



JEAN HORAN KINDERGARTEN

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Welcome 2024

Last week I was fortunate to attend South Australian Department for Education Leaders day and numeracy summit. Our Chief Executive Martin Westwell shared a clear direction, 'We want all children to be learning and thriving. Preschools are the heart of local communities. We strive to be a safe, inclusive and collaboratively place where every child is encouraged to thrive'. To read more about the new strategy, please click the following link

[Our strategy for public education in South Australia](#) .

Michelle Highfold



We love messy, outdoor nature play!

In this photo (right) we see children collaborating together, building their relationship as a group of learners. As children are active in hands on play, we also notice;

- Increasing ability to problem solve as they share their theories with each other
- Thinking like mathematicians, as they manipulate the tools to create a river
- Increasing vocabulary as they share new words with each other
- Strengthening their joints and muscles through 'heavy work'

Don't forget to dress your child for nature play!

Do you love nature play too?

Forest festival is a thoughtful curated celebration of children, nature, Aboriginal culture, the changing seasons and community. An opportunity to follow your child's lead as their curiosity takes them on a meandering path of wonder, joy and creativity. Buy tickets via the following link.

[Forest Festival 2024 - Nature Play SA](#)



Forest Festival Kuitpo Wirra inparri
17th & 18th April 2024

Keeping Safe: Child Protection Curriculum (KS:CPC)

All children in the department's preschools will access the approved child protection curriculum.

The KS:CPC teaches children and young people to recognise abuse, tell a trusted adult, understand what is appropriate and inappropriate touching and ways of keeping themselves safe.

For Ages 3–5, the following topics are covered:

The right to be safe	Relationships	Recognising and reporting abuse	Protective strategies
Feelings	Rights and responsibilities	Privacy and the body	Strategies for keeping safe
Being safe	Identity and relationships	Recognising abuse	
Warning signs	Trust and networks	Secrets	

This term our focus topic is 'The right to be safe'. Please speak with one of the staff if you would like more information or go to the KS:CPC website: <http://tiny.cc/KSCPC-ParentCarerInfo>.

Hat Alert – Safety Recommendation

Hats that have a cord, drawstring and toggles under the chin are not allowed in Department for Education Preschools and Schools. The issue being possible cord entrapment on equipment with small gaps, which can cause injury to the child.

All families are required to remove any drawstring, cord or toggle that goes under a chin.



Family Picnic / Annual General Meeting

A big thankyou to the families that made our first event for 2024. During the evening we asked families to contribute 'what is important' to them as part of our review of Jean Horan Kindergarten Philosophy. We would like more families to contribute to this thinking, please take time to look at our poster and add your sticky dots and ideas.

Governing Council will meet Wednesday 27th March at 7.30pm at Jean Horan Kindergarten. We are still looking for members to create our group. Please chat with Michelle if this is something you are interested in.



Learning in action

Through playful provocations and explicit teaching our educators introduced the counting principles starting with one-to-one correspondence.

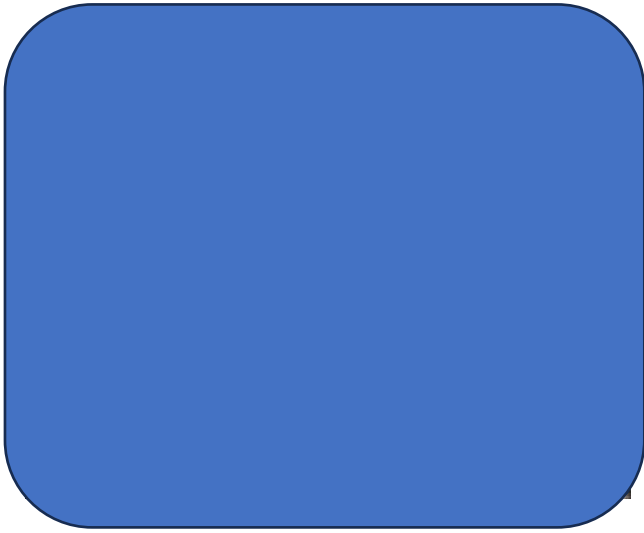


“Researchers point out that it is important for children to fully explore small numeral ranges (0-5) before they move on to work within a higher range (1-10).”

<https://countingcollections.files.wordpress.com/2012/10/counting-principles-package.pdf>

In our Base Ten system we use the digits from 0-9 to create a numeral which represents a quantity/number

<u>Number</u> is a quantity or amount of items	<u>Digits</u> (0-9) are the symbols we use to create numerals	<u>Numerals</u> are the written symbols that represent “how many”	<u>Number Name</u> is the word we use to “say” a digit or a numeral
	<p>6</p> <p>1</p>	<p>16</p>	<p>sixteen</p>



Family Photo Albums

Children have been sharing their photos at group times and throughout the day. We notice children's identity is embraced by others as we learn about our similarities and differences as a community.

We encourage everyone to create an album. You can print photos or email them to a teacher to print.

Jean Horan Kindergarten Calendar 2024– Families					TERM 1 2024
Week	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
7	11 th Adelaide Cup Day	12 th	13 th	14 th	15 th Kindy 8.30-12.30 Playgroup 12.30pm-1.30pm
8	18 th	19 th Wear orange or cultural clothing. Bring a piece of orange fruit or vegetable.	20 th NO KINDY Teachers Professional Development	21 st Wear orange or cultural clothing. Bring a piece of orange fruit or vegetable.	22 nd Kindy 8.30-12.30 Playgroup 12.30pm-1.30pm
9	25 th	26 th	27 th	28 th	29 th Good Friday
10	1 st April Easter Monday	2 nd	3 rd	4 th	5 th Kindy 8.30-12.30 Playgroup 12.30pm-1.30pm
11	8 th	9 th	10 th Child and Family Health Service Visit.	11 th	12 th Kindy Cleaning Day

Term 1 Kindy Fees are now overdue. Please see Michelle if you have any questions.

Term 1 Kindergarten holidays begin 13th April.

Term 2, week 1, Magpies: Monday 29th & Tuesday 30th April

Term 2, week 1, Lorikeets: Wednesday 1st, Thursday 2nd & 8.30-12.30 Friday 3rd May

Please note our SeeSaw account is currently deactivated.