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Week 3

Welcome to Morphett Vale East Kindergarten for 2019! The staff team are looking forward to continue getting to know your children and their families. We feel very honoured to be part of your child's learning journey and we hope they have a wonderful experience during their time at Kindy.

I would like to introduce our lovely staff team to you- Sarah (Director), Kerry (Teacher), Mel (Relief Teacher) and Fiona (ECW). Please see below for an introduction from some of our staff members.

Sarah:

My name is Sarah Weightman and I am the Director here at MVEK. I have been married for just over a year to my husband, Michael. This is my 4th year at MVEK and my tenured position is for 5 years. Before I began working for the Department for Education (DfE), I studied Human Resource Management and worked in this field for quite some time, before working in the fitness industry doing a similar role as well as teaching Group Fitness classes. I am very passionate about working with children and my personal philosophy is that all children have a right to learn and be given opportunities to be the best that they can be. I am really looking forward to working with our 2019 cohort as we see new families this year as well as returning siblings from previous years.

Kerry:

Hi, I am enjoying my fourth year at MVEK as permanent teacher. Getting to know new families and rekindling connections with the younger siblings of past children is fascinating as 4 year olds are so unique, spontaneous and energetic. I am looking forward to sharing Valentine's Day with Jock, my partner of 23 years and am fortunate to have most of my family based in Adelaide. I love summer beach walks with our dogs and have just enrolled in a Spanish class. Looking forward to a great 2019 together.

Mel:

Hi, My name is Mel and I am the permanent relief teacher here at Morphett Vale East Kindergarten. I am 26 years old and I live on a farm complete with sheep, chickens and even an alpaca! I am really looking forward to getting to know everyone and can't wait to help your children grow, explore and learn as they begin their journey here with us in 2019.

Fiona:

Hi, my name is Fiona, I am the Early Childhood Worker at MVEK, I have been at the Kindergarten for 4 years. I am married with 2 children; Emily 20 and William 18. I have been an ECW for 15 years and love it. I enjoy meeting new families each year and also seeing the return of 'old' families. I am looking forward to another amazing year.

Once again, we are looking forward to an exciting year with you all. If you have any questions, concerns, things you want to discuss, please feel free speak to one of our friendly staff members or you can even make an appointment to see us.

Sarah ☺

What's happening at kindy?

**Please see calendar by
entrance for termly dates**

TERM 1

**29th January- First day
of Kindy for the year**

**22nd February 11-12
AGM followed by a
Governing Council
meeting**

**Week 6: 4th – 8th
March- Stay and Play
8:45-9:30**

**11th March- Adelaide
Cup public holiday**

**12th March- Kindy
Photos
11th April- Pupil free
day**

MVE R-7 School Dates:

**AGM/Governing
Council: Wednesday
Weeks 3 and 8: 7pm**

**Wednesday Weeks
3,6,9- Early Finish-
School only**

Important notes:

- * A few things to remember for your child's kindy bag- a labeled hat, drink bottle, change of clothes, lunch box and morning/ afternoon healthy snack (piece of fruit/ veggies sticks etc)
- * If your child has medication- please make sure this is given to the staff along with their care plan as they will not be able to attend until this is received
- * If at any point your contact details change- eg phone number or address, please make sure you see Sarah or another staff member
- * Fee notices have now been distributed and are due in Week 4. However, if you would like to look at setting up a payment plan, please do not hesitate in coming to see Sarah and she will sort this out with you.
- * Please make sure your child has a hat in their bag every day. If you are worried about forgetting it, please feel free to leave it in your child's pigeon hole. It is vital they have one for outside play, especially in the extreme heat. Please ensure they already have sunscreen on when arriving at kindy- we will reapply at lunch time.

Governing Council- We need your help!

Each year Schools and Preschools have a Governing Council which consists of parents and community members who aid the Director/Principal in the general running of the School/Kindy and who help to represent the parents and community as a whole. Meetings run from 11-12 on Fridays during weeks 3 and 8 of each term (Term 1 this year will be in weeks 2 and 7). The AGM and first meeting will be held on Friday February 22nd. If you are interested in being part of the MVEK Governing Council for 2018, please come and see Sarah for further information.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION:

When packing your child's lunch, please consider the amount of packaged food you are giving your child. There is a high content of sugar and salt in most of these foods. Consider a sandwich, rice cakes, a salad or even left over dinner from last night. Some 'healthier' snack ideas include veggie sticks and dip, rice crackers, cheese, popcorn, homemade slices/ savory muffins etc. a small treat is ok, but please refrain from sending items such as roll ups and chocolate bars etc. these are a special treat for home. If you are looking for some lunch box ideas or if you have some ideas that you would like to share- please let a staff member know.

Playgroup:

Playgroup has begun for the year! Staff members will be running playgroup again this year and as per last year, it will be from 9:00-10:30 every Friday of the school year except for the last day of each term. Cost is \$3.00 per family, all are welcome- from babies, toddlers, to kindy children- a great way for parents or grandparents to spend some time with their children and to meet other families in the area. Please see a staff member for further information.