



Newsletter

March, 2023

Important Dates to remember

Beach Kindy	Wednesday Group 15 th March Tuesday Group 21 st March Thursday Group 30 th March Wednesday Group 5 th April
Public Holiday - Adelaide Cup	13 th March
Mosaic Workshop	Saturday 18 th March
Photo Days	Wednesday 29 th March Tuesday 4 th April
Easter Public Holiday	Monday 10 th April

Hello

We have had a very successful start to the year. The children are mostly settled and forming wonderful friendships with each other. We are enjoying learning about each child, their special people and their interests.

Term One Interviews

It was lovely to meet with families who requested optional Term One interviews to discuss the children's kindy experience so far. We encourage families to check in with your child's cohort educator either by face to face, phone or email if you have any questions or concerns. We believe that the kindergarten journey is a best built on working relationships with children, families and educators working collaboratively. We will be meeting with all families early in Term Two to set Learning Goals for each child.

Governing Council

A huge thank you to the parents who have nominated to join our Governing Council in 2023.

Our Council Consists of:

Chair Person: Saverio Catanzariti (Sylvia's Dad)

Deputy Chairperson: Rebecca Seery-Ashworth (Tate's Mum)

Secretary: Danielle Turner (Tilly's Mum)

Fundraising Co-Ordinator: Miranda Smith (Caleb's Mum)

General Members: Monique Furler (Rowan's Mum), Keerin Founten (Leo's Mum), Jenna Brodie, Louise Fielke and Katrina Hunter (once she returns from leave).

Personal Items

Due to the significant number of children who are attending our kindy this year we kindly ask that you label your child's belongings. That includes their clothing, hat, lunch box and drink bottles.

We have a lost property basket located under the veranda, if anything is unlabelled and misplaced you may find it here.

Apart from 'transitional' comfort toys, please also discourage your child from bringing toys from home as they can get lost or broken.

Student Teacher

For the end of this term and the start of Term 2 we will be supporting a Uni SA Student Teacher. Her name is Ange, she has a wealth of experience working in childcare and is excited to learn more.

Kindy Fees

The kindy fees for Term One and Two are now overdue. An invoice has already been printed and placed in your child's information pocket. If you haven't paid your child's fees please do so as soon as possible; thanks to those families who have already done so. If you wish to discuss payment options please speak to Amy.

Mosaic Workshops

As previously mentioned in the February Newsletter, and in a separate note, the kindy has been working with Kaz Pedersen a local artist for the past few years. She supports families to create mosaic masterpieces for our welcome walk at the entrance to kindy. Kaz provides a helping hand for tips on designs and a workshop on how to complete the mosaic. At the end of the year each family is able to take their mosaic home as a special token of their child's kindy year. The second (and final) of our workshops is Saturday the 18th March from 10:00 to 1:00pm.

'My Story' Project

Thank you to the families who have completed their 'My Story' project and returned it to kindy. The children are enjoying sharing them in group times and appreciating looking at them on display. If you are yet to return your child's, please don't panic there is no due date for them to be returned by, but ideally we would love them back by the end of the term.

Kindy Photos

The envelopes for kindy photos has been placed in your child's information pocket. The photos will be completed on Wednesday the 29th March and Tuesday the 4th of April. On the envelope there are two very important boxes to tick/circle. The first is the day you wish your child's individual photos to take place. The other is your desire for them to appear in the group photo, this is optional. All photos are to be paid for prior to photo day and envelopes are due back with payment by the 28th of March. If your child does not usually attend kindy on Tuesday or Wednesday, you are welcome to bring them in to be photographed (you will need to stay with them) on either day. Please speak to an educator for more details, and to let us know you wish to do this.

Phonological Awareness

We recently spent two weeks collecting data on each child's current phonological skills. Phonological awareness is a broad skill that includes identifying and manipulating units of oral language – such as syllables, rhyme and initial sounds. Children who have phonological awareness are able to identify and make oral rhymes, can clap out the number of syllables in a word, and can recognise words with the same initial sounds like 'money' and 'mother.'

We will be intentionally teaching each important phonological awareness skill throughout the year. We have planned to incorporate the learning into our group times as well as opportunities in spontaneous play. The first skill we have already begun focusing on is syllables. Attached are some activities you may like to try at home.

Amy, Louise, Jenna, Katy, Wendy and Nicole