

Term Dates 2019

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 2 | | |
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| Date | Time | What's On |
| Next Week | | |
| Wednesday 5 th June | 12.30pm | Snack Attack – Cat, Ina – helpers needed to serve & clean up |
| Week 6 onwards | | |
| Mon 10 June | | Public Holiday |
| Wed 12 June | 9.30-10.30am | Group 2 Parent Morning Tea - 'NSW Curriculum and High School' |
| Wed 12 June | Am | Bushlink |
| Thu 13 June | Am | 'Just Like You' Incursion |
| Sat 15 June | Afternoon | Bush Dance (helpers needed– chat with Beck and Rich Field) |
| Tues 18 June | 9am-11am | Preschool Morning Tea, all welcome, please bring a plate to share |
| Thu 20 June | Am | 'Just Like You' Incursion |
| Fri 5 July | End Term 2 | |
| And.... | | |
| Sat 14 September *New date | 7-10pm | Trivia Night Fundraiser (helpers needed please – see Admin) |

PLAY GROUP CO-ORDINATORS

This role can be in lieu of your Kinma Care time.

Our lovely Play Group co-ordinators Sarah, Lyn and Cat have done a wonderful job of running Play Group and now that their children are older, it's time for them to move on. We now need a team of 3-4 people to help run Play Group for the remainder of 2019 on a Monday morning, term time, starting ASAP. Your role will include:

- Setting up equipment and tea/coffee/urn by 9.30am
- Being on hand to welcome visiting families
- Answering any questions they may have about life at Kinma (or send them to the office so we can!)
- Co-ordinating packing up with visiting parents so that Play Group ends by 11.30am
- (Optional – run a singing / music circle at the end)
- Liaising with Admin for resources

Having a team of a few people means that we are covered for sickness, and lightens the load for all. All staff are here to support you at all times. Please see Julie or Claire in the office.

Tinkering

What great pods we had yesterday, thank you to all the families who came in to help run our Tinkering Day! We enjoyed...

rain sticks, **making folded animals**, *dog tricks and dress-ups*, **SCREEN PRINTING**, and much more!



making toothpaste & deodorant

making slime



cardboard insert craft



drawing



cooking mendazi



Soccer and touch footy



cooking arepas



Woodwork



cooking calzone



skipping games and elastics

Admin

FEES

We are half way into the term. We would really appreciate school fees being paid this week to help with our cashflow. Many thanks.

GROUP 2 FAMILY MORNING TEA

Dear families,

We invite you to join us for a cuppa and some morning tea on **Wednesday 12th June** (week after next) at 9.30am in the Admin meeting room.

Fran will be discussing the theme of the NSW Curriculum, and how we embed that into the children's learning to prepare them for high school.

If you have any questions or observations, we'd love to hear them too!

RSVP to Admin by Friday 7th June if you can join us.

LICE

Can every family **please check their children's hair again this weekend**, and regularly thereafter as the lice issue is currently not under control.

If we see children at school with lice we will contact families and ask you to take your children home to treat them before they are brought back to school.

It is only when we all treat our hair on the same night that any real whole school change can be effected.

It is important that if you find any lice or eggs that you continue treating your child's hair until there are absolutely none left.

Some families find using thick conditioner nightly actually smothers the lice. Combing through the thick conditioners can then remove the eggs. Other people are finding oils and natural products useful. These work through dehydration.

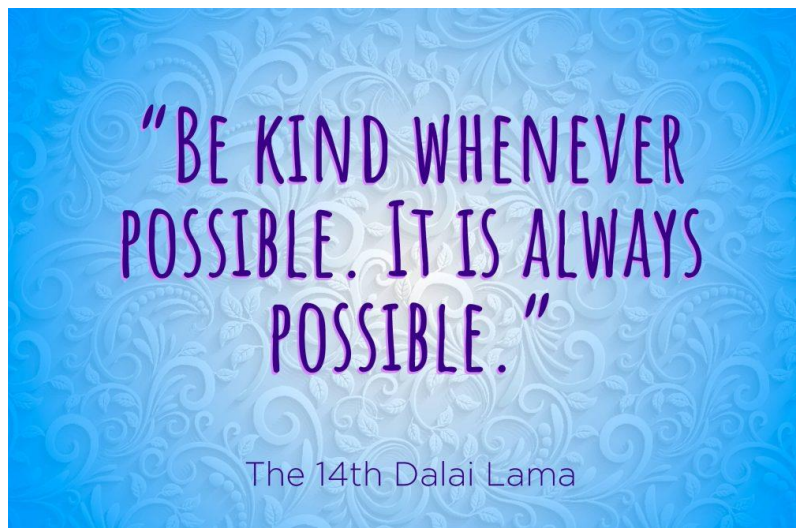
This article is helpful. :

https://www.health.nsw.gov.au/environment/headlice/pages/treatment.aspx?fbclid=IwAR22A7ztmlkk6oC2wRMczaAT5mW1YMrDWgYHeRMog1Se_mvdD4mwnpz454

And so is this: http://theconversation.com/back-at-school-heres-how-to-keep-kids-free-of-head-lice-110344?fbclid=IwAR2Pp4mS5tv4hJsvj3rygzUadQ2nZxvLy3hWZhENpx6Pqsbueegg0MW80_Y

To help us manage this situation, please send your child in with their own hat. As you would know, if a child does not have a hat they cannot play outside. If a child does not have a hat they are loaned a Kinma hat (these are washed daily) however it is better for them to have their own.

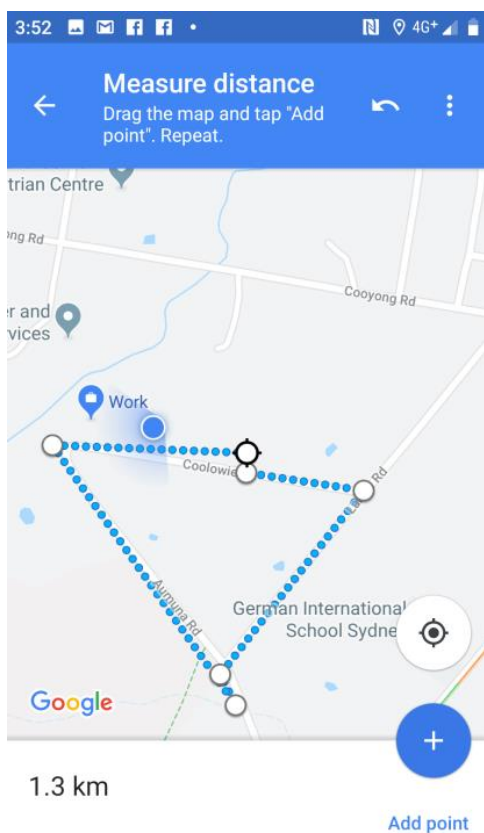
Julie, Claire, Narelle and Carin



Preschool News

We have been involved in a huge variety of activities lately. With our practicum student, Tina, from Macquarie University, we have been doing some different things. She was keen to know more about our bushwalks and how we incorporate Aboriginal learning into our program, so here is some information for all on these topics.

Triangle Walk



The other day we went on a walk around the triangle. We talked about doing a different walk rather than our usual bushwalk. Doing a triangle walk around our block (see the map). This meant that we were walking by the road for the whole way. Our road safety instructions were a sharing of ideas about what we should do. The ideas were to hold hands, listen to the roads and adults, look for cars and stay together.

We set off The first part was up hill so we walked slowly as we walked past the top part of the Kinma property. This bush part up the hill is an animal corridor that connects the Garigal bush for the local wallabies and other animals.

Our stop for a snack was by the drains and we thought about how the water got in the reservoir and where it was going to. George said "the water comes from the rain". Sean said "the water goes down there", pointing to the creek.

We walked back along Aumuna Road stopping at the trail head for Dundundra Falls. We talked about the Aboriginal carvings that are down that track. The children were keen to visit and we said if we go with some lunch and drink bottles we could try to visit. It is a lot further than the usual walks we go on, but we could work towards it. We also talked about the bush regeneration that takes place in that area to look after the native National Park for their great-great grandchildren.



By exploring our local area we have learned about road safety, our bush lands being important to the local fauna and flora, how water travels, that Aboriginal carvings are close by and lots about the different trees and berries that are around us.



Aboriginal Story Stones

The other day Elia, Sean, Gretel and Bodhi started to look at the Aboriginal wooden carved story stones that I got from a wonderful conference about Nature Pedagogy in Melbourne. The wooden stones have symbols on them, we had a guess at what the symbols might mean. There were a couple that we were certain about like one for sun and one for the stars. Others we had a guess at like digging holes, a track, cocoon, and even Easter eggs. We will look up their meaning tomorrow.



On the following day, we got out the story stones again and this time referred back to our floor book where there were Aboriginal symbols from when we painted our own stones. We also used some other print outs to check what these wooden ones might mean.

Max, Sean, George and Pablo found matching symbols for women sitting, stars, eggs/ant/fruit flower, water place, camp site, connected camp site, witchetty grubs, bush tucker. There were some that we think might be for clapping sticks or maybe leaves. Two could be for seasons

where in one season there are flowers painted on and the other one is empty but they are the same shape. Later Holly and Coco came to look at them too. They were also keen to work out the meaning of these symbols. Holly was quite certain that one of them was a leaf.

From this experience the children have been investigating Aboriginal culture and the ways that they would have communicated. It is also thinking about different ways to communicate with each other. We will continue to explore other ways that we can use the story stones and ways of connecting and learning more about Aboriginal culture.



Thanks for reading and please see the staff with any further questions.

Felicity, Christine, Kay, Lizzie, Nina, Pat and Tina.

OSHC:

Green Umbrella has happy if confusing news...

Eether, Either - Louisa, Lovisa

Green Umbrella is delighted to confirm that Louisa Simmonds has agreed to become our OSHC coordinator (supervisor), following Victoria's departure to pursue teaching opportunities. Louisa joined Green Umbrella at the start in the educator support role and quickly proved to be a wonderful find: warm, calm, organised and brimming with plans and ideas to engage the children.

And now stepping into the educator role we are also very happy to welcome new staff member Lovisa Ferguson. And to avoid the tongue ties and confusion, Lovisa is happy to be known to us all as Lulu. Lulu is a former Kinma kid, so should very quickly feel at home. She has previously worked as a drama teacher and soccer coach and has spent her first couple of days at Green Umbrella getting to know the children.

So much to do, wear, make...

The other good news for Green Umbrella kids is that we are still busy stocking up the cupboards with more arts and crafts materials, dress-ups, games and equipment, using the grant money that Pam Webster and Julie Carr did such a fantastic job to acquire for us.

Join us!

We still have spaces at Green Umbrella and are keen to encourage more kids to join us on Wednesdays and Thursdays for permanent or casual bookings. Tuesdays are currently full for permanent bookings with just a few casual spaces available for short notice requests.



Louisa

Lovisa (Lulu)

JOIN US FOR THE ANNUAL



KINMA BUSH DANCE

15 JUNE
2019

| 3-7 O'CLOCK
ON THE
KINMA
FIELD

LIVE MUSIC • LINE DANCING •
BBQ • BONFIRE • MARSHMALLOWS
UNDER THE STARS!

The 80s... Great for music, not so great for KITCHENS!

KINMA's kitchen is stuck in the 80s and we desperately need a new one. Our little kitchen is used daily by the children and staff, weekly for snack attack and for tinkering and we want to invest in a fabulous new one for the kids, ...so we're having a fundraising

Trivia Night!

on **Saturday September 14th**

from 7pm to 10pm

at **Pittwater RSL Auditorium**

Tickets are \$75 each for

- a sit down **3 course meal** including tea and coffee, (buy your own drinks at the bar)
- and participation in trivia!

This Trivia night is not only for you the Kinma parents, please invite your parents, siblings, friends, etc, too. Start thinking about your table/trivia team of 8, now!

Who's good at current affairs? Sport? Music? Pop culture? Pick you team wisely, or just buy yourself a ticket and we will add you to a fabulous table.

Come along and support the school even if you're not into trivia, it will be an amazing night not to be missed!