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Diary Dates

Term 2

9th May GC Meeting

18th May SYP Leaders day [Jane]

22nd May Gym Jams and Maitland School Visiting

27th and 28th May Jane attending Di Siemons Big Ideas in Number

29th May Working with 5 Minute Fires workshop for all educators

6th June Kate and Dave's Multicultural show

13th June Kali and Jane attending Floorbook Training at Yorketown [Meagan Elsworthy in with Belinda]

12th June GC Meeting Please note change]

19th-22nd June Jane on retention Leave [Meagan Elsworthy in]

27th June Agile Leadership Workshop Day 3 in Kadina {TRT to be confirmed}

3rd July LDAR workshop day 2 [Jane] [TRT to be confirmed]

5th July Last day of Term 2

Term 3 begins 24th July

1st Aug GC Meeting

10th Aug SYP Leaders Day

16th Aug Possible Student Free day[TBC]

27th Aug LADR workshop 3

11th-12th Sept Agile Leadership [Jane]

18th/19th Sept ECA Conference Sydney [Jane]

Hi everyone.

What a great finish to last term and a great start to this term.

However we farewell Dianne Hosking and her family and wish them well at their new kindy in Adelaide but we are also so pleased to welcome Cherry McKenzie and her family to our kindy and hope they will also enjoy their time with us.

As part of my professional development I am involved in two workshops requiring me to attend 5 face to face sessions for both as well as teleconferences. One of the workshops is titled Agile Leadership and the Southern Yorke Partnership [Leaders from all schools] are all involved. It is a workshop to critically reflect on the processes for developing our Quality Improvement Plans setting new and more precise strategies that are achievable to improve learning outcomes at our kindy. The second workshop Learning Design, Assessment and Reflective practice in the Early Years involves the Southern, Northern and Gawler regions preschool directors/educators. This workshop looks at formative assessment to inform learning design with a focus on the Numeracy and Literacy Indicators. With this training we are also given 2 Pupil free days to work with all site educators to continue with this learning. These are still to be decided and you will be informed ASAP.

Gym Jams We will be attending Gym Jams over the year. Please check note in your books and return with payment. Maitland Kindy will also be visiting us on the 22nd May.

Retention Leave

I will be taking some retention Leave in Week 8 this term to attend my daughter's Jade Post Graduate graduation in Geelong. I am so lucky to have Meagan Elsworthy to cover for me whilst I am away.

Family Conversations/interviews.

What a lovely way to end the term with some great conversations with families and children talking about their learning. Thankyou to everyone for coming in and sharing your thoughts and comments. I do hope the books and conversations were a great way to share information together.

What have we been doing?

We have been

- Exploring the beach with the R-2 classes, investigating live creatures and enjoying the water.
- Enjoyed the Easter Bun walk and lots of Easter type activities including cooking with Meagan
- Researching volcanoes and creating our own reactive volcanoes using vinegar and carb soda in the sandpit.
- Using newspaper to create a mould for working with clay and creating CRABS. We also learnt to scratch and glue to add other parts. And finally painting them. These are displayed in the glass aquarium so please come in and have a look.
- Lots of curiosity about butterflies with lots of projects making them out of paper and sticks.
- Finding eggs, collecting data [how many] and cooking eggs in a variety of ways. What fun every one had fun breaking eggs for frying, poaching, scrambling and then tasting!!!!
- Discussing feelings, feeling safe and unsafe as part of the Child protection Curriculum.
- Being creative and theatrical on the stage with puppets and singing performances.
- A Hairdressing salon has been created in the Cubby House by the children. So much organization, planning and pretend play happening.

New Ideas for Kindy that may inspire wonderful learning spaces [A goal for achieving our QIP]

We are in the process of reviewing our resources and purchasing some new ones to enhance our learning spaces. Some projects/wish list includes

Woodworking- Replacing broken cupboards with lockable cupboards for all the woodworking tools.

Garden area- Purchasing a few seats to place in the new garden area to create new spaces, establishing a worm farm to support sustainability practices and support healthy garden growth [and some real hands on wormy fun], purchase some more mature trees to replace the trees that were cut down near the sandpit to increase shade around water pump and mud kitchen, establish a rocky creek and plants around the water pump to put water used to a good purpose.

Cubby house inside walls need a little maintenance and possibly painting

Repair one of the shade houses including refixing the watering system

Furniture- to replace or repaint some furniture in natural colours [according to research it is suggested to only have up to 3 colours inside and the calming colours are the natural colours so we would like to take out the bright colours a little more], to repaint walls around change areas and possibly repaint kitchen cupboards to a more natural colour. Notice board needs some maintenance as Feet are wobbly

Technology- To purchase 1 or 2 Tablets for educators to use to record and/or document learning stories and floor book stories as well as use for childrens learning like researching, language development etc.

This is the big picture but what we have been trying to achieve over the last few years.

How could you help? If anyone would like to volunteer

- to paint some furniture or a particular area we are happy to supply the paint
- or if someone has some carpentry skills to repair our notice board or suggestions to maintain cubby house
- create rocky waterway and plant plants near waterpump

- anything you feel you could help with would be greatly appreciated.

Fees

Thankyou to all who have paid their fees so far and this is just a reminder to those who still need to pay. New invoices for this term to those paying termly will be available later this term.

Healthy Food policy

Our Healthy Eating Policy was reviewed by educators, GC and interested families without changes and accepted by GC at the meeting last night.

PERFORMANCE Dave and Kate's Multicultural show

Dave, a former teacher, is well known for his many tours for the Arts Council....and work with the ABC while Kate was a kindergarten teacher & Director. They have spent many years writing, collecting & performing songs.

Their concerts are full of participation, fun & learning & include Aboriginal themes, the Environment, animals, history & language. We play Guitar, Banjo, Accordion, Ukuleles & Irish Drum.

The R-2 will join us for this performance. The cost will be supported by the GC so no cost to you.

What a great opportunity for us. It will be on the 6th June at 11am at the Kindy.

Our New Teepee

Wow a new Teepee arrived today donated and made by the Mens Workshed. We are so lucky and it is a great addition to our outside areas. We wish to thank them so much. How excited the children were!!!

Thankyous

- To Belinda for all the extra volunteer time she puts into our garden as it certainly can take up more than the 1 hour a week allocated
- To all the families who took the extra washing home over the holidays.
- To all the families who helped out with watering or checking the yard over the holidays
- To everyone for making our kindy a very happy place to be!!!!

Regards,

Jane, Kali, Kristin and Belinda.

Happy Mother's day



