

# St Lucia Kindergarten News

TERM 2 NEWSLETTER - 2021

11th June, 2021



**St Lucia Kindy's  
Open Day &  
Art Show**

Whether you are interested in enrolling in 2022 or beyond, everyone is invited to visit St Lucia Kindy and learn more about what we offer to children and families in our community. Meet our experienced teachers, explore our wonderful indoor and outdoor learning environments and enjoy amazing artwork created by current Kindy children.

**Saturday 19th June  
10am to 12pm**  
at St Lucia Kindergarten  
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(behind Ipswich State School)

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St Lucia Kindergarten  
Healthy, Capable and Creative Children

## You are invited...

Everyone in our community is invited to our Open Day and Art Show next Saturday 19th June from 10am at Kindy.

**“Every child is an artist, with imagination and the artistic instinct” - Percy Mackaye**

We are looking forward to showing our families and wider community how competent, capable and talented children are. At our Art Show next weekend, we know you will be impressed with the children's creations.

Whilst the end product is often great to appreciate, **our focus at Kindy is on the process - the thinking, communication and learning behind the scenes!**

Through the creative arts, children explore and express their ideas and make meaning of their world (*Early Years Learning Framework - Outcome 5*).

## Term 2 is going by fast!

Dear Families, is it just us or has this term flown by!

**Open Day/Art Show** - We are so excited for this event next weekend to showcase our beautiful learning environments. We would love to see you and your children here next **Saturday from 10am to 12pm!**

We would greatly appreciate any parent support with the set up and pack up. Please let us know if you can help!

**Renata's “Australiana” Week** - We all enjoyed a wonderful show from Renata at Kindy last week. This “Australiana” themed show tied in well with Reconciliation Week, as we learnt a little about Australian history, native animals and Aboriginal Australia. Renata was fun and engaging with songs and dancing, and we loved yarning the story of “Wombat Stew” together.

**Henny Penny Hatching Program** - We said goodbye to our chicks last week as they went to their new home on a farm. It was great to watch them grow over a full 4 weeks. The children loved the experience of watching them hatch from their eggs, and engaged in great discussion and learning.

**New hours for 2022** - We have decided to offer multiple options for families in 2022 with a mix of Kindy Club, two five-day fortnight groups as well as a three-day group and a two-long-day group. If you know of any families who may be interested in attending Kindy in the future, please let them know! *As always, thank you for your support! - Lucy*

## Meet our Staff

Our Kindy is made wonderful by our dedicated and caring staff members. Each newsletter this year, I would like to introduce two members from our team. This term it is Rochelle and Anne's turn!

This is **Rochelle Ellis**. Rochelle has been a Teacher at St Lucia Kindergarten for the past 5 years, and is currently teaching in Magpie 2. Over her career, Rochelle has worked as a Teacher and Director at multiple community Kindergartens in Brisbane. She has also worked as a Primary School Teacher from Prep to Year 3. Rochelle holds a Bachelor of Social Work. Rochelle is passionate about community kindergartens and teaching children. She says “I love their innocence and hearing all of the wonderful things they say”. Rochelle enjoys following the children's growth and development across the year.

Rochelle is married, is a mother to a 14 year old daughter and 12 year old son, and step-mother to three children, which actually makes her a grandmother of two! Rochelle is so knowledgeable, passionate, hard-working and kind. **Thank you for everything you do for our Kindy Rochelle!**



We now have a Facebook and Instagram page - “St Lucia Kindergarten” and @stluciakindy

Please like and share our pages if you can!



## Key Dates for Term 2:

<b>RECONCILIATION WEEK</b>	27 May to 3 June
<b>COMMITTEE MEETING</b>	Tues 8 June
<b>PUPIL FREE DAY</b>	Wed 16 June
<b>DENTIST INCURSION</b>	Tues 8 June Thurs 17 June
<b>OPEN DAY &amp; ART SHOW</b>	Sat 19 June 10am - 12pm
<b>TERM 2 ENDS</b>	Fri 25 June
<b>TERM 3 STARTS</b>	Mon 12 July



**Kindy Session Hours:** 8:30am - 2:40pm  
**After Care Hours:** 2:40pm - 5:30pm  
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**Administration Days:** Monday & Thursday

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This is **Anne Riachi**. Anne has been working at St Lucia Kindergarten for almost 18 years in Administration and Bookkeeping. It is a role which has evolved over the years, Anne says when she first started the Kindy did not even have an email account! Previously Anne worked in finance and business, but says she has “the best office job ever”. Anne says “It is a privilege to work in such a caring environment. Everyday is different and I love the energy and enthusiasm that the children give, they always brighten the day”. Anne is married with three grown up children—two daughters and a son. She enjoys cooking for family and friends, sharing good food and wine, trips to visit family in Melbourne, gardening and walking her dog. **Anne is so knowledgeable, thorough and hard working, we appreciate everything she does for our Kindy!**



Don't forget to sign in and out, please write your full name.

**KINDY CLUB**

**Kindy Club operates from 2:40pm until 5:30pm Monday to Friday. Afternoon tea is provided!**



**LUNCH BOXES - FRIDGE OR NO FRIDGE?**

If you do not want your child's food refrigerated— by C&K regulation you **MUST** sign and date a label to give your permission **every morning**, and food **MUST** be placed in an insulated lunch bag (see photo). **THANK YOU!**



**Playground Closed After Hours**

Please note, children and families are not permitted to play in our playgrounds before and after Kindy for safety and legal reasons.

**WELLBEING**

**Committee Update**

All parents are welcome at Committee meetings. Our June Committee meeting was held on **Tuesday 8th**. We had a **record number of attendees** with a mix of in person and Zoom participants. We discussed a new structure and fees for 2022, our Open Day, maintenance issues and building improvement plans. Our next meeting will be held in July. We recently created a new section on Storypark for parents to keep up with meeting Agendas, Minutes and Zoom links.

At St Lucia Kindy, we need to protect everyone's wellbeing—our children, families and teachers.



Please **keep your child at home if they are sick**, even if it's “just” a runny nose or cough.

If they experience **vomiting or diarrhea**, Government regulations state **they must not return to Kindy for at least 24 hours** after the last bout. This means if they vomit on Thursday, they cannot attend on Friday—even if they appear well.

**Storypark - please check and comment!**

We appreciate every comment from you. Don't forget to regularly check your app for notifications. We also send out notices in the “Community Page” so please make sure you are checking this section of the app regularly too. It can actually be easier to see everything on Storypark directly via the webpage storypark.com if you prefer, rather than using the app.

Kindy days can be tiring and if children are not 100%, it can be quite a lot for their little bodies to handle. Germs can spread quickly between children and then the cycle starts again!

**Thank you to those parents who are engaging with our stories and plans so far!**

**Thank you for being considerate and helping to keep our Kindy healthy.**