

Term Dates:

Term 4: Tues 16 Oct – Fri 14 Dec

2019

Term 1: Thu 31 Jan – Fri 12 April

Term 2: Wed 1 May - Fri 5 July

Term 3: Wed 31 July – Fri 27 Sep

Term 4: Tues 15 Oct – Wed 18 Dec

Term 4

14/12/18	12.30pm BYO picnic lunch 1.45 seated in hall	Farewells - Term 4 finishes
----------	---	-----------------------------

A big thank you to all the families who contribute to Kinma in the ways that you do:

- **To the snack attack helpers, maker, cleaners and organisers**
 - **To the families at Kinma Care Day**
- **To individuals who hear the cry for help to fix the one off problems**
 - **To the families who contribute their time for tinkering**
 - **To the families who run and who support Kinma Play Group**
- **To families who slow down sufficiently to say hello and greet new members of the school and visitors**
- **To the families who offer expertise and skills to the children in lessons**
 - **To the families who sort through the library**
- **To the families who support the fundraising initiatives throughout the year**
 - **To the families who join with staff on bush walks**
 - **To the families who help out on excursions**

And the list can go on and on. There is so much extra behind the scenes stuff that “just happens” to make this unique environment flourish.

With love from the Board and Staff



Green Umbrella: Time to Talk Money Honey

Who are we?

Green Umbrella - hope you like the name – is a not for profit association set up by a volunteer committee of Kinma parents and we will recruit well-qualified and lovely staff to look after our kids. The committee of parents will oversee the ongoing running of what will be a great addition to the Kinma community.

The school hall and top playground will be the home of Green Umbrella and the Green Umbrella staff will supervise a program of fun and nurturing activities and afternoon tea for enrolled children. The program is for primary school-aged children.

Using Green Umbrella

To be able to use Green Umbrella after school care, you will need to enrol your child or children into the service. An enrolment form will be available before the end of term and if you're interested in using the service you will need to complete this before the start of Term 1.

Whether you'd like to use the service regularly or just on a casual basis, you will need to enrol your children and pay the Annual Enrolment Fee - \$25 for the first child and \$20 per subsequent child.

There is a standard fee per after school session of \$35. There will be a session on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays initially - running from 3 pm to 6 pm. The fee is for the whole session, whether you choose to use it for one hour only or for the full three hours.

Subsidy Information

The government (via Centrelink) offers subsidies for the cost of After School Care based on your family's income and an activity test, so you'll only pay the gap between the cost of the session and any subsidy you are entitled to. For example, if the session costs \$35 per child and your rebate is \$15 per session per child, you will then pay \$20 per session per child. Green Umbrella claims the difference from Centrelink so you don't pay it.

To access these rebates, you will need to register your child or children with Centrelink and generate a Customer Reference Number (CRN). You may be surprised at the new subsidy entitlements so check out the subsidy estimator at <https://www.childcaresubsidycalculator.com.au/>

To find out if your children already have a CRN or how to get one call Centrelink: 136 150 or go to <https://www.humanservices.gov.au/individuals/services/centrelink/child-care-subsidy>

Fees Breakdown

Annual enrolment fee: \$25 for the first child - includes one membership per family to the service
\$20 per subsequent child

Regular use fee: \$35 per child per session – for a booking for every week of term
Remember you only pay the gap between the fee and the subsidy from Centrelink

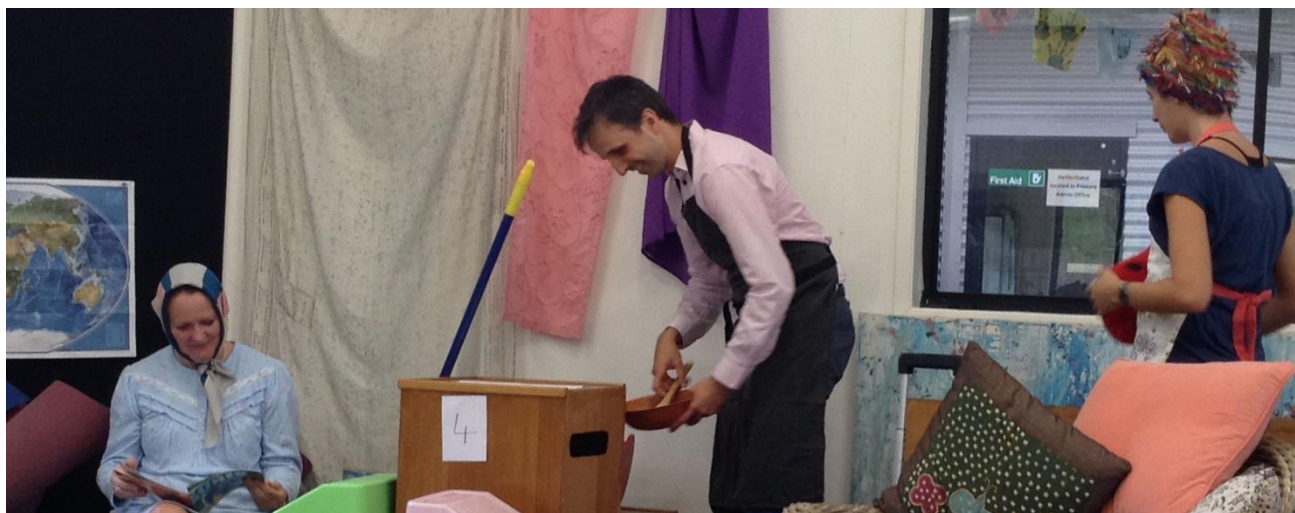
Casual use fee: \$42 per child per session – once enrolled you can use the service from once a term to every week depending on your need and again you will only pay gap between the fee per session and the rebate or subsidy you receive

Late collection fee: \$15 for the first ten minutes followed by \$1 per minute thereafter if you collect your children after the 6 pm session closing time.

Green Umbrella is a not for profit service. The fees are based on a breakdown of service costs and the minimum fee required to cover these costs. We will always have two staff members on site to ensure safe, fun quality care for our kids.

PRESCHOOL END OF YEAR CELEBRATIONS

The children have had so many shows over the year and so the adults decided to perform for the children as the first part of the celebration. The show starred a wayward cat called Sid, the interesting and diverse inhabitants of Aristotle Street and Pythagoras Place and a vet.





There was lots of drama and tension as the story unfolded



After the show, some of the transition children, accompanied by Group 1 children led us in singing "Zum galli galli"







Lastly, presenting the learning journals to children who are leaving Preschool.

We had lots of fun, a little bit of mayhem and some memorable moments.

Season's Greetings from the Preschool team

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

Group 2 News

The last 2 weeks have been a bit of a blur in Group 2. This is a busy time of year and we have just finished up our activities with people transitioning from Group 1 to Group 2, had a class sleepover at the school, created amazing things to sell (and buy) at the Christmas markets and also had a farewell celebration for Marli and Tristan, who will be moving on to greener pastures next year.

The Christmas market is one of the highlights of the year for children, teachers and parents. The school is an industrious hub in the weeks ahead of the market as people make goods to sell and signs for their stalls. This year was had another beautiful day where we learnt how to exchange, add and subtract money in a real market place while buying beautiful things to eat, keep or give as gifts for Christmas.





This year we raised over a thousand dollars for the school. Ideas, from the kids, on how to use this money include:-

- A new Soccer goal for the bottom field
- Donate to Monica's dog rescue.
- Donate to East Timor
- Repairing one of the Basketball hoops
- Sports equipment such as a new set of Kush balls, basketballs, soccer balls, and hand balls.

We have been planning the class sleepover since Term 2 and last Friday, it finally arrived. We had afternoon tea before playing games on the field. We then headed down to our beloved creek for an extended play.



Picking fresh blackberries. Yum!



Best of friends.



Wrapping up freshly picked monks ear mushrooms in an Taro leaf to cook up later.



Just enjoying the afternoon.

We then lit a fire and many of us warmed our bodies, hearts and food as we sat around it. Unfortunately, Daylight saving meant that we had to put the fire out before it was dark so we could get ready for bed.

...Getting ready for bed took a while



We had a great time setting up our beds, having cocoon wrestling matches and, at last, a bedtime story. Some of us even slept a little after that!

This week, the kids and Deepika organised a farewell picnic at the creek for M and me (Tristan). All the kids brought in a range of party foods for us all to enjoy as we yet again played in our little paradise next to the school. We will miss M, and the departing Pre-highs, dearly as they head off to new schools and new adventures next year.

I wanted to leave you with some parting thoughts and wishes as you head off to your holidays. I want to start by saying that I've had such an amazing time here, at Kinma, these last 4 years. It hasn't all been easy but no learning experiences are. My teachers have been the beautiful staff, the wonderfully supportive parents, the local bushland and most importantly, the kids.

I'm going to miss arriving to school with a dozen questions about how the day will unfold and then realising, upon stepping out of the car, that it is all going to work itself out. I'll miss the morning hugs from kids and the crisp autumn mornings and the deafening summer cicadas. I'll miss the morning swims in the dam at Yurt Farm and lighting the fire with the kids. I'll miss bare feet on earth and racing around the playground, hiding from one or ten people, sometimes up tree, sometimes in a tunnel.

I'll also miss the frustrations of discussions going around and around in circles at class and whole school meetings. Democracy is not the simplest or the easiest way to get things done, but we do it so that people have a voice and so that voice can be heard. We also do it because the alternative is so ghastly it is terrifying. We need to stand up and speak for what we believe is right and good, because if we don't we shouldn't be surprised when it is gone.

I want to thank the parents for their loving support over the years, the staff for their guidance, their flexibility and the fun times and of course the kids for their love, their laughter and their energy.

There have been many times over the past weeks that my eyes have filled with tears over the prospect of losing you all. The great thing is that I do get to come back and say hi. I'll look forward to that.

Have an exciting, love filled holiday with friends and family

Love,

Tristan and Deepika XX

Extras



BORGNIS STREET CHRISTMAS LIGHTS SPECTACULAR



LOCATION: *Borgnis Street, Davidson*

DATE: *7th Dec – 24th December 2018*

LIGHTS ON AT: *6:30pm – Late*

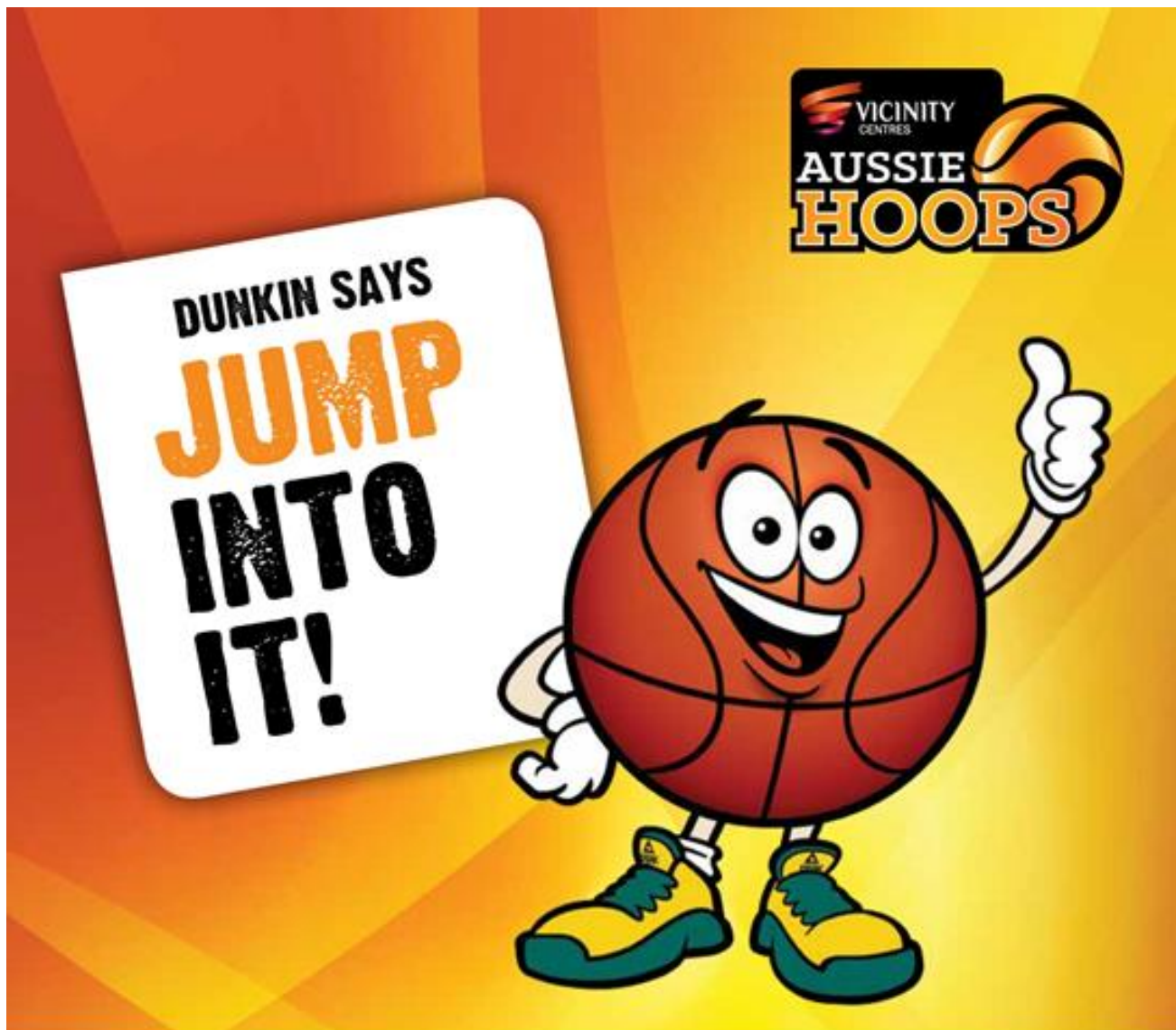
ALONG THE STREET THERE WILL BE:

- Christmas lights displays
- Street performances
- Christmas Glow shop
- Live fire demonstrations
- Sausage sizzle and food stall
- Ice cream vans
- Fire safety and awareness education
- Come and play on the fire trucks



A community project run by volunteers where the proceeds from the event go to Davidson Rural Fire Brigade and Bear Cottage.





REGISTER NOW AT AUSSIEHOOPS.COM.AU

Learn to Play Basketball for all kids 5-12

Term 1 Sundays February 10th - April 6th (8 weeks)

Northern Beaches Indoor Sports Centre

Jackson's road, Warriewood, NSW 2102

9.30am to 10.30am

Aussie Hoops Coach is JEROME LEE all participants receive a Basketball Australia pack which includes an Indoor outdoor basketball, Reversible playing singlet and a gym sack. The cost is \$110 for (Eight weeks) all inclusive. Book on the Aussie Hoops site <http://www.aussiehoops.com.au>

