Dear Families

This term we welcome Akon, Ava, Bella and Farley to our Kindy group. We look forward to working with these children and their families as part of their early learning journey.

**Kindy maintenance in holidays**

It was with much anticipation we returned to Kindy for term 4 after a very busy holiday break getting the Kindy painted, office refurbished, data cabled and shed extended. Our contractors have all carried out their work to a very high standard. It was lovely watching some families' reactions to seeing the inside of the Kindy, it looks bright, fresh and clean.

A massive thank you to our Kindy staff for the way they supported the whole process of getting the work completed. It took a few days in the holidays to get the Kindy packed up, things shuffled around to allow the four smaller rooms to be painted first, and then the main area, and all re-sorted. It has been a good chance to have a spring clean too! The Kindy is looking very homely with areas being changed around and new baskets to store making resources.

**Surplus furniture**

Surplus furniture is being stored in the shed. I have taken photos of the furniture and will offer it to the community for tender. This process will happen over the next fortnight. After the furniture is sold and collected, we will re-organise the shed to bring equipment to the front, and metal storage cupboards to the rear to store resources. We are still waiting for delivery of the cupboards. I will notify families when they arrive as we will be looking for some volunteers to assist with the re-organisation of the shed.

Have a fantastic week!  

Karena Wilson

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**Staffing for term 4**

We are currently staffed at the Kindy based on our 15 full time enrolments. This has impacted on Jodie's hours, as we are not funded with ECW hours for term 4. The Kindy have budgeted for this decrease in funding, and we are pleased Jodie is still working Thursdays at the Kindy. Jodie will also be supporting our Kindy children during transition weeks 5-8.

We have a large number of unfunded occasional care children accessing the preschool program on a Tuesday and Thursday. This takes our numbers to 24 and 25 children respectively on these days.

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 them after Kindy has finished.

Thank you for your cooperation with this.

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**Important Dates**

- **4th Nov**
  - Kindy transition meeting @ 2.30pm

- **4th November**
  - School transition meeting @ 2.45pm

- **5th Nov**
  - Melb. Cup Luncheon

- **18th Nov**
  - Bike Safety Centre visit

- **2nd Dec**
  - Kindy Graduation (am) and Christmas party (evening)
Learning from this week

Roll up, Roll up, come to the Kindy Circus!!

On Monday morning 21st November our Kindy children presented their own Circus to each other. It all started when we brought the large rainbow coloured parachute out and draped it from the wire under the sun shade. Before long it was pegged and rope under the inside of the shade giving the impression it was our Circus big top.

Lili B, Charli, Marli and Lilli M made tickets and practised writing the word ‘circus’. Marli also made a terrific poster advertising that the Circus was coming to town and hung it on a pole.

Mrs Wilson downloaded a ‘Circus music album’ from Itunes and groups of children busily set up the bubble machine, stilts, stepping stones, hula hoops, juggling acts and a car as part of the show.

Archie did fantastic balancing and juggling, Akon gave out stamps to the audience for buying a ticket and Conrad walked confidently on stilts. All the Kindy children tried their hand at performing! Lots of fun was shared amongst our little circus performers!

Emergency Services

During the next three weeks our learning focus is Emergency Services, Police, Ambulance and Fire. This week we had Steve (our local Police Officer) visit the Kindy and talk about being a Policeman and how he can help people in our community. Steve showed us his police car, put his flashing lights and sirens on. The children had a turn at sitting in the back of the police car, even Mrs Carey got ‘arrested’ and had to sit in the back of the police car, oh dear!

During group time we read a book about Police and talked about dialling triple OOO during an emergency, and how the Police ‘don’t just catch baddies’, but how they help keep us safe and are there to help us if we got lost or need a trusted adult to talk to.
Kindy Market Day—Sunday 20th October

I extend a huge thank you to our dedicated Market Day committee (Jacinta Huxtable, Leanne Clements, Liv Alpe and Jo Taylor) for your outstanding organisation and running of the Kindy Market on the weekend. Jacinta has spent the last 8 months pulling the Market together and has done a wonderful job coordinating the event.

There was lots of visitors to the Market, the weather was warm and there was over 50 stall holders. A jumping castle, face painting and art centre provided entertainment for the kids. We have received many positive comments about the high quality of goods being sold by stall holders.

This is a major fundraiser for the Kindy. Takings have been counted and expenses need to be accounted for before a final amount raised can be finalised.

Thanks to the few Kindy parents who offered to work on the drinks van, CBPS Parent Club for running the barbecue and Crystal Brook Hockey Club for selling baked potatoes.

Melbourne Cup Luncheon
Crèche

Enjoy the Melbourne Cup Luncheon at the Royal Hotel while your children enjoy an afternoon at Kindy.

Where: At the Crystal Brook Kindy
When: Tuesday November 5th

Creche is available for children 0-5 years.
Contact the Kindy Staff to book your child/children in. Ph. 8636 2411