



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

Date	Time	What's On
Next Week		
12/12/18	2.15pm	Preschool End of Year Celebration
14/12/18	12.30pm BYO picnic lunch 1.45 seated in hall	Farewells - Term 4 finishes

Dear families

Next Friday 14th December we say goodbye to our pre-highs Ali, Chirag and Will.

We invite you to join us for a BYO picnic lunch at 12.30pm, and then head to the hall to be seated at 1.45pm where we will begin the farewells.

All are welcome.



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.

Admin

Dear families,

We have 5 days before the end of the school year. We would really appreciate if :

- Children are in bed by 5pm each day...☺
- Children have lots of healthy veggies and fruit snacks in their lunchboxes
- Children bring a full waterbottle
- There is a pair of shoes in schoolbags
- Hats are packed, and - have you got any of the dozen that we purchased? We would love them back.
- Library books at home are returned – if you have any of ours we'd love them back.
- Lost property is collected and taken home.



Do you have any time to come in and help us with some end of year cleaning up?

If you're that person who has...

- done all their Christmas shopping, and
- Christmas fare is all ready to be served, and
- skirting boards are wiped clean, and
- front and back garden has been mowed and weeded, and
- all washing has been washed, ironed, and put away, and
- kids bedrooms are tidy...

...we'd love some help if you have any time to come and help us with some end of year cleaning up, e.g. pencil sharpening, cleaning wet areas, putting away washing, and more.

Thank you!

Narelle, Julie, Claire, Carin

Gratitude Gathering

Thank you to everyone who came on Saturday.



Gratitude for helping set up... for coming along... for your sharing...

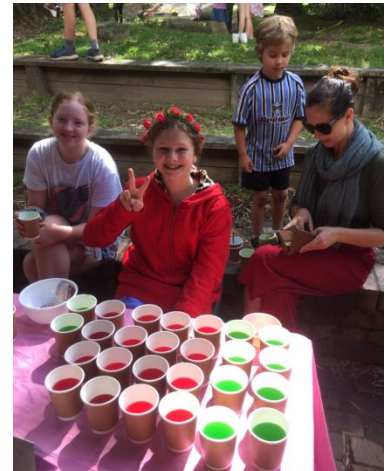


...for your beautiful singing, playing and reading... for helping clean up...

...and for being a part of our wonderful Gratitude Gathering.



Kids Christmas Market



Thank you to everyone for your contributions, and for helping make the Christmas Market such a success! The children are in discussions about how they would like to spend the money – suggestions so far include animals, an overseas charity, sports equipment... watch this space!



Preschool

***REMINDERS ***

End year celebration – please join us for our Preschool End of Year Celebration. This is when we all get together and the children who are leaving the preschool for this year are farewelled. It will be at 2pm on Wednesday, 12th December at the Preschool. Bring a healthy plate to share for afterwards.

Boomerang bags – please return any of these if you have them at home, we reuse them to reduce our use of plastic bags. They are the chicken feed bags sewn into small pouches that would have been sent home with dirty clothes in them. Thank you.

Chickens and watering during the break – Please add your name to the roster for watering during the holidays, see Kay to find out about how this works if it is a first time for you. Also is anyone able to have the chickens over the holiday break? See Kay if you can. Thank you.



The children who are transitioning to Kinma Primary have had multiple visits that consisted of getting to the teachers and other children in group one, being aware of where the boundaries are around the grounds of primary, having morning tea whilst all the school are out playing and interacting, as well as a group bushwalk with parents and the all the current group one children which incorporated some bush singing as well. Children

who are going to other schools have been visiting their new schools and sharing their experiences with us too. We have been working with the families closely to support them during this time of change and hope that all the children feel secure, confident and connected with their new environments, as this has been our aim, to support the 'continuity of learning and transitions' (EYLF p. 16). We wish them all the best as they venture off and look forward to catching up at our Alumni gathering early in the new year.

Tinkering was a great success with both Lola and Elodie running pods. There was a pizza making session where many children from the primary came and made their own pizzas and reap their efforts from the yummy creations. Lola had suggested this pod earlier in the year, so it was wonderful to be see it happening, with Annabelle enjoying the culinary gathering as well!

The finger knitting pod was also popular with all sorts of ages gathering at the making table to learn or further their skills with finger knitting. This has been an ongoing interest with many of the preschool so it was a great opportunity for Elodie and others to share their knowledge and experience.



We can see how the children are connected with and how they are contributing to their world!



Other activities that have been happening recently have been many types of puzzles. We find that in term 4, in particular, the more difficult and intricate puzzles are rewarding for the children. It's clear that Coco, Lilas and Ivy are proud of their combined efforts to complete this animal puzzle. Working together and negotiating who will have which piece is part of the learning as well as the actual manipulation and matching the puzzle pieces.



Jael, Flynn, Dylan, Tasman and Gabo are all working on different creations. Persistence, cooperation, creativity and imagination are all dispositions for learning being developed.

Little lego has been a very constant activity recently where the creations are detailed and planned and the focus and attention are extended. The lego table has a quiet hum of chatter as they create and negotiate using different pieces.



We also made sushi, Logan's mum, Jinni came in and helped the children to roll their own sushi. Thank you Jinni for sharing some techniques with us. Using our fingers as little birds to flatten the rice was a technique that helped the children to relate and remember what to do next time. Rolling their own sushi was tricky to begin with, many of the children did it numerous times as they ate their way through many, many rolls! Having this sushi making experience encourages appreciation of diversity, the children were exposed to a different language when Jinni said mix the rice in Korean, which is sookoe and counting how many rolls we had made in Korean, hana, dul, set, net is 1-4.



The children have been using the puppets for many different reasons recently. We think this may stem from the story telling time with Mimi, who is a mouse that the children frequently ask Christine to do during the end of the day group time. These, usually, bird puppets are seen feeding, resting, flying, talking all around the preschool. Josh and others had built a tower for this parrot puppet and he is ensuring the parrot has a full belly of

yummy lizard! We can see how the children are linking their knowledge of birds and what they eat from one context to another, as well as them using their imagination of where, what, how and when the birds and other puppets with interact.

We have enjoyed having Claudia with us on work experience this week. Claudia used to come to Kinma Preschool and has been reminiscing with Christine and Felicity. She has been a calm and helpful student with us. Thank you.



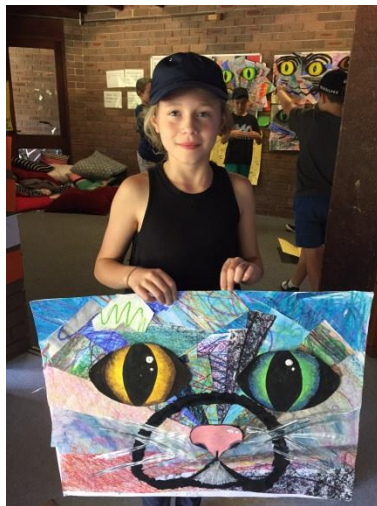
Thank you for reading our newsletter and we look forward to our gathering next Wednesday.

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

Group 3

Some snippets from our past couple of weeks....

Transition Animal Art



'Strike 4 Climate Action' Protest

Group 3 students at Kinma took their teacher to the 'Strike 4 Climate Action' protest in Martin Place in the city last Friday, joining thousands of other students.

The students at Kinma could not believe that their Prime Minister was not supporting democracy and seeing the vale that children and young adults bring to the global community.

"We have been looking at the plastics that are washing up on our beaches, collecting, sorting and recycling and throwing them out so they do not end up in the water." "We're very disappointed that the government is ignoring climate change. Animals are suffering."

The children asked if their class could go on an excursion to support the land, and Michelle, and parents, wholeheartedly supported the idea.

"How else do we 'teach' children about real life issues if we do not allow them to first-hand experience such? This allows us to continue in our studies about democracy, global initiatives and the importance of standing up and speaking respectfully and honestly about what is important. Children need to know their voice matters", said Michelle.

You can imagine the super high energy at the event, and the chorus of passionate voices - the sound of our youth having their say. And our Group 3'ers were right in the throng.

The Sydney Morning Herald published this article too! <https://www.smh.com.au/environment/climate-change/striking-students-defy-pm-to-protest-at-inaction-on-climate-change-20181130-p50jc6.html>

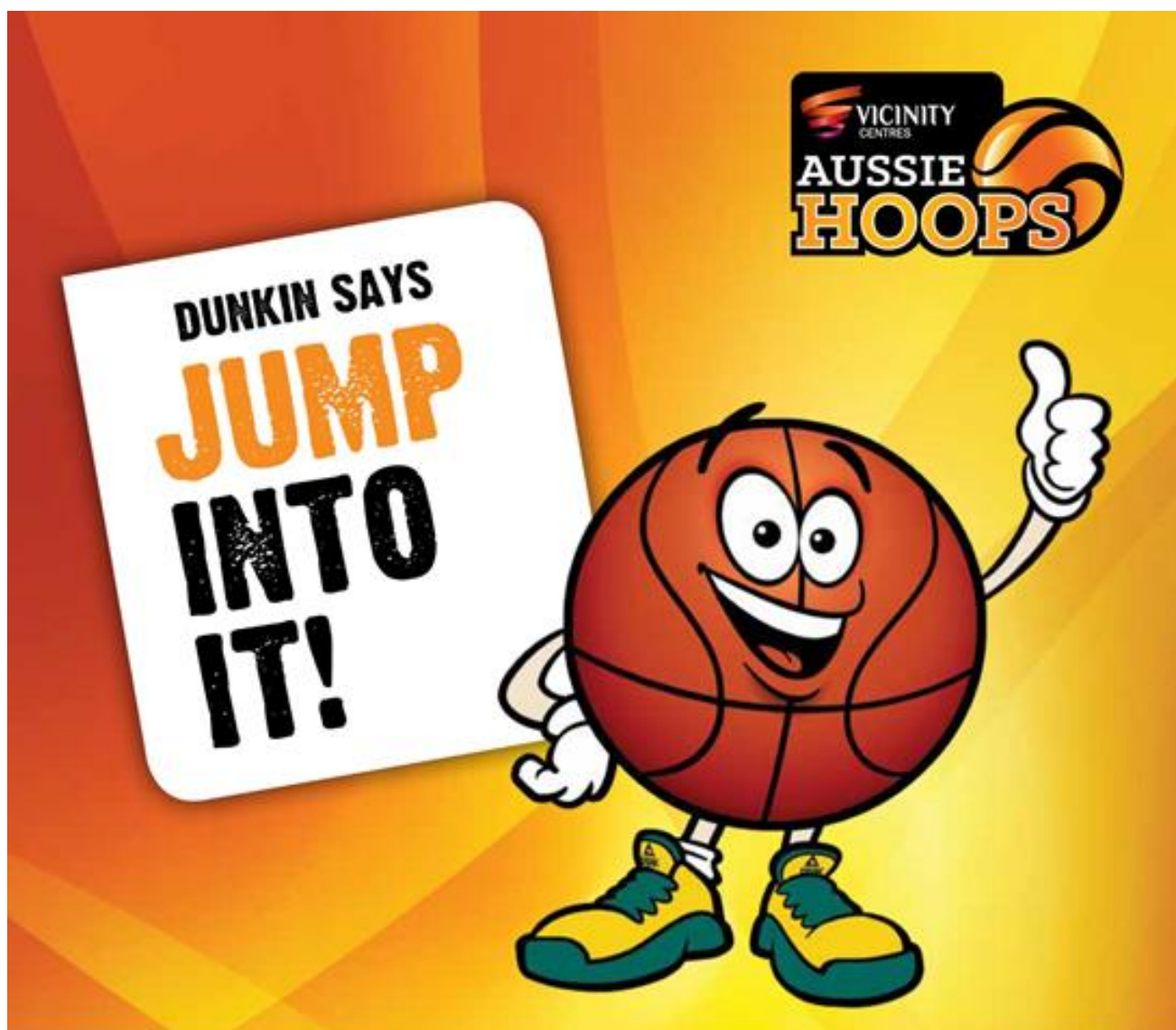


Pre high dinner
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Farewell to Ali,
Chirag and
Will.



Extras



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>

