



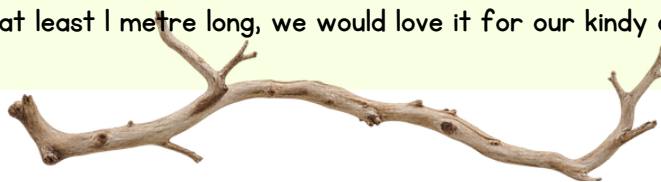
At Callington Kindergarten, we aim to acknowledge, respect and connect with the natural surrounds where we play, learn and grow together on Peramangk Country. We pay our respects to Peramangk Elders past and present, and respectfully recognise the neighbouring and connected Kaurua, Meru and Ngarrindjeri Countries across this region.

Dear Families

There is something lovely happening at Cally Kindy. The children are looking out for one another, sharing ideas, solving problems and becoming more confident in saying what they need.

Our brave, kind and safe language is becoming part of everyday life, and we are learning so much about who each child is becoming.

We would also love to bring more nature indoors. If you are out walking and find a dry, sturdy fallen branch around the width of a child's arm and at least 1 metre long, we would love it for our kindy ceiling. Interesting natural shapes are perfect.



LISTENING A LITTLE MORE DEEPLY

We are simplifying the way we plan for each child and listening more closely to children and families.

We are focusing on two questions:

What am I an expert in?

What does your child love, know or feel confident doing?

Where could I "stretch"?

What small next step can we gently support together?

Our message to children is simple:

You are capable. Your ideas matter. We are listening.

Families know their children best, so expect a few more little conversations with us.

MONARTO, HERE WE COME

Wednesday 16 September

There is plenty of excitement about our excursion to Monarto Safari Park with Strathalbyn Outreach Kindergarten. The bus is expected at Cally at around 9:20 am. Ali, Jasmine and Hannah will accompany our children.

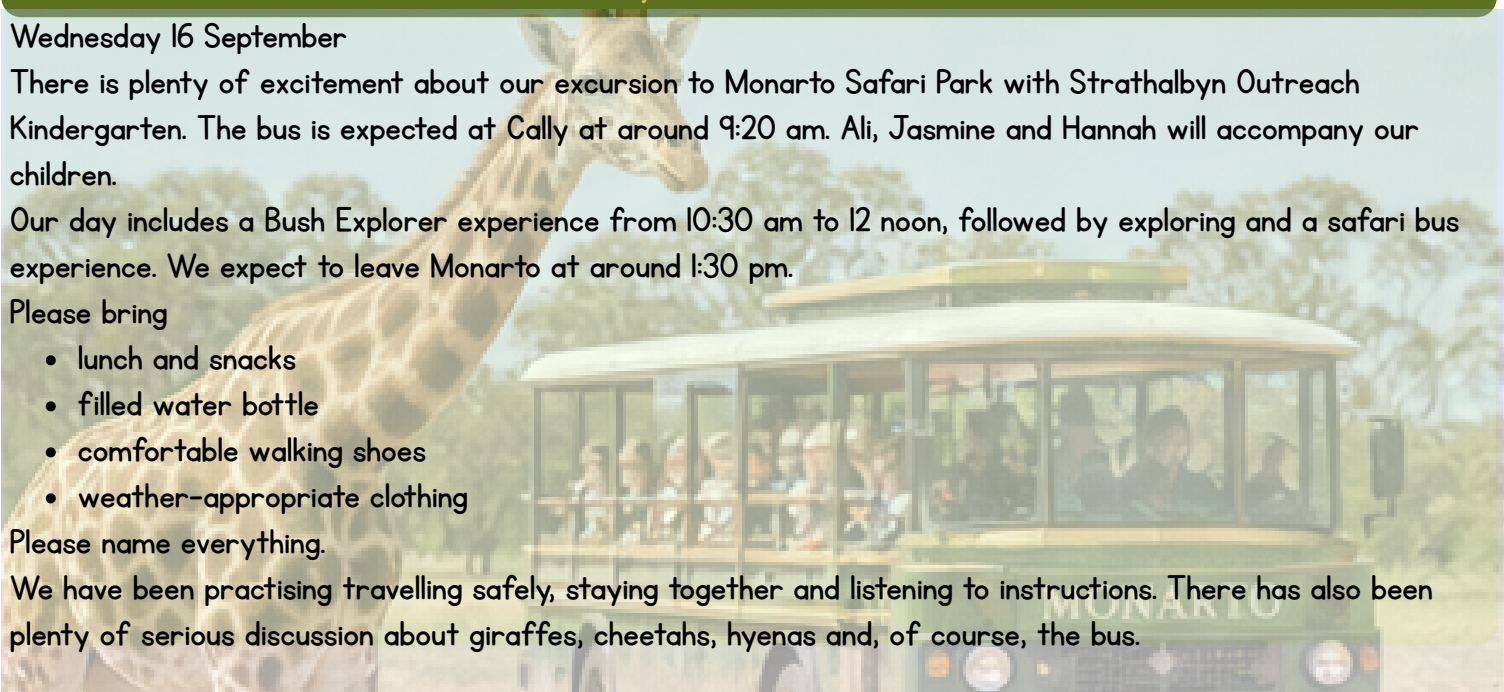
Our day includes a Bush Explorer experience from 10:30 am to 12 noon, followed by exploring and a safari bus experience. We expect to leave Monarto at around 1:30 pm.

Please bring

- lunch and snacks
- filled water bottle
- comfortable walking shoes
- weather-appropriate clothing

Please name everything.

We have been practising travelling safely, staying together and listening to instructions. There has also been plenty of serious discussion about giraffes, cheetahs, hyenas and, of course, the bus.



CALLINGTON SHOW

We are getting ready to share a little piece of Cally Kindy at the Callington Show. Our display will celebrate children's ideas and agency, curiosity, kindness, relationships and our connection with nature and Country.

We need your voice too

We would love one short family quote for our display:

"What feels special about Callington Kindy to your family?"

A few words are perfect.



MANY HANDS MAKE A HAPPY KINDY - WORKING BEE

Friday 25 September | 8:30 am to 3:30 pm

Our outdoor environment gives the children so much, and it is ready for a little love in return. Pop in for half an hour, a few hours or the whole day. Every pair of hands will help.

Jobs include:

- re-oiling climbing equipment and outdoor furniture
- turning over the softfall
- some love for the decking and cubby
- a general outdoor tidy

With our Assessment and Rating visit likely later this year or next, we would love our environment to reflect the care that goes into Cally Kindy every day.

One little plea... does anyone have access to a rotary hoe?

It would make the softfall job much kinder on everyone's backs.



SHARING A LITTLE KINDNESS

We have started a small Cally Kindy community food shelf.

Families are welcome to take what they need, with no need to ask or explain. If you know another local family who may benefit, please quietly spread the word.

Families are also welcome to contribute suitable items when they can.

Take what you need. Share what you can.



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share what you can.

Thank you for trusting us with your children and for being part of our little Cally community.

From Ali and the Cally Kindy team



Cally Kindy ♥

Little people ♥ Big possibilities

