

# ATHOL ROAD PRIMARY SCHOOL KINDERGARTEN

Purpose: To work together to help children acquire the skills and attitudes to succeed at school and throughout life.

## Four year old kindergarten



The second half of Term 3 has been extremely busy in the kindergarten. Our recent excursion to Chesterfield Farm was a successful day out and enjoyed by all. The children helped with some farm jobs and met many of the farm animals. Some of the activities we participated in included feeding emus, kangaroos, geese, deer and a camel. We patted the newly born lambs, baby goats (kids), rabbits and piglets in the nursery and we watched the sheepdog Beau round up a flock of sheep. Milking Bonnie the cow was definitely the highlight of

the day for most of the children and adults. We would like to thank our parent volunteers Sokna, Kimteang, Serina, Rinna, Jasbir, Trang, Michelle, Sorphy, Marian, Savet, Alison and Ngoc. It was lovely to share this special experience with you and we would not have been able to run such a fun day without your support.

The kindergarten also welcomed special visitors from the Responsible Pet Education Program. The purpose of the program is to teach the children how to be safe around dogs. Kindergarten children learnt what to do if they see an angry or dangerous dog and how to approach a friendly dog that they wish to pat. During this session we practised specific actions for encountering both situations. The most important message for children to remember is NO owner, NO leash, NO touch.



Group games have been incorporated into Mandarin lessons this term. The children have enjoyed playing the Mandarin equivalent of “duck duck goose”, “piggy in the middle” and a traditional Chinese game called, “the eagle catches the chicks”. In addition to learning another language, these games encourage children to listen to and follow rules. As children play, they learn to solve problems, get along with others and develop their gross motor skills. Sometimes children get frustrated after they lose a game. We have focused on teaching the children that games are about having fun, rather than winning or losing. Congratulating other people when they win not only makes others feel good, but can make ourselves feel good too.



### Three year old kindergarten

The children have recently focused on learning their colours and shapes and have been engaged in a variety of play based activities to develop these skills. At the art table we have been learning cutting skills where the children cut out shapes and glue these to a collaborative collage. At the light box we have shapes that children can trace over and a colour and shape bingo game at the puzzle table.



In Term 4, all children are required to wear a **HAT** during outdoor play times as part of our Sunsmart policy. Please make sure your child brings a **HAT** to kinder each day.



### Happy holidays!!!

The kindergarten team wishes all our children and families a wonderful and safe holiday break. We look forward to seeing everyone returning to kindergarten relaxed and refreshed on Monday, 7th October.