Dear Families,

It was great to see lots of families enjoying the Crystal Brook Show on the weekend. There really is something for everyone to enjoy at the country show and it reinforces the beauty of living in a great community that show cases the interests and talents of locals, including some of our Kindy children who entered in different classes! Well done to everyone involved in producing a wonderful show!

Speaking from the experiences of the little people in our family, the build-up to the show is exciting, and without a doubt they love having their face painted, rides, side shows, show bags and checking out the machinery and animals! As parents, you are glad that You and Your wallet has survived another year!! Thank you to families who have sent in photos of their child at the Show, this will be a great oral language activity for your child as they discuss their show experiences but also will make a bright display of all the fun and adventures at the show.

Staffing

As families are aware, Beck has decided to resign her tenure as Director of the Kindergarten from the end of 2014. The position will be advertised with 5 year tenure commencing January 2015. On behalf of the staff and families, I wish to acknowledge Beck’s wonderful leadership, the positive and enduring relationships she established with staff and families, and the high quality education program and practices provided to the Centre. We have appreciated the way Beck has continued to support the Centre whilst she has been on leave and wish Beck every success in her future. Thank you Beck!

Kindy invoices

In pockets this week, please find your invoice for term 3 Kindy fees. We would appreciate prompt payment, if you want to pay in installments please see me to organize a payment plan. Fees are very important for the daily running of the Kindergarten and the money helps towards offering your child the best opportunity to learn. The fees help maintain the daily operation of the Kindy and purchasing of resources and equipment for your child to use.

Parent chats

Parent chats have commenced to discuss your child’s individual learning plan and to set learning goals for your child for term 3. Please add your name to the list near the daily sign in sheet so that a meeting time can be arranged.
**Premier’s be active Challenge**

We have started this challenge during week 3. This program is for all South Australian children 4 years and older. The challenge is to be physically active for 60 minutes a day for 5-7 days a week for 4 weeks. If you can do that, you'll get a medal!

Forms went home in pockets last week, including a list of ideas of what physical activities children can participate in during the challenge.

It’s great having families upload pictures of their physically active children to our Facebook page, building a great community of engaged learners! We are also adding photos to our display board at the Centre showcasing those children that are participating in physical activity. Your support is tremendous!

Staff are keen to join in too! I have started my challenge at home too, I am not sure who is enjoying it more, myself or our girls?! So far we have enjoyed bike riding, walking, tennis and netball drills.

Last Thursday we had 3 children ride their bikes to Kindy, one child rode 1.7 kilometres one way! What a great effort by our 3 little cyclists! We ran lengths between the goal posts and cricket nets for 20 minutes, children receiving a stamp for each lap. We finished the day with 20 minutes of physical activity in the CBPS playground. My stomach muscles have just recovered from my stint on the flying fox!

We are building into our Kindy program 2x 20 minutes of physical activity so that children can sign off 40 minutes at the end of each Kindy day. We notify families each Kindy day with the amount of time families can check off of their child’s sheet.

All completed forms need to be returned to the Centre by September 26th so children can receive their medals in November.

Please remember whilst uploading photographs to our closed Crystal Brook Kindy group that we don’t include first or last names, as part of our social media guidelines. All photographs need to be approved by myself as the admin contact.

Most importantly, have fun being active!
**Kindy session times**

Please note that our Kindy session times are from 8.45-3.15pm. The door will be locked in the morning until 8.45am to allow staff time to set up, organize resources and prepare for the day ahead. Please notify the Centre if you are running late at the end of the day, as we would appreciate children being collected close to 3.15pm. This allows staff to tidy up, reflect and plan future learning experiences after each session. Your support with both of these times is much appreciated.

**Attendances**

Thank you to families who notify the Centre when their child is absent for family / illness reasons via text, note or phone call. This process is in place at school and it is a great practice to get into. This information supports your child’s attendance records at the Centre.

**Hats for outside play**

We are currently having chilly mornings but sunny days so please send a hat along with your child for outside play. Sunscreen in bags is ideal but we do have some at the Centre that we encourage children to apply.

**Movie afternoon**

The Kindy will be showing Rio 2 on Friday 29th August at the Kindy. $5 entry will include pop corn, mixed lollies, small packet of chips and bottle of water. Children can come across from the school from 3.20pm for a play first before the movie starts at 3.40pm sharp.

All Kindy, Occasional Care and Playgroup families are encouraged to attend with their siblings. Junior Primary children are invited too! If you have a child in an older primary class, please talk with Karena as we can accommodate them too. Children must have a parent (or nominated delegate) with them for duty of care purposes.

We are looking forward to hosting a family fun event that will be a great little fundraiser for the Centre.

**New learning apps**

*Jolly phonics* have released an app available through the app store for $6.49 (for a limited time).

*Subitising flash cards* is another great maths app ($2.49) to help beginning counters to practice the skill of quickly recognizing small groups of objects, adding, subtracting, ‘trusting the count’, recognizing patterns etc.

Kind regards

*Karena Wilson*
What a gorgeous sunny day to be pottering in the Kindy garden....

There was 6 little gardeners today who wanted to tinker in the garden. They learnt how the worm farm works and used their juices to make liquid fertiliser.

We then used this liquid to water the plants in the garden beds which are booming! Loving the green thumb learning experiences!

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