

# Zion News

Week 9, Term 2,

## Helping Little Ones Cope

*The Lord will guide you always— Isaiah 58:11*

“ Read it again.” “Let’s play it again.” “Do it again, Mummy”

O, Lord, I’m dizzy from kids wanting to repeat everything. I’ve spent hours playing “dentist”- tomorrow is the first visit.

Bless my little ones’ over -and—over style of coping with shots, “firsts,”

Moving day, new siblings. They rehearse and repeat in play so the scary parts are manageable— so they can learn their lines.

Hold the script while I rehearse my lines: “You can do this.” I’m honoured to have a recurring role in their rehearsals, encores, and reruns: Mum a seasoned stand in.

Well we are almost at the end of term 2 and I know that the children are becoming tired as are the staff, we just need to muster up some energy to get us through the next week. Then we can all enjoy 2 weeks of holidays.

We say farewell to 8 children next week during our Kindy Church services on Monday and Tuesday. These children are heading off to school and a new Kindy. If your child is leaving please let any family members know as they are welcome at the church services for your child’s respective days.

## Pyjama Day

Group1 Wednesday 3rd July and Group 2 Thursday 4th July

I term 2 we have been exploring the story of Creation, Genesis 1-2 in the Bible. In the last week of term we will celebrate all the good works God has done.

On the 7th day God rested , so we will rest too!

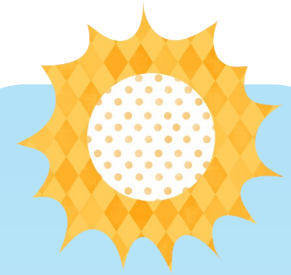
Come to Preschool and wear your pyjamas ( or bring in a bag). If you would like to bring a favourite book for shared reading or a soft toy to cuddle (please label them).

We will be cooking yummy pancakes, playing some fun games, reading stories and watching a movie to have a rest.

I hope you all have a safe and restful holiday break and we will see you in Term 3.

Blessings

Sam



## Important Dates

### Last week of Kindy

Group 1 Wednesday 3rd

Group 2 Thursday 4th July

### Pyjama Day

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Group 2 Thursday 4th July

### Friday Mornings

Playgroup 8.45-10.15

### Kindy Church

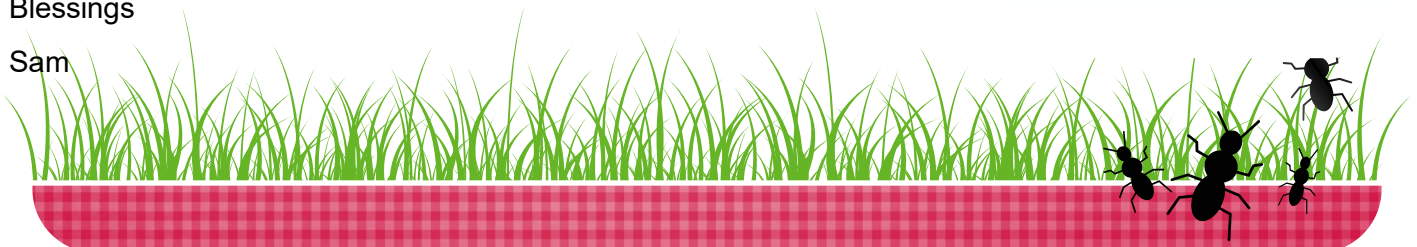
Group 1 Monday 1st July

Group 2 Tuesday 2nd July

### Kindy Starts Term 3

Group 1 Monday 22nd July

Group 2 Tuesday 23rd July



### Reminder Early/Late fee:

\$3.00/ early drop off or late pick up. This can be arranged with the Director or will be incurred if you are 10 minutes early or late with your child without contacting the centre staff.

### Sleeping Children

If you have a young child sleeping in the car when you come to do Kindy pick up, please call the Kindy and we can bring your child out to the car, especially as we are going into winter.

### Friday Kindy

The session starts at **10.30**, please arrive as close to this as you can. We have playgroup until **10.15** and families with young children will be leaving.

**Immanuel Gawler Open Day** – Sunday 30 June 3.00pm to 4.00pm Principal's tour of classrooms and facilities. This session is for new families interested in enrolling at Immanuel. If you know of any families with young children please pass on these details, • If you have a sibling due to start in 2020 or 2021 please remember to put in your enrolment forms.

### Fees

**Just a reminder that Term 2 Fees are due**

#### Bank Details

BSB 035 075  
Account No. 296686  
Account Name Zion Preschool

Please ensure you place your child's name in reference section.

### Sickness

If your child is sick and going to be away please call the kindy and let us know. There seems to be some tummy bugs, sore throats and colds about, If your child shows symptoms of being unwell we ask that you keep your child at home in order to prevent further spreading of infection

If your child presents unwell at Kindy we will phone parents and advise and may ask you to collect

### New Information On Volunteer Checks

As from 1 July 2019 there will be stronger, nationally consistent screening laws for people wanting to work or volunteer with children in South Australia. The new laws require people working or volunteering with children to have a valid working with children check (WWCC). More info can be found at <https://screening.sa.gov.au/>

Immanuel school is registered to initiate this check. To apply you will need to provide your full name, date of birth and an email address to Jenny (authorised person) in the office, and a government form will be emailed to you to complete and submit. There is no cost to apply as a volunteer in a school / kindy

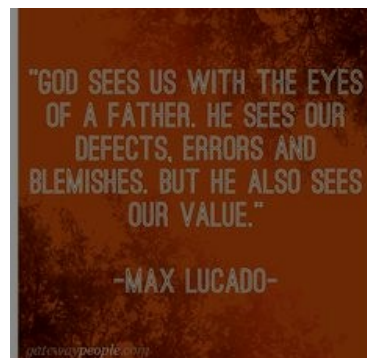
If you have a current police clearance this will still be valid for a 3 year period, following this you will need to provide a WWCC check

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We, as Early Childhood Educators, have become aware how much this phrase is mentioned by friends, family members and sometimes parents in our discussions about how important and wonderful the kindy year is.

It is very true, during the kindy year, children ARE playing, but something we are very passionate about is that it is SO much more than JUST playing.

Every area of the preschool; inside and out, has the endless potential of discovery and educational learning.



“...but they just PLAY”

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To adults what looks like playing in the sandpit, is actually our children developing pre mathematical and science skills by using logic, measurement and problem solving to create the sculptures, dams and rivers; how much sand:water ratio they need, how far apart it needs to be and how deep without it all falling down in a muddy heap.

The Home Corner is probably the biggest culprit of the “JUST PLAYING” phrase, but it is actually the major influencer in your child’s kindy year. It is the area we WANT our children to be most successful in LIFE. The Home Corner helps to support and build our children’s social and emotional skills by developing language skills, re-enacting daily life, working out how to structure sentences, broadening their vocabulary as they learn how to have extended conversations, learning how to share, negotiate and take turns and be considerate and include others’ ideas.

Painting/ construction/ messy play we cringe as parents at the idea of our children coming home in yet another painted, unknown substance glitter filled shirt, just know that our children are developing the finger muscles and fine motor skills needed to be able to hold a pencil and write all day at school. They are building on their creative thinking that they will need later in life to complete the assignments not yet written.

Most of all, playing at kindy helps to develop independent, confident individuals; whom are curious about life and WANT to and have a LOVE of learning.

“Play is often talked about as if it were a relief from serious learning. But for children play is serious learning. Play is really the work of childhood.”

Fred Rogers

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Some helpful websites, explaining the benefits of play and why it is important in the early years.

<https://raisingchildren.net.au/newborns/play-learning/play-ideas/why-play-is-important>

<https://reggioemilia2015.weebly.com/child-lead-play-and-exploration.html>

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