



# FARMHOUSE Kinder

## MARCH NEWSLETTER

The Farmhouse Kinder Team would like to wish you a restful two-week break. Kinder will resume on Monday 15th of April. We encourage you to continue to speak to your child about Kinder during the break. It may be helpful to create a countdown calendar so they can visually see when they will be returning. Maintaining sleep and mealtime routines where possible can also assist in creating a smooth transition back to Kinder after a few weeks off.

## EASTER

The Easter holidays represent an important time for Christian people in our community. At Easter, we gather to celebrate the resurrection of Jesus Christ. Christians celebrate Easter because it is foundational to their faith and hope.

We have learnt about the significance of Easter at Kinder over the last week. Some children have shared how they celebrate Easter in their family. As part of our faith-based learning, children have learnt about Jesus and his important part in the story of Easter. Our focus when conveying the message of Easter to children is about new life and new beginnings.

## HOLIDAY ACTIVITY OPPORTUNITIES

The Julia Gillard Library in Tarneit offers some engaging activities for kindergarten-aged children over the school holidays. Please visit the link below to access information about the experiences available across all Wyndham City Libraries. The Drop-In colouring activity, LEGO building and Trash to Treasure can all be accessed by children under school age.

## HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES

## HOW DO CHILDREN DEVELOP PHONOLOGICAL AWARENESS IN EARLY YEARS?

An important pre-literacy skill for children of Kinder age is developing speaking and listening skills. These will lay the foundation for learning to read and write in the future. We can help children develop phonological awareness by giving them opportunities to become aware of, identify, and compare the sounds around them. These skills are reinforced and built on by using musical instruments, singing and rhyming, listening for alliterations (words that begin with the same sound), and later, orally blending and segmenting words.

Going on a 'Listening Walk' is a great way to assist your child in becoming more attentive to the sounds around them. It is also just a lovely way to spend time together in nature and practise mindfulness as a family! Please see the link below for some detailed information on how to go on a 'listening walk'.

## LISTENING WALK ACTIVITY: 4-6 YEARS | RAISING CHILDREN NETWORK

