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Week 5 Term 1

The children have only had 10 days of kindy but so much as already happened. We have a basket full of family value rocks, a wall covered in children's pet photos, many entries into the name the creature at the oval competition, beginning donations for the Mt Pleasant Show raffle and the amazing Family Pizza night. On top of that we have had a continual learning focus on building friendships, learning routines and how to play safely. We are steadily developing "agreements" with the children, for safe play at kindy. At this stage we are exploring our safety agreements for the swing area, and this week we will begin the child led playground safety check. These will be displayed in the mat room as they are developed.

As an educational site we were visited this week by the Early Childhood Leader (ECL) for an initial observational visit to look at our strengths and challenges against the National Quality Standards; the Australia wide board that assesses the quality of our work in extensive detail. Added to all this the kindy hens have started laying eggs and we are preparing our entries for the Mt Pleasant Show.

Governing Council News:

Governing Council is **planned for Tuesday (due to the Monday public holiday) March 14th at 3.30pm at kindy**. Aria's parents (Brad and Stacey) are the Governing Council Chairperson (attending alternate meetings), Sarah (Jemima's mum) is vice chairperson and Heather (Jessie's mum) is secretary. Samantha (Lola's mum) and Kristy (Charlie's mum) are also Governing Council members. Anyone is welcome to attend our meetings held twice a term or alternatively you can approach a Governing Council member to raise an idea or issue at Council meeting. **We are currently very busy sorting our major fundraising event for the Mt Pleasant Show, raffle prizes and stall helpers are still much needed, please.** We hope to use the funds to purchase a new piece of outdoor play equipment, there are possible ideas on the A frame at the kindy door.

Governing Council has passed the proposed closure date so the kindy will be closed on Monday March 27th.

Reminders: The children come to kindy with the most beautiful food in their lunchboxes, we supervise snack time, lunch time and afternoon picnic time closely. Many children want to eat their lunch at snack time; it is fine to pack additional sandwiches or additional salad, fruit or meat for children to have mid-morning, rather than biscuits or treats. While we strongly believe it is a parent's right to pack what they wish their child to eat at kindy we are governed by the National Quality Standards Board that dictates we encourage children to eat healthy food. Thank you for your understanding.

Connection to Community – Family Pizza Night



Even the owls joined the pizza night. We had so much fun and so much pizza, it was even fun when the automatic sprinklers came on !! Whoops, sorry about that.

Diary Dates:

- Public Holiday Adelaide Cup- Monday 13th of March - no kindy
- Gov Council Meeting - Tuesday March 14th 3.30 at kindy
- **Mount Pleasant Show- 18th of March - raffle prizes required please !**
- Kindy closure day for training - Monday March 27th
- Parent/child Easter Craft-ternoon 2.00-3.00pm Tuesday April 4th
- RAA visit to Kindy April Tuesday 11th of April - free learn how to cross the road safely session for preschool children.
- End of Term Wednesday April 12th, 3.00pm.

Kindy Reminders and Information

Please remember to send your children in cooler clothes, pack spares, bring a broad brim hat, label all your children's items including their lunch boxes, bags and drink bottles!