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## Week 1 Term 4

Welcome to Term 4 2023, for some families this is their final term at kindy, for others this will be their second term. We also welcome Athena and her family to kindy this term, they have moved into the area and have joined us for the rest of the kindy year.

This term will (should) allow for lots of outdoor play, water play, sand play, messy play; lots of time outside and in the sun. Please ensure your child arrives at kindy with sunscreen already applied, or use your child's roll on when you get to kindy; and that they don't come in singlet tops as the kindy policy states children's shoulders must be protected from the sun by wearing a top with sleeves. The children are supported at 11.00am **to re-apply** their individual sunscreen to any areas of their body not covered by clothes. As the weather warms up and the UV increases, we will encourage "in the shade play only" after lunch. The Cancer Council recommends children wear sunglasses on sunny days however we are not able to ensure all glasses are found, have correct quality lenses to not damage the eyes or are Cancer Council approved; so glasses are at the discretion of each family - your choice.

There will be school transition visits happening on numerous days this term, we will display the school sites with photos of which child is attending which school from Week 3. You should have already received an enrolment pack, with information about transition visits, from your chosen school and returned it to the school to ensure a place for your child.

We are looking to connect with the local CFS and Police to organise a visit to the Kindy to further our Child Protection curriculum, by making children aware of the uniform and role of police and CFS. If anyone has contacts with local services can they please speak to Kathryn.

### **Exciting developments:**

We have been so lucky to source community funding towards a mural on the big kindy shed. Several local community groups, whom will be named and publicly thanked later, have donated significant funds towards the creation of a mural. We worked with the children to decide upon the make up of the picture and we have sourced a local artist to create us a beautiful design based around a child on a swing, with animals around them. When the children are on the lower swing set they will be able to enjoy the mural.

ALSO we have been given the go ahead to totally revamp the Kindy sandpit, again in consultation with the children, and respecting the wishes of many years of Governing Council members. There will be new sand, new boarders, a creek, and a mud kitchen attached. This will be funded completely by the kindy budget and hopefully completed over the Christmas holidays.

### Reminders:

If you know in advance that someone new will be collecting your child from kindy please can you ask for a new form to fill in to ensure we always only release your child to an authorised person. If there is a sudden change of plan please ensure you text or speak directly to a Kindy educator so we have record of your authority to release. As we enter the fire season this is especially important as in the event of a fire situation we CAN ONLY release your child to you or a person that you have officially signed (using the form) as having authority to collect.

The proposed kindy Closure Day on Wednesday November 1st has been confirmed and approved by Governing Council. We will be reflecting on our work throughout this year and planning our learning directions forward into 2024. A note has gone out with this newsletter seeking thoughts and ideas for us moving forward.

We will be celebrating the end of year with a Christmas crafternoon followed by graduation for school leavers. On Tues Dec 12 we ask that every child has a special adult (mums and dads are special too) to attend kindy from 1.30. Parents/special adults will make Christmas crafts with the children from 1.30-2.30. Then a quick pack up and a short graduation ceremony for those children starting school Term 1 next year. A separate note will come out shortly with more information.

### *Information:*

*The latest Mt Pleasant local newsletter is now online:*

<https://www.mtpleasantbeat.org/latest-newsletter>

### Diary Dates:

- Monday 30<sup>th</sup> October Governing Council 3.30, all welcome
- Photo Day 31<sup>st</sup> Oct
- CAFHS check for some - Oct 31<sup>st</sup> at kindy
- Closure Day Nov 1<sup>st</sup>
- Stay and Play - meet the new families for 2024 29<sup>th</sup> Nov. 9.30-11.00
- Kindy Christmas Crafternoon and Graduation Tuesday Dec 12<sup>th</sup> 1-30 to 3.00pm (separate note coming)
- Last day of the term Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> Dec - Kindy clean up, pick up at 12.30.