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Diary Dates

Governing Council-

Monday 2nd of March 3.30pm

Public Holiday Adelaide Cup-

Monday 9th of March

Pie Drive -Delivery 18th of March

Mount Pleasant Show- 21st of March

Stay and Play- 16th of March

Seager's Farm Visit-8th of April

Last Day of Term- 8th of April, early finish

Please remember to wear cool clothes, pack spares, bring a broad brim hat, label all your children's items including their lunch boxes and drink bottles!

Fees Notices for fees have been put into family pockets and our preferred payment method is by electronic transfer or correct money can be placed in the fees box near the sign in sheet.

This year we will be offering a discount of \$20 if you would like to pay the full year of fees upfront, \$520. Please see Janice if you would like to pay up front and she will organise an invoice or if you would like to organise a payment plan.

Clothing

Please remember to wear old clothing and pack a change of clothes. We have some t-shirts still in stock to purchase if you are interested.

Updating contact details

If you have recently changed your address, phone number or would like to add someone to your enrolment form to collect your child

could you please pass this information on to Janice so we can update as soon as possible.

Lunch Containers

Please remember when packing food not to tighten containers too much as some children and adults have difficulty loosening them. We are unable to heat food at kindy but if your child likes to eat their food warm a small thermos may be a good idea.



Toys from Home

Please remember to keep toys at home as some children don't recognise they belong to someone else and would also like to play with them which can lead to children becoming upset.

Fundraising

Mt Pleasant Show-We will be organising another raffle for the Show this year so we are looking for donations of home wares, vouchers, a trailer load of wood, side of pork donations are only limited by your imagination. Please see staff if you have any questions or add your kind donation to the raffle box on the kitchen counter.

Pie Drive- Orders due 4th of March!

Janice is currently in the process of organising order forms for McCue's Bakery at Murray Bridge. \$2 from every pie sold goes straight to the kindy to purchase resources. This is a wonderful way to fill the freezer for winter and raise funds for the Kindy at the same time. Thanks Janice 😊

Mt Pleasant Show

We will be putting out a roster soon seeking parent helpers for the Mt Pleasant Show. We would appreciate families volunteering their time to sell raffle tickets and hand out show trail gifts on the day. Please add your name to the roster if you can help.

We also will be displaying work from our Preschool and Occasional Care children in the exhibition Hall at the show. The children have been working to create their representation of the Kindy Owls...please keep an eye out for this while you are at the show!

Occasional Care

Our Occasional Care session will be held on a Thursday mornings this year from 9am-12pm. This session is nearly full so please notify us if your child is sick/ unable to attend a session. This will allow us to contact another family on our standby list to attend.

Playgroup

Playgroup is held on Fridays at the Preschool between 9.30am-11.30am please bring a piece of fruit to share and come for a play.

Healthy Eating

We have been exploring healthy snacks at Kindy and we have begun to explore green, amber and red foods.

Together we have been eating our healthy fruit/ vegetable snacks prior to other items in our lunch box.

We have also begun cooking and this week we made our own healthy blueberry muffins. Everyone had a try and most children had seconds, they were delicious. If you would like the recipe please see Janice.

Please keep an eye out for our healthy eating display which we will continue to build upon during the next few weeks.



We are allergy aware

We have previously had children attending who have had reactions to egg, dairy, pistachios, cashews and sesame seeds. We ask that families please be aware of what they pack for lunches and strongly suggest foods containing nuts not be provided.

Our learning program is located on the pin up board near the sign in sheets

In line with the National Quality Standards we use the **Early Years Learning Framework - Belonging, Being and Becoming** as a basis for our learning program with the specific emphasis on play based and interest based learning. Our program is located on the pin up board near the sign in desk for you to access and read and is updated each fortnight. We also have introduced a program ideas sheet which we update daily with children's individual interests and ideas. This is a valuable tool in planning for all our children.

We are beginning to make this more visual by displaying photos, creative work and collections from our day for all parents/ caregivers to enjoy around the centre. Don't forget to check out our floor book near the sign in sheet. This is full of photos, jottings and authentic comments from the children as they learn through play. It is located under our program - please feel free to sit and take a look with your child.

Learning Dispositions

These are the attitudes towards how we learn. While there are many different

dispositions, the following ones have been shown to be particularly important in supporting children to be effective life-long learners:

- *Being Curious
- *Being Cooperative
- *Being Confident
- *Being Resourceful
- *Being a Communicator
- *Being Purposeful and Persistent

During the year we reflect on these through a 'learning through play' lens. Throughout term one we will focus on children being confident and helping them to become familiar and confident in our Kindy environment and with our routines.

Other Websites

There is a wealth of information on the Department for Education website including your chance to have your say about education matters so well worth a look.

www.greatstart.sa.edu.au has lots of

- www.education.sa.gov.au

- DfE Policies & Procedures - Education & Care Services National Regulations
<http://www.decd.sa.gov.au/>
www.greatstart.sa.edu.au has lots of educational activities too
- www.mtpleasantkqn.sa.edu.au
- [Check us out on Facebook](#) for updates and photos we have our own page [Mt Pleasant and District Kindergarten](#)

[If you have any questions please ask staff. A really good time to do this is at the end of the day once we have said goodbye to all the children.](#)

Jo, Janet, Janice and Heidi