RATED EXCEEDING NATIONAL QUALITY STANDARD

Kirton Point Children's Centre for Early Childhood Development and Parenting

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Week 6 Term 1 2021

Future dates to watch...

Preschool times
Mon -Thurs 8.30-3.15pm
Fun Fridays - 8:30 - 3.15pm

IPP
Mon &Tues 8.45 - 3.15pm
Wed (odd weeks) 8.45 - 12.45pm

Occasional Care
Thurs 8.30 -11.30am, 12.15 - 3.15pm
Fri 8.30 -11.30am

Tues 2nd Mar - 4 yr old health checks (selected Galda/ Waroo children)

Wed 3rd Mar - 4 yr old health checks (selected Mili children)

Wed 3rd Mar - Sleep Workshop 11.30 –1.00pm (crèche available)

Wed 3rd Mar - Toileting Workshop 1.30 –3.00pm (crèche available)

Mon 8th Mar - Public Holiday (NO Kindy, Song time or Multicultural Playgroup)

Wed 10th Mar - My Child & Me Parenting workshop - 9am -12pm

Fri 12th Mar - Mili Fun Friday excursion

Wed 17th Mar - First Aid course for parents 12.45 - 2.45 pm

Wed 17th Mar - Governing Council meeting @ 7pm (TBC)

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Dear Families,

*We have had a very calm and smooth start to the year! Our '**Stars of the Day'** are making the start of the day such an exciting and welcoming one for other children and their families. **Kids Café** has been well supported - the children have loved having parents, siblings and grandparents attend. We encourage families to stop and try the '**Literacy Activity'** (near where the Star sits) as this provides your child the change to recognise their name, which is part of learning to read.*

*The Family Picnic Tea was a pleasant evening which provided a wonderful opportunity for parents and children to meet in a relaxed environment. The photos were so good we have printed off copies for each family to take home! It was very encouraging to have parents volunteer to support their child, have a voice, and gain a greater insight into the operation of our Centre by volunteering to be a part of the **Governing Council**. If you would like to join its not too late. Have a chat to Jane or myself if you would like to find out more. As a once off the Governing Council meeting will be on Wednesday March 17th (as usually it is a Thursday).*

*It has been so beneficial for staff to meet parents at the compulsory **Parent - Teacher interviews**. This has allowed you to hear how your child is progressing, and to have input in developing their Individual Learning Plan (what you would like them to learn in 2021).*

*This week we also have Cathy Thoday visiting KPCC for 3 days (Tuesday to Thursday). Kathy is a Senior Occupational Therapist and will be running the **Sleep and Toileting workshops**, is available to speak with parents and will upskill staff around working with the needs of children.*

*This year our **Preschool Quality Improvement Plan** (PQIP) goal is to increase children's oral language skills, in particular their understanding and use of complex vocabulary. We are excited to have the launch of the **Literacy Kit** borrowing this week. Children can take home a pack for a week. Borrowing occurs on a Monday morning (Galda & Waroo) and Wednesday morning (Mili). The word of the week is also promoting understanding of words. This weeks work is **Marvellous.***

*The Dept for Education **speech pathologists** have been working with preschool staff to implement oral language, phonological awareness (rhyme, syllables and initial sounds) and early intervention strategies to support children's learning. Please speak to staff if you have concerns about your child's needs.*

Have a great week and enjoy the long weekend.

Regards Pam (KPCC Director)

Literacy Kit Borrowing

Borrowing of these kits will commence in week 6 on Mondays and Wednesdays. Your child is invited to take home a kit (which contains a book and some items which relate to the story). We request that you return these a week later. You can then take home another kit.

Special Visitors

On Tuesday 2nd March Caroline Croser-Barlow (Executive Director, Early Years and Childhood Development, Adelaide), Sarah Anstey (Director of Support Services) and Di Brownlee (Channel Manager Support Services) are visiting KPCC along with Rowena Fox (our Education Director, Port Lincoln 1 Partnership), Tammy Williams (Education Director, Port Lincoln 2 Partnership) and Claire Higgs (Director Ceduna Children's Centre). They will do a tour of our centre and having a meeting to discuss issues affecting regional Children's Centre.

This is a very unique visit and we are extremely fortunate to be hosting these people at our site.

We also have Cathy Thoday (Senior Occupational Therapist) visiting for 3 days to run 2 parent workshops, support staff's learning and chat with parents.

The 5 POINT SCALE

This is what we call 'The 5 Point Scale'. You might see it as a poster up on the walls in our centre or on staff lanyards to use with the children.

'The 5 Point Scale' is a visual tool used to help children develop a deeper understanding of social and emotional behaviours of themselves and others around them. It gives adults and children a common language to use that explains how our emotions can go up and down the scale and what they might look like at each stage. Children often think 'why did he/she do that?' this helps to explain it.

We have a placed a 5 point scale in your child's pocket for you to use at home at with your children.

5		I am going to explode! I am out of control I need to go to a different place.
4		I am feeling frustrated. I'm starting to lose it, I might make a bad choice. I'm getting angry.
3		I need some quiet time. Redirection from an adult might help me. I am finding this hard.
2		I'm only just okay. I might be feeling anxious. I might need some help.
1		I feel very calm. I'm playing nicely. I am happy.

Multicultural Playgroup

The Multicultural Playgroup is supported by Tamara Strudwick (Speech Pathologist) and Greeshma Patel. Attending families enjoy spending time playing together in this safe and nurturing space.

The playgroup has been attended by families with Indian, Thai and South American backgrounds and Kirton Point Children's Centre staff hope that the diverse group continues to grow.

Kirton Point Children's Centre welcomes families to come along to and connect with other parents and carers. Tamara and Greeshma support families to understand the benefits of play, early literacy and bilingualism.

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First Aid Awareness

Wednesday 17 March 2021
12:45pm - 2.45pm

A FREE non-accredited first aid workshop with a focus on supporting parents to manage first aid emergencies for babies and children

As numbers are limited, please phone Kirton Point Children's Centre on 8682 5969 to secure your booking
CRECHE AVAILABLE

63 Stevenson Street, Port Lincoln
Workshop will be presented by Port Lincoln Training

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KPCC FAMILY TEA 2021

The KPCC Family Picnic Tea provided the families of our 2021 preschool children a chance to meet other families on a beautiful evening, to see their children participate in dance, and to be a part of our Annual General Meeting, with the opportunity to become a member of our 2021 Governing Council. It a lovely community event.

MULTIPLE BIRTHS SUPPORT GROUP

NEW

A family group for parents or carers with twins, triplets or more!

Commencing
Wednesday 3 February 2021

FIRST WEDNESDAY OF EACH MONTH
(During School Terms Only)
1:30pm to 2:30pm

At Kirton Point Children's Centre
63 Stevenson Street, Port Lincoln

For more information please call or text Kerry on 0407 308 600

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Practice Social Distancing
BE COVIDSAFE
If you or your children are unwell please stay home

Nunga Playgroup

Tuesdays
11.30am -1.00pm

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Playgroup allows parents and carers to spend quality time,
encouraging, helping or playing with their children.

Light lunch provided
Transport available

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For more information contact:

Carly and Keshia
Kirton Point Children's Centre
Tel: 8682 5969

Songtime/Stay and Chat

Please come and join us for some
singing and **dancing**!

Mondays 9:30am - 10:30am
Kirton Point Children's Centre
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Thursday 10:30am—11:30am
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Song Time is a fun and interactive music-based session for children and their parents / caregivers.

Music supports children's brain development and communication. Singing helps children to express themselves, connect with others and extend their learning.

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For more information contact us on 8682 5969

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Multicultural Playgroup

Multicultural playgroup allows parents and carers time to spend playing with their children in a safe and nurturing environment.

This playgroup will:

- Support more positive interactions with your child through play
- Improve children's confidence
- Support families to feel more confident in practicing and promoting bilingualism
- Provide opportunities for parents and carers to meet other Families
- Provide opportunities for families to learn more about play and language.

Mondays
1:30pm to 3.00pm
Kirton Point Children's Centre
63 Stevenson Street
Ph: 8682 5969
Free to attend

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Our Preschool Quality Improvement Plan for 2021 focuses on how to achieve our site goals aligned with the Port Lincoln 1 Partnership and the Department for Education.
Kirton Point Children's Centre was last rated in 2014 "Exceeding" in all Quality Areas. The 2021 plan focusses on building upon current good practice and identifying key areas for improvement this year.

Quality Improvement Plan 2021

Goal 1 - Preschool : **To increase children's oral language skills, in particular, their understanding and use of complex vocabulary.**

Challenge of Practice: If educators develop their understanding of the developmental milestones relating to children's oral language, in particular, vocabulary and consistently implement evidence based literacy strategies, then they will improve children's oral language and vocabulary skills.

Key Actions **Educators -** Deepen educator's knowledge of literacy and current pedagogies to support literacy improvement.
Educators to adopt shared sustained thinking and encourage extended conversations with children.
Educators to build children's use and understanding of tier 2 and tier 3 words, and implement conversational reading groups to extend language skills

Key Actions **Documentation -** Educators to use pedagogical documentation to inform learning design and capture growth.

Key Actions **Learning Environment -** Educators to conduct an audit of the learning environment / educator practice regarding vocabulary and oral language.

Key Actions **Partnerships with families -** Work collaboratively with parents/ carers and the children to strengthen literacy learning through sharing information via Seesaw, displays, learning stories, newsletters and parent - teacher conversations to promoting extended conversations at home.

Goal 2: Occasional Care & Community Programs

Children aged birth to 3 years to have more in-depth oral language experiences and increased engagement in reciprocal conversations.

Challenge of Practice: If educators consistently engage with children using shared sustained conversation then educators will support children to develop oral language and social conversation skills.

Key Actions **Educators -** Staff to gain more developmental knowledge of children aged birth to 3 years.

Key Actions **Documentation -** Staff to facilitate play experiences which encourage turn taking and recirocal conversations.

Key Actions **Learning Environment -** Staff to facilitate play experiences with encourage turn taking and reciprocal conversations.

Key Actions **Partnerships with families -** Staff to build skills in sustaining conversation with verbal and non-verbal children (including babies and children with non-verbal skills). Work collaboratively with parents to share with information within the program e.g. Song Time, playgroup, home visits, etc.

Our Vision: With play at the heart of what we do, we promote optimal health, learning and wellbeing for children and families.
Our centre is welcoming, supportive, inclusive and considerate of our environment.

Links to National Quality Framework

- **Quality Area 1** *Educational program and practice*
- **Quality Area 2** *Children's health and safety*
- **Quality Area 3** *Physical environment* Build teacher office and shed
- **Quality Area 4** *Staffing arrangements*
- **Quality Area 5** *Relationships with children*
- **Quality Area 6** *Collaborative partnerships with families and communities*
- **Quality Area 7** *Governance and leadership*

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Contact
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your local Saver Plus Coordinator

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Dear Parent,

Is your child off to Primary School next year? Would $500 help with costs like uniforms, shoes, books, and extracurricular activities?

Saver Plus is a free ten-month program that provides financial education and matches your savings goals dollar for dollar, up to $500.

- ✓ Build money management skills
- ✓ Become a regular saver
- ✓ Achieve financial goals

Saver Plus is delivered in your local community by the The Smith Family. All eligible parents are invited to join the program now to prepare for their child's transition to Primary School next year. Upon completion, ANZ will match your savings up to $500 for education-related expenses.

To be eligible to participate in Saver Plus you must:

- be 18 years or over; and
- be a parent or guardian of a student attending school, or be attending or returning to vocational training yourself; and
- have a current Health Care card or Pensioner Concession card and an eligible Centrelink payment; and
- have some form of regular income from work (you or your partner).

How do I find out more?
Call or email your local Saver Plus Coordinator Stacey Hall or return the below slip to school.

Kind regards,

Stacey Hall
Saver Plus Coordinator

Saver Plus is an initiative of Brotherhood of St Laurence and ANZ, delivered in partnership with The Smith Family and Berry Street and other local community agencies. The program is funded by ANZ and the Australian Government Department of Social Services. Go to www.dss.gov.au for more information.

What is Saver Plus?

- A free ten-month savings program providing financial education, budgeting and savings tips.
- Participants receive up to $500 from ANZ in matched savings for education costs for themselves or their children.
- Delivered by Brotherhood of St Laurence, The Smith Family, Berry Street and other local community organisations.
- Offered in communities across Australia in every state and territory.

A Saver Plus Participant's Journey

Goal
Talks to a Saver Plus Coordinator from a community organisation and, if eligible for the program, sets a goal to save a regular amount of money over 10 months

Saving
Opens an ANZ Progress Saver account and makes regular deposits

Education
Completes the MoneyMinded financial education program with support from a Saver Plus Coordinator

Matching
Reaches savings goal and receives matched funds, up to $500, for their own or their children's education costs

Who can join?

Participants must meet all of the below criteria:

- Be 18 years or over
- Have a child at school or starting next year, or attend vocational education themselves
- Have regular income from paid employment (themselves or their partner)*
- Have a current Health Care or Pensioner Concession Card
- Be in receipt of an eligible Commonwealth social security benefit, allowance or payment*

Benefits for participants[1]

87% **continue to save the same amount or more** 3 to 7 years after completing the program

78% **were better equipped** for unexpected expenses

88% **reported increased self-esteem**

80% **had more control over their finances**

How did it start?

Saver Plus began in 2003 as a Brotherhood of St Laurence and ANZ pilot program with 268 participants in three sites across Victoria and New South Wales.

Since then, the program has expanded to all Australian states and territories, reaching more than 45,000 people, making it the largest and longest-running program of its kind in the world.

Since 2003[1]:

- **45,000+** participants
- **$24m+** total amount saved by participants
- **$19m+** matched funds paid by ANZ

Find out more

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* Many types of income and Centrelink payments are eligible, please contact your local Coordinator for more information.

[1] RMIT University, 2018. A number of Saver Plus program evaluations have been carried out since 2003. For more information see anz.com/saverplus

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