



## **General information**

### **Communication**

Each family has a named pocket for notices, newsletters etc. Please check your pocket regularly. Information will be sent out in email format also. If you are not receiving emails, please come and see the Director. Please check the white board (above the children's sign in sheet) and community notice board daily for current information. Invoices for fees are placed into pockets during the first two weeks of term. We also have a parent information table just inside, next to the office door where you will find community information as well.

### **Dental**

The School Dental Clinic at Marion is available for pre-school children if required. There is usually no cost involved for their services. Further Information is available on the SA Health website.

### **Donations**

We are always grateful to receive donations of unused paper and cardboard for art and craft projects and packaging boxes for collage. Other items, like plastic bottle tops and lids, corks, softwood off-cuts for carpentry, small tiles and large appliance containers are also gratefully received. Please check with staff before placing items at activity tables.

### **Medical**

We encourage families to ensure their children undertake their four year old health and development check. All children are offered a free health/development screening by Child and Family Health Services prior to starting school. Screenings are conducted at the CaFHS office at Marion Shopping Centre. Families will be notified of these opportunities by notes in pockets.

### **Parent involvement**

Parent involvement in Kindergarten sessions is actively encouraged. The parent – child – teacher relationship is of benefit to all. Please speak to staff if you would like to help during sessions or if you can offer support in other ways. Information about our current and planned educational program is always displayed and available and we love to have input from families to enrich our program. If you have things that would be of interest to children like artefacts, photos, and unusual pets, or you can do things like talk about your job or a particular interest, or play an instrument. Please let us know as we would love to have you contribute to our program. We also appreciate parent help when we go on excursions or do other in house experiences.

Each family is requested to take a turn of doing the kindy washing for the week including tea towels, smocks etc. We are always looking for families to help with a weekend clean-up of the grounds and garden – if you are available or interested please come and speak to the staff.

## **Photographs**

A professional photographer is engaged to take individual and group photographs of the children once a year. There is no obligation to purchase these. Educators take photos of children for observational purposes regularly and use these photos to document the learning that happens at kindergarten. These photographs can be found in children's individual learning folders.

## **Toys and belongings**

We discourage children from bringing toys from home, as they often are lost or misplaced, however we do understand children may have security items that may help with transition, these are important to children and we are happy to have conversations with individual families about this. We do sometimes ask children to bring something related to our curriculum topic and we will always send a note home or include information in our newsletter to explain our request to families.

