

## 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

### 2020

#### Term 1

Mon 10 Feb	9.30-11.30am	Play Group with Felicity, hall
Mon 10 Feb	2.00-3.00pm	Groups 2 & 3 <b>Afternoon Tea</b> , hall
Mon 12 Feb	12.30pm	Snack Attack begins – Karen & Tan
Mon 17 Feb	2.00-3.00pm	Groups 4 & 1 <b>Afternoon Tea</b> , hall
Weds 19 Feb	9.30am	Open Morning for interested families
Sat 7 March	9.00am -	Community Day for all families – all invited
Mon 9 March	AM	Sydney Uni Students visit
Wed 11 March	9.15 – 11.15am	Preschool Morning Tea
Weds 18, Thu 19, Fri 20 March		Primary Camp – Yurt Farm, Goulburn
Weds 25 March	Morning	Bushlink
Weds 25 March	3.15pm	Alumni Afternoon Tea
Fri 3 April	Afternoon	Poetry Festival
Thu 9 April		End Term 1



## Join us for Kinma Community Day 2020

Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> March

9.30am – 1.30pm

**Be CONNECTED**

**Be INFORMED**

**Be INVOLVED**

**For all Preschool and Primary families**

## A New Year, a new Kitchen!

We did it! Here is a reminder of what our lovely little kitchen looked like before the injection of love...



The kitchen is ready. Ready for new memories to be made. Ready for small footsteps to wear their way across the new floor, for connections and conversations to be made over hot pots cooking Snack Attack. Ready for teas and coffees to be brewed with love, for our teachers to consume before busy days with our children. It is ready for us...

A huge thank you to everyone who bought tickets and attended last year's Trivia Fundraising Night. Thank you again to those who donated items and experiences, bought raffle tickets, bid on auction items and helped organise the event.

Finally, a huge load of Kinma gratitude and thanks to Elisha Rose for planning and designing this amazing new kitchen.

*Sarah Nicholas (Cami and Yvie's mum)*



# Admin

Welcome back to all the new and not so new Kinma families. We are settling in slowly. New decade, new staff, changes to rosters, new friendships, new responsibilities and much more. I do feel this will all settle itself in the next couple of weeks.

All staff are very excited to be back and in their groups in both Preschool and Primary.

Communication – we know this is the basis of all relationship, so let's keep it open and kind. We are offering a couple of early get togethers with families to answer any questions and just really to re-connect (dates in newsletter).

Families often say this is such a relaxing and easy school. We agree, there are many things at Kinma that do not enter into our minds that may enter into the minds at other schools. Often I ask why? One of the reasons I believe is that we are small enough.

Small enough to know each other.

Small enough to look out for one another.

Small enough to notice if something does not seem quite right.

Small enough that our children get to know all the families (kids and adults).

Small enough that we cannot hide from the challenges of relationship.

It is also that we have a genuine trust in all the children here at Kinma (even sometimes when they are changing the truth to suit). This is not always evident in the wider world.

And, it is that the staff here work incredibly hard to make the outside to look so relaxed!

Glad to see all the faces.

A few messages:

## Yurt Farm Camp – Working With Children Checks

As you know (or most of you) it is now law that no adult can attend an overnight camp with a school unless they have a Working with Children Check. This check does not cost, just takes a little bit of time to complete the forms on line and then present to Services NSW for identification and verification (Office of the Children's Guardian).

If you completed one for last year's camp and it is still in date then all good, as we have these on file. If you did not attend or are new to the School, as of April 2018 you will need to action and create a WWCC. The School requires your WWCC number and your date of birth to be emailed to [office@kinma.nsw.edu.au](mailto:office@kinma.nsw.edu.au).

Please get on to this now. I am sure you can understand the amount of work we need to get done (as we have to check all numbers) to make the camp a great experience for all. I am unaware of any school that allows families to attend.

If you do not have a check YOU CANNOT attend the camp.

## Hats, Shoes, Water Bottles

A reminder to please pack these every day. As Group 2 mention below, we never know when a spontaneous bush walk may happen, and we'll need all of those to take with us.

## Labelling Personal Items

At the end of each term we wash and pack up all lost property left at school, then we take it to a charity bin. Last holidays we had 2 bags full. Please, we'd love it if you could take some time to label all clothing and personal items so that we can reunite them with their owners when we find them.

## Towels

Towel fairies: we would love some help with washing, hanging out, bringing in, folding towels, taking them down to Group 3. Can you pick a day in the week that you can come and help each week? Chat with the Julie or Claire if you can help.



*Julie, Claire, Carin and Narelle*

# SNACK ATTACK



Snack Attack begins next Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> February and we are looking for volunteers for Wednesdays from 19<sup>th</sup> February til the end of term.

Total to cater for: 109 (Preschool kids 17, Primary kids here on Weds 78, staff 14)

Can you help? You could:

- Put your name down for a date or get together with other parents/carers and choose a week and a menu.
- And/Or, only buy the food for the meal
- And/Or, just chop the veggies at home or at Kinma
- And/Or, make all or some of the meal at home then drop it off for someone else to serve
- And/Or, bring in your ingredients to make it here
- And/Or Help serve and clean up only.

All or some of the above!

**We request healthy food, no artificial colours, not too sugary, no nuts.  
Offer a Vegetarian, gluten-free, dairy-free option.**

Some menu suggestions, but not limited to:

### Mains suggestions:

Tacos  
Nachos  
Wraps with chicken/salad/hummus  
Quiches with veggie sticks & hummus  
Curry & rice  
Butter chicken & rice  
Jacket potatoes and toppings  
Chicken drummies with sweet corn & veggie sticks  
Fried rice with chicken/veg  
Chicken nuggets and veggie sticks/hummus  
Shepherd's pie or Cottage pie  
Sausage sizzle (or falafels/veg burgers)  
with veggie sticks and hummus

### Dessert suggestions:

Frozen bananas on sticks with drizzled g-f/d-f chocolate  
Fresh sliced fruit  
Cake  
Smoozes  
Home-made ice-blocks  
Blissballs  
Choc topped strawberries  
'Choc' crackles  
Sorbet or ice-cream in cones or cups  
Choc beetroot cupcakes.

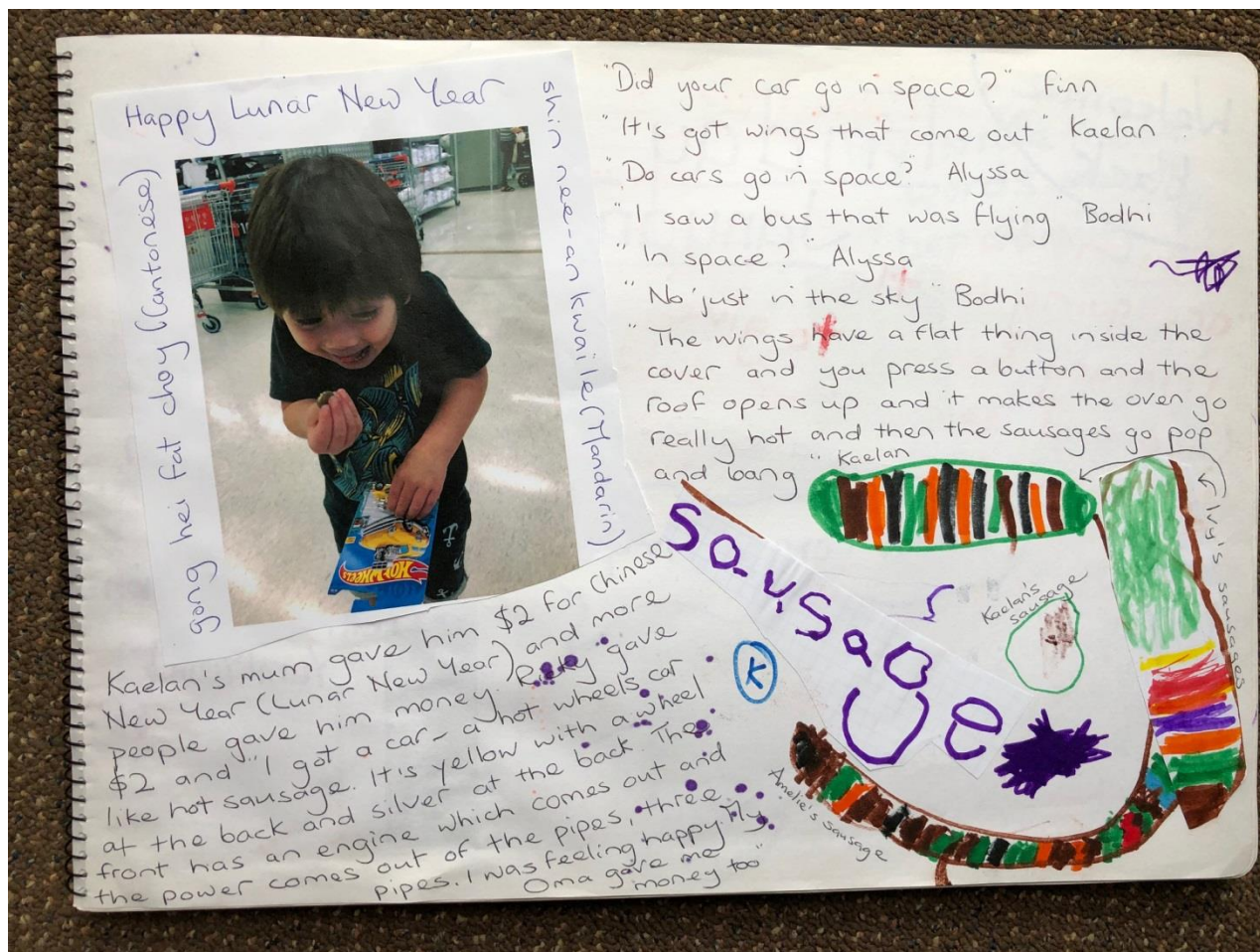
There is a recipe folder in the kitchen with suggestions and ingredient quantities.

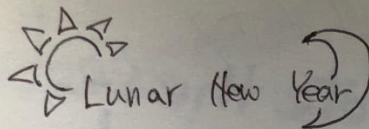
Please contact Tan Bright if you can help - [tania\\_karpin@hotmail.com](mailto:tania_karpin@hotmail.com)

# Preschool News

Welcome back to Preschool!!!

## LUNAR NEW YEAR OF THE RAT




Monday

Lunar (New Year)

There are many different calendars in many different countries. In a few Asian countries, people use Lunar calendars. Therefore they celebrate New Year's DAY on a different day than in Australia.

~~In Korea, people~~ Korea is one of these countries and it was on 25th Jan this year. We wake up early in the morning and dress up with our traditional clothes called "Hanbok". Then we prepare lots of food to offer our ancestors in order to ~~respect~~ pay our respects and also wish their guidance for the new year. Then the youngest generation bow to the older generation, for example children bow to parents and uncles and aunts to wish them all the best for the new year. We have a brief exchange of our new year's resolution as well. As a response of their bows, older generation give a small amount of money ~~and~~ and wish all the best for their plans. After breakfast, the whole family plays many games together from ~~stake~~ throwing to a board game.


We also have special food for the day. Rice-cake soup with broth, Rice puff cracker with honey and sesame seeds biscuits are all-time favorite.

In other countries like China and Singapore, people have different way to celebrate the day. In Singapore, there will be a lion dance and noodle tossing with chopsticks everywhere.

Happy New Year, Kinma!

Jimmy & Logan


**DRAGON MAKING.**  
 Chilli, Ivy, Issy were interested in making dragon.  
 We used A4 sheets (used papers), tissue roll and waste paper bits. We tried not to use plastic straws.  
 Ivy: "plastic straws are not good for animals in ocean"



folding,  
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sticking,  
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**Lantern Making**  
 Kind of paper lantern.  
 Romy, Chilli, Joz, Ivy chose what design they wanted to use for making



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The above are excerpts from our floorbook which you will find on the coffee table near the entrance to Preschool. Looking at the floorbook is one way to find out what has been happening at Preschool and what is going to happen. Children and families are welcome to contribute comments, ideas, drawings, photos and suggestions of activities to the floorbook.

WHAT WERE WE LOOKING AT?



Can you see it?



Can you see it now?

We noticed the stick insect aka stick bug, as we were coming from a visit to the Primary School office. We observed it for a long time, waiting for it to move. We saw it lift one leg, sway a little and then put that leg back down. We talked about camouflage. Bodhi and his dad Tom saw a stick insect on Thursday near the Primary School. We wondered if it was the same one. Bodhi said “No, it was a baby. It was smaller”



## REMINDERS

Sun Safety - Please put sunscreen on your child in the morning. We will reapply either Cancer Council or Nourished Life sunscreen during the day as necessary. We recommend your child has covered shoulders and wears a hat with an all round brim to shade the face and back of the neck.

### **Nuts and nut products - Kinma Preschool is a NUT FREE ZONE.**

Please check that there are no nuts or nut products in the food you provide for your child. Remember to pass this information on if somebody different is preparing your child's lunchbox e.g. grandparents  
Thanks for your cooperation.

## PRESCHOOL CURRICULUM

We plan to provide activities and experiences such as cooking, bush walking, sewing and woodwork for the children. It is helpful to have a parent to support these activities so if you are interested to get involved, there is a sheet on the entrance table to sign. Alternatively talk to one of the staff team.

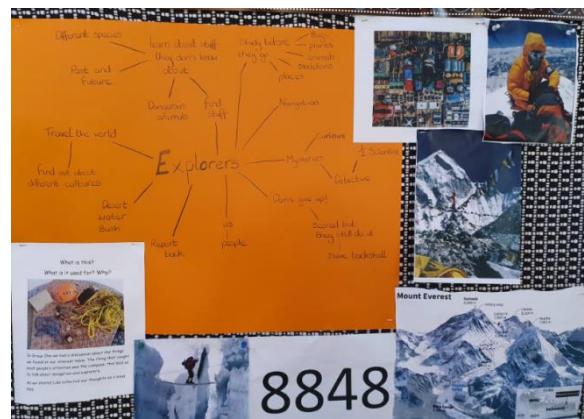
Looking forward to working together in 2020.

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

# Group 1



The new and reinvigorated Group 1 has kicked off and if the first week is an indication, we are in for an adventure. Whilst we are getting up to speed with the class, the children are beginning to take the steering wheel and already our theme is taking a few turns. With adventure in mind, our wish was to look at the uncharted territory (so to speak) of the last 100 or so years. Through the eyes of explorers, inventors and adventurers we want to look in depth at the people who changed history. We have begun by looking at Mount Everest and the people that have climbed it. We have been pondering the minds behind Sir Edmund Hillary and Tenzing Norgay who were the first recorded people to climb the mountain in 1953. The children penned a letter asking questions such as 'Are you crazy?' and 'Did you have a sleep at the top?' In considering the mind of an adventurer we created a mind map of the children's thoughts. It always amazes us where a few open ended questions will take us!



Looking at our theme through the eyes of literacy, we can see a plethora of tracks taking us through different aspects of reading and writing. There is the historical side as we research and explore the different genres of information we can find. Looking at Hillary we found factual texts, letters he wrote home, newspaper articles debating the true height of Everest and even a tribute song (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4xglebk-zHE>). As active explorers ourselves, we will be recording our adventures using features of recount and information texts, to create our own explorers notebook. We may also look at forming these adventures into narratives, so we can explore our creativity through the realms of fantasy adventure. We are already feeling inspired by our chapter book of the Lion the Witch and the Wardrobe.

**Book Box** - we will continue our morning ritual this term in a reduced format, aiming for twenty minutes from 9.00 to 9:20am, Mondays and Wednesdays. This is largely due to more independent reading times throughout our week. We hope to use the remaining ten minutes to read our class book (currently The Lion, The Witch and the Wardrobe).

**Halls and boops** - Tuesdays and Fridays, 9.00 - 9:20am.

**Gymnastics** - We will broaden our horizon this term with gymnastics on a Thursday.

**Music** - Dean is our enthusiastic Music Teacher whom the children got to know last term as he prepared to take over from Holly.

**French** - will continue on Thursdays with Morag.

## Wanted:

**Indoor plants to liven up our space. Preferably potted, established plants that can survive the rigour of our busy class!**

### Little reminders...

As it is Summer and we are still experiencing really hot days, it's very important to ensure your child comes to school with a drink bottle and a hat every day. These two items ensure your child can safely make the most of our times and bush walks.

Whilst the beginning of our days are relaxing through book boxes and balls, balls and hoops, it is imperative for your child to be here by 9.00am. That way they can develop connections with their friends and comfortably ease into the day.

Eyeballing - please make sure you eyeball a member of Group 1 staff when leaving for the day. If we are busy please ensure another teacher is informed.

We encourage you to please share with the teachers any information that you feel will affect your children's relationships or day. Please send us an email to [group1@kinma.nsw.edu.au](mailto:group1@kinma.nsw.edu.au)

Should you need to see us please grab us before 8:45am or after 3.00pm to organise a time.

Please keep an eye out for the newsletter which is a wealth of information about Kinma's bits and bobs!

P.S We have a new member of Group 1 (Jamie) starting in week 4 of this term. Please keep a look out for some new faces and introduce yourself!

Enjoy!

Andy, Lisa, Alley and Group 1

# Group 2

## Term 1 Overview

2020 has arrived and we are excited about the adventures Group 2 will have together. We have lots of big ideas to unravel, projects to work on, games to play and places to explore.

Our theme this term is Space, it's an astronomy anomaly! Group 2 students have expressed an interest in planets, orbits, the moon, stars and constellations, galaxies, gravity, asteroids, satellites, space junk, spaceships, astronauts and black holes. Through play, writing, reading, numbers, experiments, performance and arts we will be exploring these elements over the next 10 weeks. We have already begun converting one of our lofts into Outer Space. We welcome you to come marvel at our under construction creation !



Our learning this term in literacy will be broad and rich. We will be doing a lot of writing in our Author journals. We will be holding authoring circles, editing circles, writer's conferences and publishing weeks. Jam and BRead (Just A Minute - meditation and Be Reading - silent reading) will happen each day after morning tea. We will also play lots of spelling games and continue to build up our vocabularies and use of grammar and punctuation.

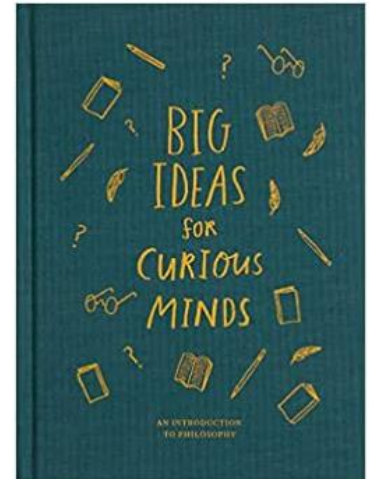
Maths will be plentiful. It will be hands on, student directed, interest led with Group 2ers continuing to build their awareness of their individual learning needs. We will be looking at addition, subtraction, multiplication, division and place value as well as problem solving, fractions and measurement. We'll be busy!





Fridays are fun days. Music with Dean is first up on a Friday morning at 9am. In the afternoon we have Free draw Fridays, a time for creative spirits to soar, and new to the timetable, Philosophy Fridays. This will involve exploring the most essential and interesting philosophical ideas of history. Based on the 'Philosophy of Life' novel *Big Ideas for Curious Minds*, Group 2ers will be able to learn about philosophy at an age appropriate level. The book will be a catalyst for each theme or idea, which will then be playfully explored

through different ways; drawing, role playing, writing or discussion. Through these sessions we anticipate safe sharing of questions and feelings surrounding 'the bigger picture' questions and refining opinions and understandings of self and others.



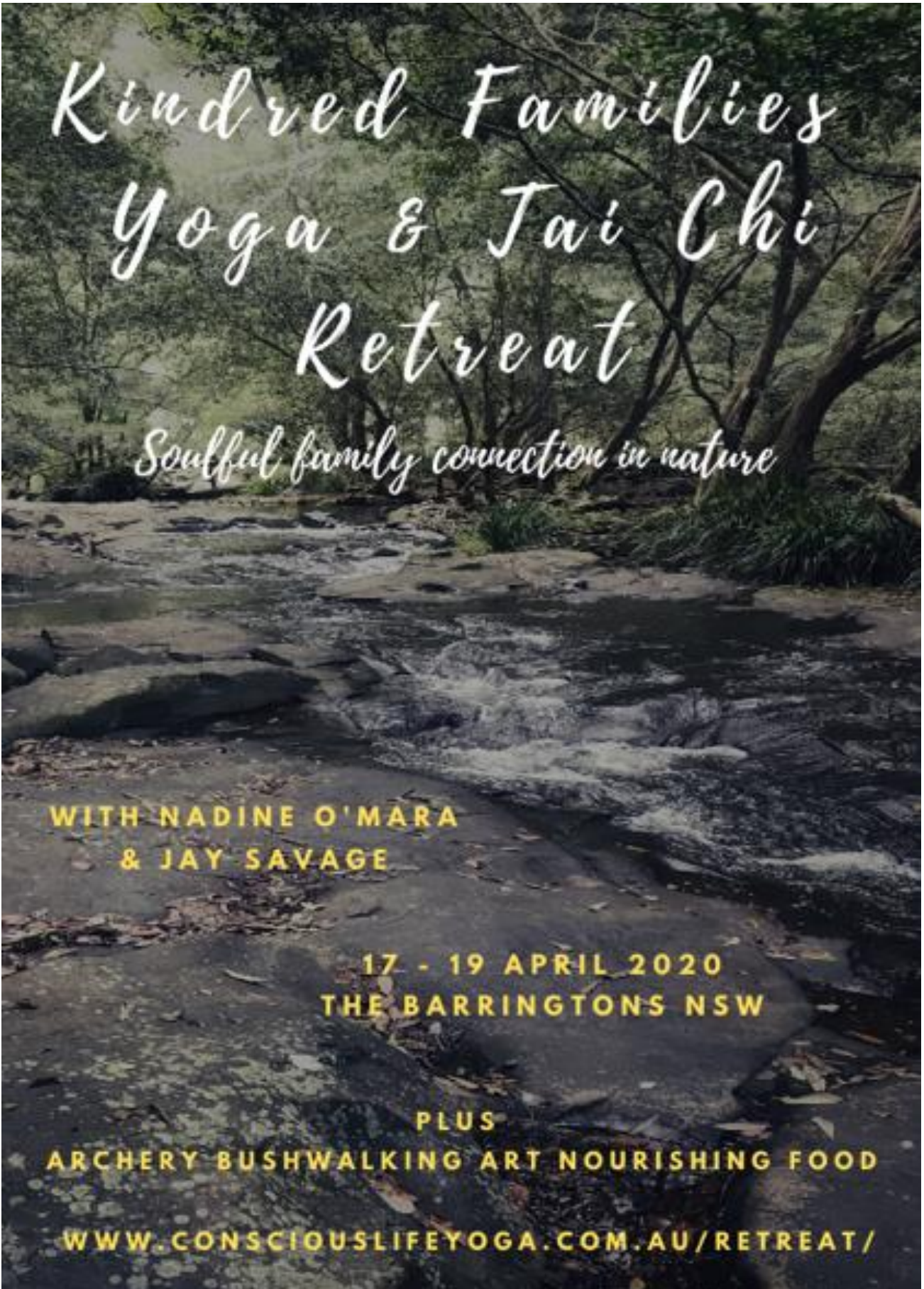
Class Meetings are on Mondays. Snack attack will be on Wednesdays - keep an eye out in the newsletter for a start date. We will collect the \$5 in the classroom in the morning. Free Choice and Wheels will be on Wednesday afternoons. Remember to bring those helmets with your bikes/scooters/roller skates/rocket launchers. French is on Thursdays and that takes us back to Fridays.

Please remind your children to pack their hats, to bring shoes and take a water bottle every day. You never know when an opportunity to get into the bush or down to the creek will strike! As always, please get in contact with us if you have any questions or if you can help with our Astronomy theme. Have a chat with us at school or send us an email to [group2@knima.nsw.edu.au](mailto:group2@knima.nsw.edu.au)

Here's to a wonderful year in Group 2,  
Kimberley and Kate



## Extras



*Kindred Families  
Yoga & Tai Chi  
Retreat*

*Soulful family connection in nature*

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& JAY SAVAGE**

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