Balharry Memorial Children’s Centre Term 2 Planner

This is a working document and will adjust through the term. Please check for new dates.

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Week 2 9/5
ADMIN
10/5 KINDY
11/5 KINDY
12/5 KINDY
13/5 PLAYGROUP

Week 3 16/5
ADMIN
17/5 KINDY
18/5 PLANNING
19/5 KINDY
20/5 PLAYGROUP

Week 4 23/5
ADMIN
Book Fair ALL WEEK
24/5 KINDY
25/5 KINDY
26/5 KINDY
27/5 PLAYGROUP

Week 5 30/5
ADMIN
31/5 KINDY
1/6 PLANNING
2/6 KINDY
3/6 PLAYGROUP

Week 6 6/6
ADMIN
7pm Governing Council
7/6 KINDY
8/6 KINDY
9/6 KINDY
10/6 PLAYGROUP

Week 7 13/6
ADMIN
7pm Governing Council
QUEENS BIRTHDAY
14/6 KINDY
15/6 PLANNING
16/6 KINDY
17/6 PLAYGROUP

Week 8 20/6
ADMIN
21/6 KINDY
22/6 KINDY
23/6 KINDY
24/6 PLAYGROUP

Week 9 27/6
ADMIN
28/6 KINDY
29/6 PLANNING
30/6 KINDY
1/7 PLAYGROUP

Week 10 4/7
ADMIN
5/7 KINDY
6/7 KINDY
7/7 KINDY
8/7 NO PLAYGROUP

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**Diary Dates**

**Monday 23rd – Friday 27th May**

- **Scholastic Book Fair**
  - Come in and have a look at the books on offer.

**Wednesday 25th May**

- **Simultaneous Storytime**
  - 11am story, followed by shared lunch.
  - Kara at Partnership Meeting—Sue Taylor in Kindy

**Monday 30th May—Friday 3rd June**

- **National Reconciliation Week**

**Monday 6th June**

- **7pm Governing Council**

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**EMAILED NEWSLETTER**

If you would like your newsletter emailed to you rather than receiving a paper copy, please write down the email address(es) you would like it sent to, return the slip to BMCC and we will add you to the list (extended family welcome):

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**BUS REMINDER**

- Notify your driver of any changes to your travel.
- Notify the school of any changes so they can be entered into the bus book (the school manages the buses).
- Notify Kindy so we know who to expect off the buses in the morning and who to put back on the bus at the end of the day.
- Be at your stop 2 minutes before the bus is due to arrive.
- REMEMBER: 25km/hr past a stopped/pulled over school bus.
Please take note of our Book Fair!

There is a large selection of books for you to purchase, with a percentage of the sales coming to the centre.

There is also a number of books you can choose to purchase as a donation to the centre. This is a way for you to support your child’s learning by building our library.

Your support will be greatly appreciated.

Where: Balharry Memorial Children’s Centre
When: Monday 23rd—Friday 27th May
Time: Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday 8:45am—4:30pm
Friday 9:00am—1:00pm (Playgroup 10-12)

ALL WELCOME!
All purchases benefit our Centre!

Thank you to all our volunteers who have supported and contributed towards the Balharry Memorial Children’s Centre this year.

Donating your time, food, experience or advice are all greatly appreciated by every one of us here at the Centre. We would not be able to run as smoothly as we do without your support. The children also love seeing you all involved and supporting their learning and development.

It was great to see so many of you at the special morning tea last Thursday. The children enjoyed making the scones for you and colouring your gifts. Giving back only a small portion in comparison to what you have given us.

Thank you again for everything that you do!

Balharry Memorial Children’s Centre Staff and Children

LAMBS
We are focusing on Where is the Green Sheep? By Mem Fox this fortnight and would love to have some lambs pop in for a visit.
If anyone has or knows someone who has lambs they are feeding that wouldn’t mind bringing them in for a visit please let one of the staff know.

OLD WOOL
If you have any odds and ends of coloured wool from knitting or other crafty activities we would love some!
We are going to be making some pom-pom sheep and are searching for any wool people may have laying round.
Please drop it into the centre if you have some!
Keep your kids smiling

Have you received a letter from Medicare about the Child Dental Benefits Schedule? The School Dental Service is a Child Dental Benefits Schedule provider.

Dental care is FREE for ALL babies, pre-schoolers and most children under 18 at the School Dental Service.

Please call now for an appointment.
Naracoorte Dental Clinic
Phone: 8762 2614

We have been reading *The Magic Hat* by Mem Fox. Children have been making their own magic hats, learning about the different animals in the story, retelling and recreating it using puppets.

We have also had a focus on writing our names and recognising the letters. The children are all making great progress with this. All children are able to recognise their names, name the first letter and attempt to write it. There are children who are gaining confidence writing their own name and are beginning to explore other words. This is a very important school based skill and something that you are able to foster at home. It doesn’t have to be writing with a pen or pencil, you can simply point out the letters of their names on signs, trace letters in sand or show them how you write or sign your name. It is all part of the learning process.

We are continuing to build base literacy and numeracy skills and you are welcome to call in at any time to see where your child is up to and what you can do to help them further their development. We will begin sending home information sheets with ideas for you to support their learning at home. They are possibly things you already do, but by acknowledging the learning involved you may be able to support your child in making those extra connections.

Thanks
Kara and Roanna
Rural Care News

This last fortnight has been busy for us all as we attended a two day Rural Care Forum in Adelaide. It was great to network with other Rural Care Directors and Early Childhood Workers from the seventeen Rural Care sites across South Australia. It was a good refresher on policies, practices and everyday procedures. Thank you to Tania for organising the event. Thank you to the relief staff for those days, Kerri McWaters, Sue Taylor and Leah Gibbs.

Our Mem Fox book focus has been progressing well and children have enjoyed experiencing a variety of activities, from making hanging possums, stencil art, making magic hats and wands, capes and stretchy dough. They have also tasted a variety of foods (vegemite sandwiches, pumpkin scones and lamingtons). This fortnight we are moving onto Where is the Green Sheep?. We will be integrating with the Kindy for various group activities.

Eat a rainbow has come to its last week, finishing with the colours, blue, purple and black. Eat the rainbow will be ongoing throughout the year and if your child brings in a fruit or vegetable they haven’t tried before they will still be able to get it ticked off their chart. The final charts will be available in your child’s profile books at the end of the year.

Please keep your family pictures coming, the children love looking at their familiar faces and are beginning to have discussions about other children’s families.

As the weather gets colder and wetter we ask that you remember to pack an extra set of clothes for your children as required, along with gumboots, beanie and jacket if you have them. If the children are appropriately dressed we do go puddle hunting and encourage their exploration of the seasons.

Thanks
Casey and Steph

You are invited to join us at 11:00am Wednesday the 25th of May for National Simultaneous Storytime. We will be reading this year’s book ‘I got this hat’ by Jol and Kate Temple, then completing a number of activities based around the book. You, your children and extended family are welcome to join us for the story, activities and a shared lunch.

We ask that you and your children bring a small plate of savoury food to share (remembering we are a nut free centre) and to wear your favourite hat!

Our Book Fair will also be open and you are invited to have a look and make purchases during this time.

Thank you for your support of our literacy focus this term!

READ MORE IN MAY

HOW TO PARTICIPATE:


1. From 1 May, students record on the Reading Log the number of minutes they spend reading each day.

2. Students and their families tally up the total minutes spent reading during May and enter this online from 1–15 June for a chance to win great prizes.

3. The entry form will be available on this website from 1 June. HERE’S WHAT YOU CAN WIN!

In each State and Territory, the 20 students who record the highest amount of Reading Minutes in May will WIN $100 worth of vouchers for their family to spend on Book Club and Book Fairs. The teacher with the highest classroom Reading Minutes will receive $200 worth of Scholastic Rewards.

The school in each State and Territory that records the most Reading Minutes will WIN $500 worth of books plus a perpetual trophy with the school name engraved on it, to keep for a year!

The more families a school has participating in the challenge, the greater chance it has of winning!