



Dear families,

This term is certainly moving along at great speed. Thank you to the families who were able to come along and participate in Group A's Reconciliation Week event. Hopefully many of our Group B families can come this Friday too. This year's theme reminds us of our commitment to continue momentum towards positive change, recognising the strength of our community when we celebrate and learn from the oldest, continuous living culture in the world—the First Nations people of Australia.

As you've probably heard on the news, the flu virus is a bad one this year ... please keep your child home if they are unwell to help protect everyone in our community. Thank you,

Jessica Dubois & Michelle Highfold

Dates to remember	
16th June	Pupil free day—no kindy for Group B
Wednesday 14th June	No Kindy on these 4 Wednesdays
Wednesday 21st June	
Wednesday 28th June	
Wednesday 5th July	
4th July	Last day of Term 2 for Group A +
7th July	Last day of Term 2 for Group B
	School Holidays from 8th July—23rd July
24th July	1st day of Term Term 3 for Group A
27th July	1st day of Term 3 for Group B

Delayed:

Out of School Hours Care (OSHC) at Pennington School R-7

While the start date for this service has been delayed, you can still register your interest by contacting Happy Haven below

Phone: 08 8155 5444

Email: Pennington@happyhaven.sa.edu.au

The start date is in the hands of the Education Standards Board who need to finalise all regulation requirements, then the service will begin. Kindergarten children can access the service for before and after kindy care.

CAFHS: Child and Development Health Checks

Recently we met CAFHS nurse Olivia from Port Adelaide Child and Family Health Service who visited to undertake 4 year old health checks. Olivia encourages anyone who missed out on an appointment to call 1300 733 606 and ask to book a free appointment with Olivia. Need more information, click on this link: [Preschool Health Check](#)

My Child and Me: two free parenting Workshops When? 7th June + 21st June

Please see the flyer at the back of this newsletter for information about 2 workshops starting soon—full of simple, practical strategies to support your role as parents. All parents welcome, please speak to Daniella, Jessica, Michelle or our community development coordinator Maggie if you would like to come along. There is a free creche available too, so your child can come and play while you participate.

***Education enhances the power of
experience and the beauty of life.***

Debasish Mridha M.D.

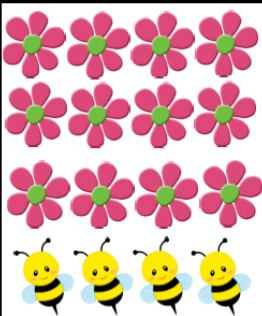
Teaching and Learning Intention: **We can quantify our world ~**

We are mathematicians

One of our learning goals over the past 5 weeks has been to support children to practise using the language of quantity in their play. We know that in children's every day lives, they are thinking like mathematicians in many ways— such as when they decide and compare groups of larger or smaller quantities, when they put small groups of quantities together and when they increasingly use number names and numerals to label and describe collections.

The following description helps us as adults use and explain the language of quantifying for children. Let us know if this is helpful ...

In our counting system we use digits from 0-9 to create a numeral which represents a quantity/number

<u>Number</u> is a quantity or amount of items	<u>Digits</u> (0-9) are the symbols we use to create numerals	<u>Numerals</u> are the written symbols that represent "how many"	<u>Number Name</u> is the word we use to "say" a digit or a numeral
	<p>6</p> <p>1</p>	<p>16</p>	<p>sixteen</p>

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Poster for language of Digits



Learning ideas for families

Everyday activities in your daily life create opportunities for thinking like a mathematician. Going for a maths walk is one way you could do this ...

- If you are climbing stairs, you can count them as you go. How many stairs are there to get from ...here... to ...there....? 1-2-3-4. We went up 4 steps. Let's go back down now: 4-3-2-1."
- You may want to stop counting stairs when there are only 2 more stairs left and ask, "How many more do we need to reach the top?"
- "Would there be the same number of stairs going down? How would we know?"
- "How many cars will we see as we walk around the block?"

We are mathematicians!



Learning and recalling the Kurna words for number



Learning through songs and games at group time



Learning ideas for families continued ...

- “Yesterday we counted 5 red cars. Today let’s count how many bikes we see ”
- Notice the digits you see on a walk or drive ... the digits on mailboxes for example, or the digits on a road sign telling us the speed limit.

These are just some examples—and all should be fun and interactive experiences with you and your child. We are aiming to develop curious learners ... so noticing is the first step to thinking like a mathematician. Have fun!

Community news—all welcome to participate!

Feel free to chat to any staff members, Daniella or Maggie about joining in—we'd love to see you there!

My Child and Me

Connecting, understanding, and guiding...
everyday parenting

Families
Growing
Together

My Child and Me is a **FREE** workshop that helps you as parents and caregivers build an understanding of your child and their healthy development.

Our workshops are full of helpful information with a choice of simple, practical strategies that each family can adapt for their own parenting situations.

Topics to support your parenting include:

- 🧠 Brain & child development
- 🧠 Understanding behaviour
- 🧠 Parenting styles
- 🧠 Positive approaches to guiding children's behaviour

Our workshops are based on the latest parenting research and use information from **Parenting SA**.

Light refreshments and creche provided.
(Bookings essential)



Where: Pennington Children's Centre
Butler Ave Pennington

When: Part 1 – 7th June 2023
Part 2 – 21st June 2023

Time: 9:30am – 12:00 noon

To book: Contact Maggie McCabe, 82681200 Maggie.McCabe2@sa.gov.au

Everyone is welcome, bookings essential.

Please arrive 10 minutes early to register.

Delivered by the Department of Human Services.

Community programs—would you like to join?

Have you met Maggie? Maggie is our community development coordinator who supports all of our community programs for parents, children and families. Feel free to chat to Maggie at any time about community services and resources that support your parenting and family wellbeing—or what you think might be needed or is missing for the Pennington community!



Women Create

WHEN: Every Thursday from 9 to 11am
WHERE: Pennington Children's Centre

Come along and enjoy afternoon tea and time to create new things using clay, paint and other art and craft materials.

Make time for you at Women Create

Free creche available – **bookings required**

Please contact us on 8268 1200 for more information and bookings



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Children's
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A network of
families
helping
families

FAMILY
BY family

We're not
religious, political
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Are you
a family who's been
through tough times and
come out the other side?

Link up
With another
family



Are you
a family experiencing
tough times who'd like to
learn from another family?

For all
families, any
shape, size or
culture



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Or find us on Facebook!

Family by Family is a community organisation that supports families to link up with another family in our area, to support you through any challenges you might have. Many of our families over the years have participated in this program and speak of the support and success they've found with it. Please speak to Maggie, Jessica or Michelle if you'd like to know any more or call the numbers below.

