



Week 9, Term 3 2020

Future dates to watch...

Preschool times

Mon -Thurs 8.30-3.15pm
Fun Fridays - 8:30 - 3.15pm
Weeks 2,3,6,7

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

Wed 16th Sept - 2021 preschool \
Parent Information Night 4-5pm

Tues 22nd Sept - 4 year old health
checks

Mon Oct 12th –Start of Term 4

Wed Oct 14th - Student Free Day (NO
preschool for the Mili & Waroo
groups)

Fri Oct 23rd - Galda group Fun
Friday

Thurs Oct 29th - Governing Council
Meeting @7pm

Fri Oct 30th - Mili group Fun Friday

Mon 2nd Nov - Student Fee Day
(NO preschool for Galda and Waroo
groups)

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Dear Families,

So we come to the end of another term of learning together. We are grateful to live in Port Lincoln, and in South Australia, where although we have needed to impose restrictions due to COVID it has not limited children's and families opportunity to attend KPCC, to play and learn together.

Our 2020 preschool children will be attending 6 different schools in 2021. Transition visits have already begun for those who will attend St Joseph's school. For those enrolled to attend other schools a timetable outlining the dates of your transition visits is on page 3.

As I have mentioned at Kid's Café, children next term will be grouped with other children attending the same school and we will invite the Principal, or a representative from the site to join us.

This week we have hosted the 2021 preschool children and their parents for their visit and Parent Information sessions. Transition visits for the pre-entry children will occur in weeks 4 to 7.

Alicia Whittle, from Possum Eyes Photography, has indicated that Kindy photos should be delivered mid to late term 4.

As an education site we are required to collect the views of parents in order to gather your voice on

what we have done well and areas for improvement. This will be in the form of a Parent Survey which will be presented in weeks 1 and 2 next term.

We all know how excited the children are to see themselves and their learning opportunities whilst at preschool. Once again families have the chance to discuss the many pages over the holidays when children take home their Learning Folders. Please include a parent comment before returning them in week 1.

Corinne will be taking leave at the start of term 4 as she is due to have her baby. We thank Corinne for her dedication to enhancing children and staff learning and wish her all the best. We look forward to her visiting us with Baby Murphy next term. We also farewell Chloe, who works in the IPP and Occasional Care. Thank you Chloe for supporting the social, emotional and learning needs of the children you have worked with in both programs. We wish you safe and happy travels.

Thank you for a fabulous Term 3. Enjoy the holiday break and take the time to play with your child - this is the greatest and most memorable thing you can do for them. We look forward to seeing you all again next term.

Regards Pam (KPCC Director)

STUDENT FREE DAYS
TERM 4

Wednesday 14th October - Mili Group
Monday 2nd November - Galda and Waroo Group

REMINDER - Spare clothing

Please pack your child a spare set of clothing to preschool, the weather is warming up and the children are starting to enjoy some water play.



FUN FRIDAY

Fun Fridays held in week 6 and 7 was a trip to the Port Lincoln Junior Primary and then to Centenary Oval for lunch and games.

The children spent their time in the Foundation class exploring the classroom and play areas.

Mili - Week 7



Galda - Week 6



School Transitions 2020



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KIRTON POINT PRIMARY SCHOOL	PORT LINCOLN JUNIOR PRIMARY SCHOOL	NAVIGATOR COLLEGE	ST. JOSEPH'S SCHOOL	Lincoln Gardens Primary School
<p>Fri 16th October - 8.45am - 10am Fri 23rd October - 8.45am - 11.15am <i>Please bring recess, water bottle and hat</i> Fri 6th Nov - 8.45am - 11.15am Fri 13th Nov - 8.45am - 11.15am <i>Please bring recess, water bottle and hat</i></p> <p>Thurs 29th Nov - 8.45am - 1.45pm <i>Please bring recess and lunch</i></p>	<p>Thurs 19th Nov - 9am - 12pm <i>Parent meeting 9.15-10am</i> Thurs 26th Nov - 9am - 12pm Thurs 3rd Dec - 9am - 12pm</p>  <p>Poonindie Community Learning Centre <i>Fly high - See far</i></p>	<p>Fri 30th Oct 9.30 - 11.30 Fri 6th Nov 9.30 - 1.30 Fri 13th Nov 9.30 - 3.10</p>	<p>Fri 13th Nov - 9am - 12.30pm Friday 20th Nov - 9am - 12:30pm</p>	<p>Fri 30th Oct - 8:45 - 11am Fri 6th Nov - 8.45 - 11.30am Fri 13th Nov - 8.45 - 11.30am Fri 20th Nov 8.45 - 1pm Fri 27th Nov—8.45 - 2pm</p>

Tuesday 20th Oct - 8.40 - 10.15am
 Wednesday 28th - 8.40 - 11am
 Tuesday 3rd Nov - 8.40 - 12pm
 Tuesday 10th Nov - 8.40 - 1.40pm

NEW SHADE IN COMMUNITY AREA

KPCC partnered with Rotary Club of Port Lincoln in 2019 for a 'Don't Let the Kids Burn' grant to install a shade structure in the community outdoor area and the upgrade of the sandpit area.



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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.

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.

OUR NEW PRAMS



In 2019 Red Cross and KPCC successfully applied for a grant from the Bendigo Community Bank to assist the transportation for any child in Port Lincoln to attend quality Early Childhood services. Due to COVID-19 there was lower attendance and some of the grant funds were used to purchase four double prams. These are used by the IPP staff to take the children on walks in the community.



Considering situations through an Autism lens

(This information is valuable to many children.)

Autism is a unique way of learning, interacting with others, and experiencing the physical and sensory world. We want our children to grow as healthy, confident, autism-proud children who believe in themselves.

We can support them by:

1. Using positive language: being corrected or told 'No' are often triggers. Flip your language and tell the child what they can do, not what they cant.

2. The more rigid and demand-avoidant the child, the more flexible the adults need to be: Often children who cannot cooperate with demands are driven by anxiety - they need to be in control of what is being asked of them. If and when this is the case children do well with a collaborative approach: Do you want to tidy your room now, or after lunch? Do you what pizza for lunch or macaroni cheese?

3. Slow down because many autistic kids have slower processing speed: This doesn't mean they are cognitively slower - they may just take longer to switch gears or to respond to what is expected. If a child needs 5 or 6 seconds to respond when you ask them to do something, try asking, then waiting. Make sure you have their attention (don't call out across the room) then ask one clear instruction - "Freddie put your shoes on, please". The hard part is to say nothing and wait. Do not interrupt their processing, because if you do, you cause a reboot and the processing starts all over again. Learning to wait to respect the child's processing can reduce anxiety in the home and improve the family dynamic.

4. Live your life out loud! Autistic children may think they are the only ones for whom things don't go right, or who struggle to understand what to do. The truth is, plans change unexpectedly for everyone at times. If you plan to make lasagne, but don't have cheese you decide to make something else. Demonstrate problem solving to your child "oh dear. No more cheese left! That's ok. I will make something else that everyone likes. Let's see—do I have spaghetti sauce? I do! Perfect. I will make spaghetti instead of lasagne tonight." By doing this you demonstrate emotional regulation as you cope with an unexpected change and you solve a problem.

Songtime/Stay and Chat

Monday 9:30am - 10am
Stay and Chat 10am - 10:30am

Thursdays 10:00am - 10.30am
Stay and Chat 10.30am - 11:00am



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Music supports children's brain development and communication.

Singing helps children to express themselves, connect with others and extend their learning.

Song Time is a fun and interactive music-based session for children and their parents / caregivers.

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

Community Playgroup

FRIDAYS 9.30am—11am

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Playgroup provides an opportunity to encourage, help and support your child through play.

- Find new ways to encourage your child's development
- Spend quality time with your child and with other families
- Discover, create, improvise and imagine through play
- Provide opportunities for problem solving and investigation
- Promote a connection to nature through the use of natural materials

This Playgroup is facilitated by a qualified Educator.



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