



# CROYDON NORTH KINDERGARTEN INC.

FIRST TERM NEWSLETTER—2014

## PRESIDENT REPORT



Welcome to the first newsletter for 2014! A big welcome to the new families joining us and to our returning families - we hope everyone is looking forward to an enjoyable year at Croydon North Kindergarten.

I'd like to welcome back our wonderful teachers and assistants - Lara and Alana (Red Group Teacher and Assistant), Susan (Green Group Teacher), Jenni (Green and Blue Group Assistant) and Casey and Cindy (Blue Group Teacher and Assistants).

Also, a welcome and thank you to our new and returning committee members; I look forward to working with you all and hope you find your time on the committee enjoyable and rewarding. Thanks for your support so far as I find my feet in my new role as President.

We will have a number of events coming up this year and you will have already received a notice about our upcoming working bee on Saturday 22 February. It would be great to have as many families help out as possible so the kids and staff can start the year off in a tidy and safe play area. Don't forget that helping out in working bees means you don't have to pay the maintenance levy. We will also be hosting our welcome barbeque on Friday 28 February and it would be great to have as many families as possible join us. It's a fantastic opportunity to meet other families from the kinder and for the kids to have some fun with their new friends. We also look forward to our first parent's dinner for the year in early March. Keep your eyes out for the notice which will be sent out shortly with the details of when and where this will be held. There will be other events throughout the year so keep a look out for notices when you come to the kinder.

The kinder also now has a [Facebook](#) page which I would encourage you to "like" and "follow" if you are on Facebook. A search for "Croydon North Kindergarten" should bring it up. We will be using this page to let kinder families and other people in the community know what is happening at the kinder. We are going to be working hard this year to raise the profile of the kinder and get as many local families interested as we can.

I am looking forward to a fantastic year with the kinder. This is my first year on the committee and in fact, my first year as a kinder parent. I have had a fabulous handover with my predecessor Michelle Nansen and have the support of a great committee. Please do not hesitate to speak to me directly or you can leave a note in my tray if you have any questions, concerns or offers of assistance. We are looking forward to an exciting year at Croydon North Kindergarten in 2014.

Regards  
Nicole McCabe, President

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## 3 YEAR OLD TEACHERS REPORT

Hello and welcome everyone! We hope that you are all enjoying the start to the year and are settling in comfortably.

What a wonderful start to the year we have had with our gorgeous 3 year old group! Our welcome picnic with the children was lots of fun and it was great to see so many excited and eager faces coming through the door. The children were all very happy to see each other and were excited to once again explore the kindergarten and experience as many activities as they could.

The welcome picnic is a great way to reintroduce the children to kinder in a very relaxed and welcoming manner and helps to make their transition much smoother and less daunting.

Our first session was a huge success! With only a few tears here and there and after a few minutes the children were easily distracted by activities. As a parent it can be very hard to leave a crying child but please remember we will take good care of your children and they have normally stopped crying before you have even made it out to the car, so don't worry and you can always give us a call to check on how they are going if you are still concerned.

Over the next few weeks we will be helping the children to feel comfortable and relaxed in the kinder environment through discussing our room limits and helping them become familiar with all the new challenges that kinder can provide. We will engage in lots of small group activities to help the children become familiar with each other and will be doing some name learning games.

If you have any queries or concerns please don't hesitate to have a chat to Cindy, Jenni, or I as we are happy to help in any way we can. We can't wait to get the term underway and are looking forward to having lots of fun each session.

Have a great day

Casey, Cindy and Jenni



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## 4 YEAR OLD TEACHERS REPORT



A big welcome to you all, both new and returning families! It has been wonderful for us getting to know all the children and their families over the past few weeks. We have been so pleased with how both red and green groups have settled into their new kindergarten environment, and adjusted to the new routine.

Our first few short sessions with only half the group are so important for us in getting to know the children, so thank you for your patience with these. They provide us the opportunity to ensure each child feels welcomed by and secure with their new teachers and the kindergarten environment, and allow us to build strong and trusting relationships that will ensure we have a positive year together and get the best out of every child.

This first term sees us focussing on building "a sense of belonging for the children, where they feel accepted, develop attachments and trust those that care for them" (Early Years Learning Framework p20), and where they feel respected and significant. Many of our learning experiences and play opportunities will be familiar to the children, allowing them to focus on learning about themselves within the context of the kindergarten environment, building relationships with both peers and teachers, and feeling confident to explore and learn. To build a feeling of belonging, we have created our 4/5 year old apple tree- please come in and check it out! We are also focussing of supporting the children in getting to know their peers through whole group name games, and also small group art experiences.

Please ensure that your child has their sunhat in their bag each day, and that you apply sunscreen each day before they come to kindergarten. Sunscreen is available in the bag room should you forget! It's also a great idea to pack a roll on for your child so they can top up as the day goes along. Also, please pack your child a FULL SPARE CHANGE OF CLOTHES in their bag- just in case!

If, at any stage during the year, you would like to talk with us about your child's learning and development please feel free to make an appointment or chat to us when you are on duty. We are looking forward to a great year filled with fun and learning!

Lara, Susan, Casey, Alana and Jenni

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## Important Dates

There are some great events and fundraising coming up this term.

Mark them in your calendars, and remember that more information will be available in your child's pocket closer to the dates.



### **February 22nd — Working Bee**

9am at the kinder

Don't forget that helping out at a working bee will mean that you will get a refund on the \$100 maintenance levy

### **February 28th — Welcome to the kinder BBQ!**

5:30pm — 7:30pm at the kinder

Animal petting zoo

Sausages, drinks, and icy poles for sale

Teachers will also be attending to welcome all families to the Kinder

### **March 5th — Dinner for Mums**

7pm at Balsamic in Eastland

Our first social night of the year. A chance for mums to meet each other.

A sign up sheet will be at kinder to let us know if you are coming.

All welcome and we really encourage you to attend as kinder is a social time for children and parents!!

### **March 7th — Olympics (4 year old groups only)**

The children will be involved in Mini Olympics at the kinder. Parents will be invited to watch as the children compete in a series of obstacles in a circuit. You will receive a sponsorship form soon for your child.

Green Group event will be held at 12-12:30

Red Group event will be held at 1-1:30

### **March — Picture plates, clocks and cups**

Order forms will be placed in your child's pocket soon! These forms will be due back by Friday 21st March, with orders expected to be received back at the kinder in mid May.

### **April — Easter Raffle**

Could everyone please bring in an Easter egg/bunny etc to make our Easter raffle. Raffle will be drawn Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> April.

### **May 4th (term 2) — Family portraits**

These have been organised for early in term 2 so that they will be ready on the Friday before mothers day.

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Please note that we have a child enrolled in the kinder this year who is at risk of a severe anaphylactic reaction if he comes into any contact with all nuts, all seafood / sea shells and dust. We are asking that all our families please be aware and refrain from bringing any of these things into the kindergarten this year. Even though this child might not be in your group, he can still have a life threatening reaction if exposed to them for hours after their presence in a room. Thank you for your understanding and patience.



## Your 2014 Committee Members

President: Nicole McCabe  
Vice President: Rebecca Launer  
Secretary: Melody Donald  
Treasurer: Miranda Radtke  
Enrolments: Sunny Mellor  
Fees Liason: Alexia Foy  
Coordinator Social & Publicity: Louise Ingram  
Red rep S&P: Victoria Arthur  
Green rep S&P: Michelle Notley

Blue rep S&P: Miranda Radtke  
Self Assessment: Emma McCann  
Maintenance Officers: Craig Notley & Simon Radtke  
Purchasing Officer: Angela Massarotti  
Uniform Officer: Kati Wilkins  
Mail Officer: Loretta Higgins  
Sewing Officer: Rosie Kelly  
Newsletter Officer: Diana Churchward  
Website editor: TBC

## TERM DATES

Term 1: January 28th — April 4th  
Term 2: April 22nd — June 27th  
Term 3: July 14th — September 19th  
Term 4: October 6th — December 19th

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