Dear Families

We extend a warm (literally!) welcome to Breanna, Cooper and Jack who have recently enrolled at our Centre and joined our Kindy group. Our other enrolments have come through our unfunded Occasional Program last year or the 2-5 year old Occasional Care group, taking our current Kindy enrolments to 29. We look forward to working with all families to make your child’s learning journey at Kindy unique, interesting and enjoyable!

We have certainly been graced with hot weather for our first week back at Kindy. This has meant slide n slide and sprinkler fun has been set up in the afternoon for the children (who am I trying to kid?..... and the adults too!!). Please have a spare set of clothes in your child’s bag (labelled), remember to slip, slop, slap in the morning prior to Kindy. We have a tub of sunscreen (kept on top of the lockers usually) at the Centre for families to use, and staff will re-apply with children after lunch. Appropriate covered footwear is essential when children are outside. The surface of the ramps become very hot.

Your child’s attendance at the Centre is always important, however this week it is EXTRA important with data from week 2 and week 3 attendances being sent to DECD to assist with our staffing, as we are staffed on attendance and not enrolments. Please phone the Centre or text Karena’s phone if your child is unwell as naturally you cannot help when your child is sick.

With another hot week forecasted, families can collect their children earlier than normal if you wish. Last week the children did a great job managing the heat. Please talk with the staff if you have concerns about your child and the heat.

I have meetings Monday and Tuesday afternoons with Jess Arbon (Early Years Leader) and Terry Sizer (Education Director) respectively and look forward to sharing our Quality Improvement Plan, ideas, goals and visions for 2014 with them.

Karena Wilson

Staffing for term 1

Staffing hours are not confirmed for this term yet as we are hoping to secure an increase in ECW hours to accommodate our increase in enrolments. We are pleased to have Lisa Steele working with the Kindy group as an ECW on Mondays and Tuesdays, and Jodie Baker with the Kindy group on Thursdays. Connie Way has commenced preschool support with children on Monday, Tuesday and Thursdays. Jacqui Head works in the office every second Monday (even weeks) and Gabrielle Crouch will assist with the Kindy group every second Thursday (odd weeks). Parental help in the mornings helping to cut fruit, set up outside activities, and helping at the end of the day helps staff enormously spend more time with your children, or with parents who need to speak informally to staff about their child. Please be mindful that if you have an issue or concern you would like discussed at length with staff, please make an appointment to see staff after Kindy has finished. Thank you for your co-operation with this.
Relaxation at Kindy
We have relaxation at Kindy for 10 mins at the end of lunch to give the children some quiet, down time before they initiate their play choices for the afternoon! Please send along a small cushion (can be a pillow pet) for your child to use during this time. You are welcome to take it home each Thursday afternoon to wash for the following week. They will be stored in a big tub at the Kindy, each cushion in its own plastic bag.

Kindy Uniform
During week 1, I placed a bulk order for navy 100% polyester polos tops, size 4 and 6. They will take just over a week to arrive. The polo t-shirts are $20 each payable on pick up. Please return your order form by the end of week 2 for collation. Thanks.

Same First Day Calculator
Add the link below to your URL and add your child's birthdate to calculate when they will be eligible to commence preschool and school. There is some information sheets relating to same first day for parents on the web page too.


Governing Council - Wednesday 5th February
Governing Council AGM meeting this Wednesday @ 2pm. We would love to see families attend to help plan our year ahead. Don't feel obliged to take on an Executive Role (Chairperson, Secretary etc.) but just come along and have some input.

I am really interested in volunteers to take on various roles such as managing uniform orders, magazine page, graduation DVD. Please chat with me for more information about these roles, not big, but a huge help with the overall running of the Centre. We are looking for a committee to take on responsibility of organising Kindy Market Day later in the year.

I am extremely passionate about re-developing our outdoor play spaces. If you (or know of a Community member) who has an interest in gardening, landscaping and creating awesome areas for children, please come and talk to me.

Occasional Care and Kindy families are all strongly encouraged to be involved with the Centre. Please come along, children are welcome to play while meeting is on. Thank you.
Photos from Week 1 and 2

Keeping cool at the pool!

Excursion to the Crystal Brook Swimming Pool has been booked for Thursday 13th February from 2-3pm. Parents are encouraged (and preferred) to come along.
Children will not be allowed to enter the pool with a completed and signed Swimming and Aquatic consent form. Children can be taken home from the swimming pool on this afternoon, and those that need transport back to Kindy, will go on the bus.

Cost is $5.40 for Parents who are swimming with their children and $2.20 for spectating. Children under the age of 5 are free. Families with season passes will use these on entrance.

Occasional Care and Playgroup Families are MOST WELCOME to come along too, providing Parents are there to supervise their own children around the water.