



JEAN HORAN KINDERGARTEN



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Thank you for the warm welcome back after my 2 weeks leave. I had a restful time with family and friends in the sun! I am happy to be back and connect with both children, families and the JHK Staff.

We are heading into the Kurna season Wirtuti. This means we start to see warmer temperatures and our garden colours change as flowers bloom. We hope this brings more comfort from the cold and children's curiosities are captured by the change in nature.



Last week we took time to celebrate all our staff for Early Childhood Educators Day. If you would like to show your appreciation in a small way, you can! Please send me email or write a note. I will gather these and share at our next staff meeting.



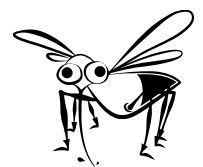
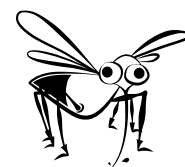
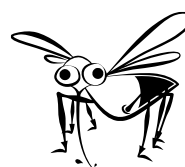
Happy Early Childhood Educators Day!

Michelle Highfold

MOSQUITO'S

We have noticed an increase in mosquito's in our learning environment. I am currently investigating with our preschool compliance team if we are able to provide a repellent (with parent permission) to children. We are also ensuring we don't have pools of water which often attract mosquitos. We have a large citronella plant near our swings and slide to help with repelling mosquito's.

In the meantime, we encourage you to apply a repellent in the morning or place a repellent sticker on your child.



THE PRESCHOOL PARENT SURVEY



SUBMIT

The Preschool Parent Survey is an annual, voluntary survey that gathers feedback from parents and carers of preschool-aged children. It aims to measure the level of parent engagement with your preschool.

Your feedback is essential to help us understand the things we are doing well, where we can improve and what's really important to you. Please take a few moments....

To access the survey for **Jean Horan Kindergarten**, you have three convenient options:

1. Scan the QR Code below with your smartphone camera:



2. Click on the following link:

https://survey.education.sa.gov.au/sc/gJkeZ6eEh51Bz9v2YF_blw2

3. Families without internet access can ask their preschool for a paper version of the survey. Please return the paper form to your preschool well before the survey closing date.

The survey is anonymous and completely confidential. The questionnaire contains no names or any other identifying information.

Thank you for your participation.

Kind regards

**Assessments and Collections (Preschool Parent Survey team) System
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I acknowledge the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people as the Traditional Owners of this country throughout Australia and their connection to land and community. I pay my respects to their culture and to the Elders both past and present.

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THRIVE**



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Children's Learning Folders

These folders belong to your child, you are welcome to borrow as you please and even add your own learning documentation too. We just ask that you care for your special folder and let a teacher know you are borrowing. These folders are a way of documenting and analysing children's theories, curiosities, construction of knowledge and learning endeavours in our social environment-through relationships!

We hope you can read and see children's learning goals and growth over time.



Folders are located near the couch and waving window.

Parent/Carer Teacher Chats

Your child's guardian teacher is always happy to arrange a time for a personalised chat throughout the year.

We offer a formal invitation via email for each child at the beginning of their second term. This means mid-year entry children families will receive an email early term 2 with possible dates and time to choose from. During this time, we will discuss a snapshot of learning from their first term and discuss your hopes and dreams for your child's year of kindergarten (individual goals).

How to grow a love of reading!

Children love repetition and it helps the learning process. Do you have a child who likes to read the same books over and over or perhaps a book with wonderful illustrations, but the story is not as interesting?

The great news is... **you can read the book how you like.**

- Turn it into a noticing game, can you find...
- Read the illustrations... or even better ask your child to create the story from what is happening in the pictures. For example, how do you think the bear is feeling? What might happen next... and then?
- Give the characters names of friends and family.
- Let your imagination and creativity grow together, connect and laugh!
- Ask questions and problem solve whilst reading

There are so many possibilities from reading together!



Please bring in your Read-a-thon card so we can celebrate you being a reader!



Learning goals in action
“I want to borrow a book”: We are readers!

Thank you to our families who supported this learning goal by reading in small groups and helping your child with a costume!

Keeping each other safe and secure: Encouraging kindness and new friendships.

Educators have noticed children’s interactions with each other, the environment and living creatures we are developing the attributes of compassionate citizens. Below are two learners listening the the insects body movement to understand they need to be still and quiet to be kind.

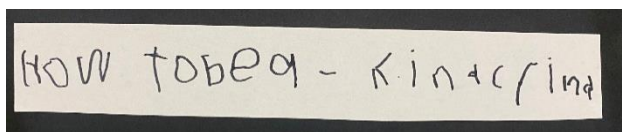
“If some people fall over, I help them get up” Hayley

“When someone is sad I give them a hug” Tahlia

“We take turns” Audrey

“Say kind words” Nate

Educators and children together are sharing their perspectives on what kindness looks like at Jean Horan Kindergarten.



Jean Horan Kindergarten Calendar 2024– Families					TERM 3 2024
Week	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
8	9 th	10 th Little sprouts excursion	11 th	12 th Pupil Free Day – No Kindy	13 th Magpie: 8.30 – 12.30pm
9	16 th	17 th	18 th Little sprouts excursion Michelle at leaders meeting.	19 th	20 th Lorikeet: 8.30 – 12.30pm
10	23 rd Library Bus Visit	24 th	25 th Governing Council 7.30pm – All welcome	26 th	27 th Magpie: 8.30 – 12.30pm Clean up – helpers welcome

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Week	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
1	14 th October	15 th	16 th	17 th	18 th Lorikeet: 8.30-12.30pm
2	21 st Pupil Free Day – No kindy	22 nd	23 rd	24 th	25 th Magpie: 8.30 – 12.30pm



Jean Horan Kindergarten Library

Please help your child to borrow from our library. Each child has a borrowing card in the middle of the stand. Write the name of the book you borrow and mark it returned when you are swapping.

A book a day is the kindy way!