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Newsletter
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Welcome to term 3! We hope you all had an enjoyable 2 weeks with your children. We are looking forward to a busy and exciting second half of your child's kindy year. How time flies by! In addition to our work with the children at kindy, you will also be receiving information about your child's transition to school. If you have not indicated which school your child will be attending, we encourage you to do so as a matter of priority. Janet, Janice and I would be happy to have a chat with you if you would like.

During term 3 we start collecting enrolments for kindy in 2021. Please spread the word about our lovely kindy and encourage any parents of children who turn 4 before the 1st May 2021 to contact us for enrolment information.

Please don't hesitate to contact me if you have any questions or concerns. I can be contacted via phone (kindy landline or mobile), email (fiona.traynor860@schools.sa.edu.au) or at kindy.

Fiona ☺

Diary Dates

Stay and Play – Monday 10th August
Mount Pleasant School Visiting Kindy – To be confirmed
Governing Council – Monday 10th August 3.30pm
Life Education Van visit - Tuesday 11th August 1pm
Kindy Photo's - Monday 17th August
Parent Interviews – To be confirmed
Pupil Free Day – Wednesday 2nd September
Patch Theatre Excursion to Tanunda - Tuesday 22nd September
Last day of term – Tuesday 22nd September

Social Distancing

South Australia has been doing a great job adhering to the COVID-19 restrictions. However, given the current interstate situation, as we go into term 3, we ask that you are still mindful of social distancing requirements and the need to maintain high hygiene standards.

Illness

We encourage you to be particularly vigilant and mindful when your child is sick. It is the time of the year when the common cold and the flu affects many children and adults. At kindy, we follow the Education Department and SA Health's "You've Got What …" recommendations regarding infectious diseases. I have attached a fact sheet for the Common Cold and the Flu for your information.

In regard to the Common Cold:

- Incubation period: 1-3 days
- Infectious period: 1-3 days
- SA Health recommend that a child with a common cold stay home until they feel well.

In regard to the Flu:

- Incubation period: 1-4 days
- Infectious period: Usually 1 day before symptoms appear and 7 days after the onset of symptoms.
- SA Health recommend that a child with the flu is excluded from preschool.

Curriculum

In week 10 last term we updated the children's Individual Learning Goals. Whilst each child has specific goals, we noticed a number of 'themes' that we will focus on with all children this term.

☺ Fine motor skills such as cutting, pencil grip, building hand strength.
☺ Gross motor skills such as climbing, balancing, ball skills, hand-eye coordination.
☺ Oral language including increasing children's vocabulary and speaking using detailed, complex sentences.
☺ Literacy extension - comprehension, letter-sound awareness, name recognition, writing.
☺ Numeracy extension - number, patterning, shape, measurement.

Fees

A reminder that term 3 fees are due. Preschools receive very little government funding, so we rely on our creative budgeting methods and the payment of fees to help us provide the materials the children need to have a high quality kindy year. Please speak with Fiona or Janice if you have any questions relating to this, or if you would like to work out a payment plan. Thank you!

Occasional Care

Occasional Care has recommenced & is held on Thursday mornings this year from 9am-12pm. Children are on a fortnightly rotation. **Please text or phone** and leave a message before the session starts if your child is unable to attend so we can offer a place to another family on our list.

Playgroup

We have decided to hold off starting Playgroup again due to the very specific cleaning requirements necessary to ensure safety for everyone attending. We will be revising this again within the next few weeks and hope to start up in week 5. We will keep you posted!

☺ *From Fiona, Janet and Janice*