their own and learning about different aspects of what makes up a story.

Likewise in maths there is ample opportunity within our theme. We will continue to stock our Maths Toolboxes with number skills including place value, addition and subtraction, ordering and sequencing and number recognition. The children will become familiar with many different games/resources that they can use independently alongside the small group work that take place.

### Other housekeeping news...

Basketball and French will continue on a Friday. Please make sure you bring some covered comfy shoes suitable for running.

Suzanne will continue to work on Thursdays alongside Andy.

Book boxes remain Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 9 to 9:30.

We please ask that no toys be brought to school as they are often damaged and are distracting. Of course if it is vital to your child's emotional security than please let Andy or Grace know so we can manage them accordingly.

School starts at 9am. We recommend getting here a little earlier so that the children may make connections before the show begins!



Sam Follows (Willow's Mum) will be our class representative. This role entails rounding up helpers when required, passing on information to parents and a general liaison between parents and staff that doesn't require individual attention.

Please feel free to contact us by email provided below.

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Try as we might, Grace and Andy have been unable to sign us up for an excursion to The Design Week or The Science Festival at the Powerhouse Museum. They have these events over weekends if you can make it!

## Makers and Breakers

#### **DATE**

3–4 September, 11 am–3 pm 10–11 September, 11 am–3 pm

Calling all mini designers, inventors, dreamers and tinkerers!

Let your imagination run wild at our Maker and Breaker station. Put on your inventor's cap and get busy making machines, contraptions and more using found and recycled materials. Or unleash your inner tinkerer and investigate materials using tools. Take apart everyday items and take a peek of what lies inside.

Ages 6+



## Sydney Mini Maker Faire

Museum of Applied Arts and Sciences

**DATE** 

13-14 August, 10am-5pm

It is the greatest show (and tell) on Earth. A family-friendly showcase of invention, creativity and resourcefulness, and a celebration of the Maker movement.

The aim of the Mini Maker Faire is to showcase Sydney's most innovative makers and to grow this community. Makers of all ages and backgrounds, ranging from tech enthusiasts and crafters to scientists and garage tinkerers, come together to show what they are making and share what they are learning.

With an exciting program of talks, stalls and performances, and more space for stallholders than ever before, this year's Faire is looking to be the biggest and best yet!

Free with Museum general admission.





Snack attack is a flat \$5 regardless of what bits your child is having, and we are no longer serving juice. Parents making Snack Attack - please put out water for the kids to drink.

Snack Attack has been a part of Kinma for a very long time...and how wonderful for the children to have their parents come in and fill the air with a good home-cooked meal. There have been some amazing foods and traditional goodies that parents have become loved and famous for.

There are 64 children in the Primary and 28 in Preschool, approx. 10 adults on Wednesdays.

We have 17 gluten-free, 10 dairy-free children, and 3 vegetarians. If your child is any or all of these 3, please let me know.

Usually we have 2-3 parents that come in on a Wednesday and one makes the Main and the other Dessert...or you do it all together on the day. It is a great way to meet and get to know the parents of Kinma and spend the day with the children.

Like everything at Kinma it is a very relaxed easy day. There are not many rules, all we ask is for it not to be too junky and offer vegetarian, dairy-free and gluten-free options.

The kids really enjoy Snack attack, and it's great when we can make Snack Attack happen every week. Below are the dates for Term 2 Snack Attack.

### PLEASE REMEMBER – We do not use nuts or nut products anywhere at Kinma.

August 10<sup>th</sup> Rachel, Renee, Stephanie & Joe

August 17<sup>th</sup>

August 24<sup>th</sup> Preschool

August 31<sup>st</sup> Gemma, Neil + 1 helper needed

Sep 7<sup>th</sup>

Sep 14<sup>th</sup> Sam, Sam & Stephany

If you have any questions or want to contribute please email me at hayleyjl@tpg.com.au or call 0435 145 486. Thanks, Hayley Lewis (Turiee's mum)

Some examples of successful meals have included Chicken wings/ drumsticks and salad, tacos, nachos, pasta dishes, pizza, sushi, quiche, fruit and yoghurt, baked apples with cream/yoghurt, natural ice blocks... and much more.

All expenses for ingredients are reimbursable.