



The Hub Sandgate

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Welcome to Term Two!

What a busy start to the year we have had. It's been wonderful to welcome so many new families and see friendships blossoming. We have enjoyed many special events this term and welcomed in some special visitors.

This term we will be having a Cultural Fiesta, celebrating different cultures represented at The Hub. We would love to hear about your cultural background, traditions, beliefs, food and experiences so we can learn from all our families. Hero Week is back as well as Pyjama Week and Crazy Hair Day.

I am looking forward to the exciting term ahead. If you have any questions, enquiries, or feedback please feel free to call me on (02) 4967 2342 (option 5) or through our service email sandgate@thehubpreschool.com.au, or have a chat to myself or any of our friendly staff.

Kirsty Thomas





DATES TO REMEMBER

April 2023	
Tuesday 25th	Anzac day, Public Holiday (The Hub closed)
May 2023	
Sunday 14th	Mother's Day
Monday 15th to Friday 19th	Cultural Fiesta (All Rooms)
Wednesday 24th	National Simultaneous Storytime: The Speedy Sloth
June 2023	
Monday 5th to Friday 9th	Hero Week (All Rooms)
Monday 12th	Queen's Birthday, Public Holiday (The Hub closed)
July 2023	
Monday 3rd to Friday 7th	NAIDOC Week Celebrations (All Rooms)
Monday 17th to Friday 21st	National PJ Day for Foster Care (All Rooms, all week)
Friday 28th	Crazy Hair Day (All Rooms)
Friday 28th	National Tree Day (All Rooms)



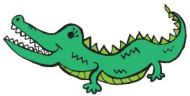
TERM ONE RECAP



What a beautiful term we have had in the Tigers room. In the Tigers we have focused on building relationships and connections with both our families and Tiger children. We have plotted different sensory trays, arts and painting and welcomed some new friends through the weeks. The Tigers have enjoyed engaging in some celebrations of some of our friends birthdays and centre celebrations such as, Water week, Luna New Year and Easter. Thank you for a beautiful term 1 Tigers! **MICHELLE**



The Monkeys have had a wonderful first term settling into the room and becoming familiar with their environment and surroundings. We have welcomed some beautiful new friends and families into the Monkeys room! The children have enjoyed participating and celebrating a series of events over the term including Lunar New Year, Water Week and Recycling Right and Sustainability Week. The Monkeys have loved investigating and exploring their outdoor and indoor environments. The children have been particularly drawn to exploring the gardens as they watch the trucks go by or working together to build and dig in the sandpit. The Monkey children have really enjoyed some of the fun and messy experiences set up by educators which have included sensory exploration, exploring colours and building on their creativity through messy painting. It has been wonderful getting to know the children and families within the Monkeys room so far and I look forward in working with the children to build and form more connections and friendships with their familiar educators and peers throughout the year. **SOPHIE**



The Crocodiles room spent term one exploring our new room and routine and creating special relationships with their new educators and peers. We explored special holidays of Easter, Harmony Week, and Recycling Week. We followed our interest of musical instruments and creativity in constructing our own instruments and different art experiences. We've encouraged self help skills and continuously building upon the children's resilience, curiosity and independence. The Crocodile children investigated sharing and teamwork each day through shared play and group learning experiences that the children are always excited to join. I am looking forward to the rest of the wonderful learning and fun we are going to have next term. **JESS**



In the Lions room this term we were learning name recognition and forming the first letter of our names. We looked at recycling products and reusing things during Recycling Week. We looked at cultural differences, how we are the same but different during Harmony Week. We learnt about life cycles of a chick with our Henny Penny Hatchlings, we all loved watching our chicks grow. We recently had visits by our dentist friend Margo, so we will be learning more about brushing our teeth. I have enjoyed getting to know the Lion children and their families. **RACHAEL**



The Zebras have settled well into the daily routine and it's been lovely getting to know everyone. The children are beginning to develop friendships and are sharing information about themselves. They have loved showing off their family photos, which are displayed in our classroom frame. It's been a busy term and we have been involved in a variety of experiences, such as planting vegetables, cooking pancakes and celebrating Easter. We learnt about life cycles while having 'Henny Penny Hatchlings' in our room for 2 weeks. It was a joy to watch the eggs hatch and observe the chicks grow each day. Margo, the Dental assistant recently talked to us about keeping our teeth healthy and clean. We have become more aware of how important it is to eat the right foods and to brush our teeth regularly. In the coming weeks, I will continue to focus on the children's interests and further develop their skills and knowledge. **RINA**



FIESTA

Monday 15th — Friday 19th May

Join us as we go on a 'Cultural Fiesta' exploring the variety of cultures, traditions and beliefs of our families at The Hub Sandgate. Each day we will learn about a different country, island and culture, exploring their traditions and beliefs through a variety of engaging experiences and yummy food.

Babies meals will also be adapted for this exciting week.

Wear your bright colours this week for our Fiesta!!



National Simultaneous Storytime (NSS) is held annually by the Australian Library and Information Association (ALIA). Every year a picture book, written and illustrated by an Australian author and illustrator, is read simultaneously in libraries, schools, pre-schools, childcare centres, family homes, bookshops and many other places around the country. Now in its 20th successful year, it is a colourful, vibrant, fun event that aims to promote the value of reading and literacy, using an Australian children's book that explores age-appropriate themes, and addresses key learning areas of the National Curriculum for Foundation to Year 6.

By facilitating NSS we aim to:

- promote the value of reading and literacy,
 - promote the value and fun of books,
 - promote an Australian writer and publisher,
 - promote Storytime activities in public libraries and communities around the country,
- Every room will be participating in reading the story and various activities.***

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Monday 5th — Friday 9th June

During this week we would love the children to come dressed as a 'Hero'. We are going to use this week as an opportunity to allow the children to explore imaginative and dramatic play themes in their hero attire. We will use the week to discuss what a 'hero' is, what a 'hero' looks like and acts like. We will be discussing traits of a hero and we hope to enlighten children on the everyday heroes around us.

Please remember no weapons

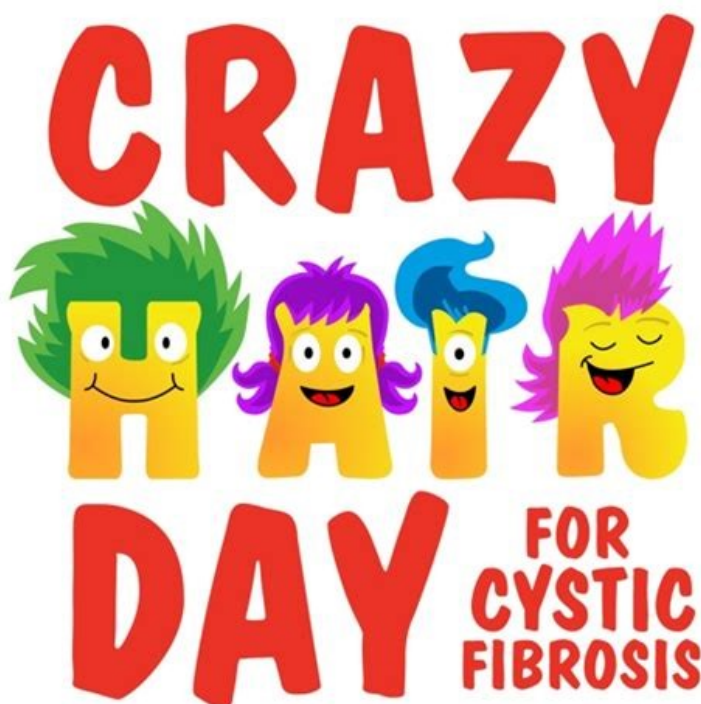
Routine

When you arrive:

- Sign in your child.
- Ensure they have sunscreen on.
- Wash your child's hands to remove any germs they have brought to preschool.
- Select a name tag with your child and choose any locker.
- Put their BAG, DRINK and HAT in their locker.
- Tell staff details of importance.
- Take your child to an activity.

When Leaving:

- Sign out your child.
- Wash your child's hands.
- Empty your child's locker and return name tag to end of lockers.



Friday 28th July

Wear your crazy hair to raise much-needed awareness and funds for cystic fibrosis. We will be collecting gold coin donations at the front desk.



Monday 3rd—Friday 7th July

National NAIDOC Week celebrations are held across Australia in the first week of July each year, to celebrate and recognise the history, culture and achievements of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples. NAIDOC Week is an opportunity for all Australians to learn about First Nations cultures and histories and participate in celebrations of the oldest, continuous living cultures on earth. You can support and get to know your local Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander communities through activities and events held across the country.



MONDAY 17TH — FRIDAY 21ST JULY

Pyjama Day is all about wearing your favourite PJ's or ONESIE to help The Pyjama Foundation raise much-needed awareness and funds for children in foster care. Please wear your PJ's for the whole week and we will be collecting gold coin donations at the front desk.

This will be a fun week whilst we support an important foundation.

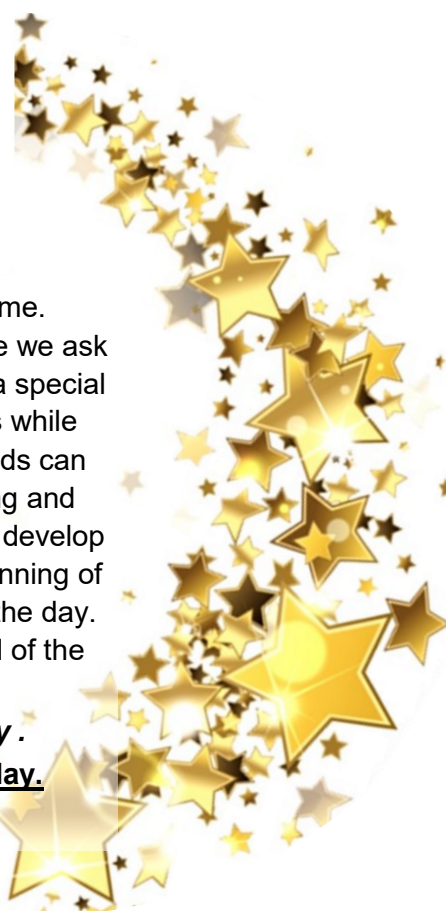
Schools Tree Day

Friday 28th July

Tree Day is a fulfilling opportunity to do something good for the environment . We will spend time planting in our gardens and have discussions on sustainability



showtime



Showtime is a very exciting time in our day - it is our show and tell time. Everyone looks forward to Showtime starting. To make it fair on everyone we ask that your child only bring in things to show at their rostered time. This is a special time in our program where the children get to talk in front of their peers while they show or tell them something special. At the end of Showtime friends can ask questions. This activity encourages listening and talking, turn taking and question and answer. All of these are very important skills for children to develop in life. Please put your child's Showtime in the Showtime bag at the beginning of the day and let a staff member know what it is your child is showing for the day. Please collect your child's Showtime from the Showtime bag at the end of the day.

Showtime is happening in our LIONS and ZEBRAS rooms only .
Please only bring toys to preschool on your child's showtime day.

CLOTHES EXCHANGE

As most of you know we have a wonderful sustainability project that has evolved over the past year at The Hub Sandgate. We have a clothing exchange in the dining room. Feel free to bring your child's unwanted clothing to reception for us to add to our clothing exchange. Please feel free to take clothes from the clothing exchange at any time. Please note, lost property that has been uncollected for two terms will be given to charity or put in the clothing exchange.



We have a book swap located in our dining area. Feel free to bring your books to reception and we will write our centre name on them and put them on the Book Swap. If no one is at reception you can just pop the books into the cabinet as we always go through and make sure our name is on them. Please feel free to take books from the book swap even if you haven't swapped a book.



JUST A LITTLE *Reminder*

- Provide SPARE CLOTHES: Ensure you send at least two FULL change of clothes for your child everyday.
- Please label your child's drink bottle and leave it in their locker where they can access it.
- Please send a suitable SUNSAFE HAT for your child. Not a cap or cap with back flap. Please make sure the brim is at least 6cm all the way around. Hub hats and T-shirts are available to purchase.
- Safe shoes must be worn. Thongs are not suitable unless they have a back strap. Your child participates in climbing and other activities which require appropriate footwear. We do allow the children to remove their shoes for play.
- Please ensure your child has sunscreen on when they arrive each morning as it takes 20 minutes to be effective. Ours is available in if you have forgotten.
- Please dress your child in SUNSAFE clothing. Singlet tops and sleeveless dresses are NOT suitable.
- Please remember BEFORE 8.30am drop all your child's belongings to the room then take your child to the TIGERS room. Please do not leave your child alone in a room without an Educator. AFTER 4pm collect all your child's belongings from their room and then collect your child from the TIGERS (babies) and MONKEYS (Toddlers and Preschoolers) rooms.
- Please remember to SUPPLY enough pull-ups for the day for your child.
- Please remember to bring any medication required, and fill in a medication form on OWNA for its' administration.
- Please remember over the counter medications must be appropriate for the age of your child eg: Dimetapp.
- Please remember your child's ART is their day's work. Please try and take their artwork home and refrain from throwing it in the bin at the service. They have great pride in what they make during the day.
- *Please make sure you sanitise your hands upon arrival and when exiting our service we have hand sanitiser located on our sign in desk.*

thank you