

# Streaky Bay Children's Centre Newsletter



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## DIARY NOTES.

- **Friday May 6th—**  
Playgroup 9.30-11.30am
- **Monday May 10th—**  
Governing Council meeting 7pm at the SBCC.
- **Tuesday May 11th—**Emma Dollings Yr R/I class will visit Kindy.
- **Thursday May 20th—**  
Families Week play day.
- **Tuesday June 8th—**CYHS checks for eligible 4 year old children.
- **Monday June 14th—**  
Queen's Bday holiday

## Dear Parents and Caregivers,

We hope everyone had the opportunity to enjoy the school holiday and Easter break with your families.

At the end of last term we were fortunate to explore the beautiful coastal environment with the kindergarten children and many families at Back Beach. This is part of a grass roots grant we received to explore our coastal shores and learn about the local Wirangu culture. Susie Betts a local Wirangu woman as well as Alex Fraser from the Eyre Peninsula Landscape board, joined us to share their knowledge with the children together with a number of parents and community volunteers. We were reminded of how fortunate we are to live in such a beautiful part of the country where our children can explore such incredible natural play spaces discovering our wonderful beaches. This term we will visit Sheok Beach and plant trees at Back Beach, further building on learning about and caring for our community.

Staff have been busy in the holidays setting up new learning spaces for children to explore and to be challenged by, as well as familiar spaces to feel secure and familiar with. We set up play spaces incorporating and respecting children's voice. Giving children a voice promotes self esteem and self worth. We give children a voice through observations of their likes, dislikes and interests, whilst actively listening to what children share as well as allowing children to have a voice in making decisions. Some of the decisions children made were to play in the front yard, to set up a hospital play space, to have the lego to play with and to have a café outside. We have incorporated these into the play as well as a number of other interesting play spaces, we encourage you to explore these with your children. Looking forward to a term of fun, play and learning.

Wendy



# Playgroup

It was exciting to have playgroup resume this Friday for the first time in over 12 months. We had a fantastic turn out with 25 children and their mums attending. Playgroup is a wonderful opportunity for parents to enjoy uninterrupted time to play with their children and to connect with other families.

Some changes this year have included.

- ⇒ New times 9.30 am—11.30 every Friday other than school holidays and the last week of term.
- ⇒ No shared fruit, bring a piece of fruit or a healthy snack for your child/children. No nuts, eggs or coconut please due to children with allergies.
- ⇒ As we have arranged for the centre to be professionally cleaned on Fridays we have increased the fee to \$2 per child. This can be payed on the day or termly by Direct Debit to the SBCC account. Thankyou
- ⇒ On arrival please wash hands at the wash trough on the front verandah, sign in with the COVID QR code and sign in your child's name and details in the front foyer.
- ⇒ We ask that everyone please help with clean up at the end of the session, or help with a story time. Thankyou



**FUNDRAISING NEWS**

An enormous thankyou to families for their support of our fundraising efforts for **TERM 1,**

Streaky Bay Races Gate raised \$300

Streaky Bay Races Bottles and Cans over \$600

**DONATIONS**— We have been very fortunate to have \$1000 donated to the Streaky Bay Children's Centre from the Bay Op Shop.

The above funds will be put towards the purchase of a new photocopier for the centre.

Due to the continuing warm weather we need to continue to wear hats and apply sunblock while the UV is 3 and above.



This term the Streaky Bay Children's Centre are fortunate to have Ksandra Capurso completing part of her work placement for her teaching degree for the next 5 weeks.

Roxy Graham a Yr 10 school student from Karcultaby Area School will be at the centre in week 2 from May 3rd—May 6th for work experience

Please help them feel welcome.

### **Governing council meeting**

Our next Governing Council meeting is a Face to face meeting to be held on Monday May 10th at 7pm. Members can join by zoom if they are unable to attend.

Please note: Governing council minutes are available in the front foyer in the folder marked Governing council information for all families to view.

### **Centre Improvements**

We have had new mulch and soft fall delivered to increase safety in the yard thankyou to Mark and Kate Hood and Kara Barber for spreading this.

We will be redeveloping some of the front yard play spaces with a \$30000 covid grant and welcome and ideas from families and community.

Our centre has had new fibre optic laid as part of a significant ICT upgrade. Connection will occur in the next few weeks.

We have ordered a new photocopier for the centre.

# National Families Week Celebrations

**When:** Thursday May 20th , 11:30 am –1:30pm

**Where:** At the Streaky Bay Children's Centre

**Who:** Kindergarten and Occasional care families are welcome to drop in for a play and a free sausage sizzle

**Help us to celebrate the importance of families. Give away, clay, painting, threading, bubble blowing and photos of families together.**



## **Occasional Care**

**Once again this term we welcome a number of new children and their families to occasional care. Currently we have 48 children enrolled in occasional care for term 2, 29 over 2 year olds and 19 under 2 year olds.**

**As we are now welcoming families once again to enter the centre we encourage families of children just beginning occasional care to stay for some time in the first 2 sessions to help children settle. It is important for children to feel safe and secure in their transition into occasional care, particularly if this is an unfamiliar environment for them. This is also an opportunity for parents to observe and become familiar with staff and routines within the occasional care program. Staff value hearing from you about your child's current needs and interests to help them individually plan for your child.**

**Occasional care fees must be made on the day of care or before hand. Termly fees can be made by direct debit to**

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