

# Streaky Bay Children's Centre Newsletter



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## DIARY NOTES.

- **Thursday July 29th - National tree planting day**
- **Tuesday August 3rd - Picture Products Art work due.**
- **Monday 2nd August - Governing Council meeting 7pm.**
- **Monday August 16th—Student Free Day.**
- **Tuesday August 24th Bookweek celebration**
- **Thursday Sept 9th MSP Kindergarten photos from 8.45am.**

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

We hope you all enjoyed the school holiday break with your families.



Next week we will be involved in Australia's largest community tree planting and nature care event "National Tree Day" where we will plant 100 trees at Back Beach. We have received support from the Natural Resource Management board (providing tree guards) and will use funds from our Grass Roots grant to purchase the trees. Children will begin the term learning about

trees and the importance of trees in our natural environment. **Parents are very welcome to join us at 10am on Thursday morning July 29th.**

**New Play spaces:** Staff have been busy once again redesigning play and learning spaces based on children's interests and ideas as well as priorities for learning. New learning spaces include an airport, where children will be able to sign in at the airport terminal, purchase a ticket on their chosen airline, weigh in baggage, sit in the lounge and read a book or have a hot chocolate while waiting for their scheduled flight. They then need to sit in their numbered seat before take off, they may even get a turn as a pilot. Other learning spaces include an inside tepee for camping and a sensory table to explore and describe different textures.

Our literacy focus this term will include exploring the author Lynley Dodd's Hairy Maclary Books and increasing the use of descriptive language. Our numeracy focus is learning about the measurement of area and volume (eg how many things can we fit in the suitcase).

**Out door learning environment :** We have a rough plan of ideas for the refurbishment of our play area in the front yard. We are excited to further develop our outdoor play spaces where children can explore, play, problem solve, create and take risks. If you have any suggestions about how to improve our learning environment we would love to hear them.

**Wendy**



Kaden measuring, sorting and designing farm yards.



Willow and Maddie communicating in play while working the water pump together.

# Book week



Mums and Dads, are invited  
To a Book week morning tea and to share a book with their child  
at  
The Streaky Bay Children's Centre  
on

**Tuesday August 24th at 10.30am.**

The theme for Book Week this year is

**“Old Worlds, New Worlds, Other  
Worlds”**

Children are invited to dress up as their favourite story book  
character on the day.

Please note COVID safe practices will occur on the day.

Parents are asked to practice social distancing between adults, RSVP  
their attendance, sign in on the day and practice hand hygiene.

## Bookfair

We have a bookfair available for families to purchase quality books for 2  
weeks from Tuesday August 17th. Books will be available in the front foyer  
and parents can purchase the books using cash or online payment.



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Letters will be sent to families in the coming weeks inviting them to enrol their children for preschool next year. Children need to have turned 4 years of age before the 1st May 2022 and be up to date with their immunisations or on a catch up schedule.

A pre entry enrolment meeting will be held in September , providing families with enrolment information before their children begin transition visits in term 4.

We are collecting information for enrolment numbers for 2022 to forward plan for staffing and centre planning for next year.

Contact the centre on 86261160 if you have any queries

**Congratulations to Kiara Brooks and Andrew Miller on the birth of their baby son " Jakai Brett Miller"**



The fundraising committee have sent information to families if they wish to complete a precious memory keepsake with their child as a fundraiser for the centre.

If you wish to order any items please make payment to the Children's Centre and then you will be given a template to complete. Please note these need to be returned by **August 3rd.**

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| Picture plate                      | \$28 |
| Picture Clock 25cm                 | \$32 |
| Small clock 20cm                   | \$28 |
| Water Bottle 600ml                 | \$28 |
| Water Bottle 400ml                 | \$22 |
| Tote Bag 48.35cm                   | \$28 |
| Mug 250ml                          | \$22 |
| Pencil Case 28x14cm                | \$22 |
| Calendar 12 month tear off 30x42cm | \$18 |

***Thankyou for your support!***

### **Special Folders.**

We hope families have enjoyed sharing special folders with their Kindergarten children. Families are asked to please return children's special folders and to complete the survey to support our planning for your child.

Thankyou for your support.

## **Student free day**

**We have 4 student free days allocated to our centre for professional training and development. We are planning our first student free day on Monday August 16th to work with occupational therapist Crystal Thiel who will provide professional learning for staff in supporting children with self regulation and big emotions.**

**We apologise for any inconvenience this may cause families.**



**ICT upgrade**—The Streaky Bay Children's Centre is currently involved in the state Preschool Upgrade Project which means we are undergoing a significant ICT upgrade, with increased internet, hardware and a change in programs and management systems. Some of this has already occurred but this term will involve a number of training sessions for myself and at times other staff to transfer to the new system by week 5.

## **Playgroup Term 3**

Streaky Bay Children's Centre invites all families and caregivers, of children ages Birth-Kindy, to come along to our playgroup sessions.

Each session is run by volunteers on Fridays of the school term 9.30-11.30am. Please bring along \$2 per child and a piece of fruit /healthy snack for your child to eat ( no shared fruit). Please see you playgroup reps. Abby Dunbar, Kara Squire, Maddie Bayley-Stark and Pepita March for assistance and information.

As children learn through play please dress them in 'work clothes'- getting dirty is inevitable.



REMINDER— All families need to bring in updated immunisation records as soon as children receive their immunisations. Children can only attend preschool or occasional care if their immunisation is up to date or on a catch up schedule.

Families who have a health care card to receive a subsidy for occasional care need to bring in their card to be sighted by staff at the beginning of term to continue to receive the child care rebate.

Governing Council meeting Monday 2nd August 7pm at the Streaky Bay Children's Centre

## The benefits of reading with your child



### The proven benefits of reading with your child

Parents and carers who read aloud with children in a secure, safe and comfortable context motivate their children to read. Parents' perceptions, values, attitudes, and expectations play an important role in influencing their children's attitudes toward reading, and subsequent literacy development. When children share a book with someone who makes them feel special, the attitude that reading is pleasurable is transferred to other reading encounters.

### Relationship building

At the core of reading is a relationship and it is the bond between children and parents that is enhanced through reading together. It only takes ten minutes a day to build this relationship. Children's reading improves. The research is conclusive: When parents successfully support their children's literacy learning from an early age, everyone benefits. When teachers and parents work together to support children's reading and academic success, learning outcomes for all children improve.

### Children read more

Children who read with their parents are better prepared for school. They begin school with knowledge of book language and familiarity with concepts of print. They understand how books work and have many more exposures to text types and vocabulary.

### Children's self-esteem improves

Knowing someone cares enough to take time out of a busy schedule to give you undivided attention around a book makes a significant difference to how children perceive themselves as learners and readers. When parents show an interest in their children's learning, children respond positively. Reading unites families through shared stories. When a family reads together, stories form a common ground for communicating. Stories bind families and help children make sense of where they fit in the world. Not only does parent involvement have a specific and profound impact on children's reading, but also on children's language and literacy learning in general. It is through interactions with parents and carers that children learn new vocabulary, seek clarification of new understandings, and learn to comprehend their expanding worlds.

**Talk is the key to reading and writing success.** Talking with children (while walking to kindy, at the table, in the car, in play, at bedtime) has a significant effect on literacy learning in general.

Source Primary English Teachers Association: [https://petaa.edu.au/w/Teaching\\_Resources/Parents\\_guide.aspx](https://petaa.edu.au/w/Teaching_Resources/Parents_guide.aspx)