Dear Families

Thank you for families’ support of Harmony Day, held at Kindy on Thursday 20th March. I was at an Upper Mid North Cluster meeting in Burra but have enjoyed seeing photos and hearing stories of the day. Thank you to Anita Hook who kindly worked with the children to make fried rice, which I hear most children tried it and Georgia loved it! These photos are included on page 3 of the newsletter.

I am pleased to let the Kindy community know that I will be continuing in the Director’s position for the remainder of 2014. I am really looking forward to continuing to work with the children, their families and staff. It will be a great opportunity to build on the last 12 months and to continue to work towards our centre’s Quality Improvement Plan, and particularly a big focus will be our preparation for our assessment in relation to the National Quality Standards.

I have been busy preparing our Annual Report ready to present to Governing Council meeting on Wednesday 26th March. Staff have also been reviewing our Quality Improvement Plan for 2013 and I have been writing our QIP for this year. I look forward to sharing this information with our Kindy community.

Our learning programme for the remaining three weeks will include many Easter art / crafts, songs and activities, including a visit to the Hospital to sing songs to the Residents. A copy of the learning programme will be emailed to families this week. Enjoy the fantastic weather we have been having, lots of opportunities for outdoor play!

Kind regards,

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**Governing Council**

26th March @ 2pm

Everyone welcome!

Come and grab a coffee at 1.45pm, ready to start meeting at 2pm sharp.

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**Governing Council Committee 2014**

Chair person: Leanne Clements

Vice-Chairperson:

Secretary: Ali Gulin

Treasurer: Fleur Greatorex

Committee: Anita Hook, Beck Nicholson, Carla Hook, Jacqui Merkel, Jessica Crawford, Kirby Cricchiola, Rachael Kirchner

Playgroup Rep: Kaidi James

Fundraising: Andrea Scott, Carla Hook, Lesley Nitschke, Rachael Kirchner

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24th March 2014

**Art / Washing Duty**

**Week 9**

Tues 25/03

Farley’s family

Thurs 27/03

Eli’s family

**Weekend washing**

Kurt’s family

**Week 10**

Mon 31/03

Alice’s family

Tues 25/03

Kaden’s family

Thurs 27/03

Henry’s family

**Weekend washing**

Logan’s family

THANKYOU!

**Important Dates**

26th March

Governing Council meeting @2pm

1st April

Trading Table

8th April

Visit to Hospital
**Easter Raffle & Trading Table**

Tuesday April 1st from 9.30-11.30am
Please place your Easter donations for the raffle in the plastic container on the bench.
If you would like to sell a raffle book of 10 tickets please see Rachael Kirchner. Tickets are $1 or 3 tickets for $2.
The Fundraising Committee will be seeking donations of items to sell on the trading table.
Funds raised will purchase new kitchen equipment and utensils for the children to use.
Thank you for your support!

**Kindy Fees are now due!**

A friendly reminder that we have some term 1 Kindy fees outstanding. We would appreciate payment either by cash / cheque or electronic funds transfer.

The bank details are
BSB 105-046
Account number: 192 101 040
Account name: Crystal Brook Kindergarten.

We do not have credit card facilities. Please put your family ID (listed on invoice) for reference if paying by EFT. Please speak with Karena if you wish to pay term 1 fees in instalments.
Thank you for your support.

A special thank you to Jocelyn who calls in to the Kindy regularly to check on our vegetable garden. In recent weeks Jocelyn, Jodie and the children have planted leeks, chives, lettuce and even a banana plant from Mr Lloyd.

Last week the children took the musical instruments out to the garden with Gabrielle and played music to the banana growing fruitfully on the plant!!

Some great examples of children contributing to and connecting to their world.

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Early Years Framework.
Outcome 2: Children are connected with and contribute to their world.
*Children become socially responsible and show respect for the environment.*
Harmony Day is celebrated around Australia on 21 March each year. Coinciding with the United Nations (UN) International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination, it’s a day where all Australians celebrate our diverse cultures and backgrounds. It’s a time to remember where Australia has come from and the traditional owners of this land.

Through activities and celebrations we can learn how to make Australia an even better place to live. The message of Harmony Day is 'Everyone Belongs' and means all Australians are a welcome part of the country, regardless of their background.

Early Years Framework
Outcome 1: Children Have a Strong Sense of Identity

Children learn to interact in relation to others with care, empathy and respect.