Welcome to Kindergarten!
The children have settled in beautifully and we have been spending valuable time getting to know each other during the transition period. The children are enjoying the opportunity to make new friends.

We would like to take the opportunity to welcome Mrs Kerry Gray to Guildford Kindergarten. Mrs Gray comes to us with many years of experience and I know your children will enjoy their time with her on Wednesdays.

For many of you this is the first time you have had a child at Kindergarten and there are many routines and procedures that you will be unfamiliar with. Please read the following information and if you have any questions please don’t hesitate to ask us.

- On your arrival at Kindy please check the wooden easel outside the Kindergarten door for any notices that may be displayed and require your attention. Also please check your child’s work box for any newsletters, notices or work that needs to be taken home.

- Each Tuesday (Red Group) and Friday (Blue Group) we hold a book raffle, starting next week. Each child brings 50c that is dropped into the red or blue box. At fruit time two children’s names are drawn from the raffle box and are awarded a book each. The winners are then asked to bring a small book into Kindy the following week to go into the raffle box. The money raised goes toward buying consumables for the Kindergarten.

- On Wednesday’s and Friday’s the washing will be sent home with one lucky family! Please return the washing bag the following week.

- The Parent Roster is now displayed on the outside notice board. We value your assistance and it is also the best way for you to see how the routine works and what skills and values are being reinforced with the children on a daily basis.
• If your child is to be picked up by someone other than yourself you must let us know. We cannot send your child home with anyone other than a parent unless we have been otherwise informed. If your child is to be picked up by someone different please write in the alternative pick up book that is located on top of the drawers under the window. Alternatively you may wish to write us a note informing us of those people who have permission to pick up your child and we can keep this on file.

• A note about photos at Kindergarten. These days almost everybody has a camera on their phone and photos can be taken quickly and uploaded to Facebook and other social media and photo sharing sites almost instantly. We request that you do not take photos of your children whilst at Kindergarten. Throughout the year many photos of your children will be taken and displayed in their work folders for you to keep. There are many privacy issues that need to be respected and if you would like to speak to us further regarding this issue please don’t hesitate.

• Please take the time to fill in your Kindy questionnaire and return to Kindy as it provides us with valuable information that will assist us when working with your child.

• We have provided you with outline name cards. Please encourage your child to practise writing his or her name. Water based textas that can easily be wiped off are good for this.

And finally now that your child has started coming to Kindy for a whole day they may appear more tired than usual and possibly become teary and irritable. It is important as they settle into the routine of school that they receive adequate sleep. You may consider limiting after school activities and commitments for this term.

Kind Regards,

Ms Carla Hampton     Mrs Johanna Ferguson
Classroom Teachers

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