News from the Kindy

Dear Families,

Sunday night and I thought I would make a start on the Kindy newsletter, as we have a busy week ahead at Kindy. I am enjoying the peace in the house as everyone is in bed, worn out from a busy time at the Crystal Brook Show yesterday. What fabulous weather it was to be out enjoying the sunshine with your child(ren). My purse survived another side show alley and my best negotiation skills with a 3, 5 and 7 year old were at an all time high!! Family rivalry was strong as Sophie and I tried to bump Emily and Rocket (my husband) in the dodgems, Lissy loved the farm yard animals and Isabelle was a trooper in the stroller all day. I hope you all had a great day out too! We had lots of positive comments about the Kindy, Occasional Care and Playgroup display in the Guide Hall, I saw lots of Kindy faces in the crowd (many disguised under face paint), and also saw some wonderful entries from Kindy and Occasional Care children.

Another big afternoon on your child’s social calendar (ha ha!!) is the movie afternoon the Kindy is hosting for all Kindy, Occasional Care, Playgroup and Junior Primary school students (rooms 1, 2 and 4). Your child does not have to be currently attending the Centre to attend. This is being held on Friday 23rd August, children can have a play from 3.20pm and Gnomeo and Juliet, rated G, will begin at 3.45pm. We would love your support of this fundraising event for the Kindy. Please talk with me if you have any questions.

Our learning centered around ‘Healthy Living Practices’ concludes this week. We follow the Right Bite Strategy in DECD Schools and Centres. This follows the Early Years Learning Framework ‘Children Have A Strong Sense of Wellbeing’ especially taking increasing responsibility for their own health and physical wellbeing’. Green foods in the lunch box are becoming more prominent which is very pleasing. Lots of children have been having some wonderful conversations with their families around the traffic lights and the frequency that green, amber and red foods should be consumed.

I am in the process of collating information about Transition for Preschool enrolments. I will send this out early next week to families.

The CBPS Parent Club are holding a hot dog day on Tuesday 20th August. If your child would like a hot dog in a hot dog roll (with or without sauce) please bring $3 on the day. Lunch order bags will be located near the sign in book.

Karena, Loretta, Jodie, Joy & Debbie
On Monday 12th August the sun was shining and we knew we were in for a glorious day weather wise. Mrs Carey had written the activities we were planning to do with the children on the whiteboard 1) Make traffic light sandwiches, 2) Make a graph about what children ate for breakfast 3) Marble painting.

Group time saw 12 (we had 5 away) little individuals stand up in front of their peers and talk about what they did at the Crystal Brook Show. Mrs Carey and I were very happy with the confidence that each child displayed as they discussed show bags, the ferris wheel, animals, machinery and the laughing clowns. This lead to our survey about breakfast cereals. 8 children (and staff) had toast and 7 had cereal. We made a picture graph showing our results. This was a great opportunity to explicitly teach the children the process of surveying, recording, tallying and each child added a sticker to our graph of their breakfast choice. We had another child call in later that morning, and upon being surveyed, it was found that our graph showed that both 8 people had cereal and 8 had toast. The results were the same! This is currently on display next to the traffic lights.

It was time to enjoy some of the great outdoors, and soon some children were eagerly showing Jodie a pine cone they had found in the garden. Some children had a try at writing the word pine cone with Mrs Carey, and another group went off to find more. They excitedly returned from a visit to the school (behind the Kindy fence) with Jodie where they had buckets filled with pine cones. What to do with them the children wondered? It wasn’t long until the hot glue gun was retrieved from the storage room, switched on and ready to add googly eyes to make pine cone critters. Mmmmmm? What to do for feet they wondered. Soon enough, another group of children were out collecting twigs for their arms and feet. This was evolving into a lovely nature art activity completely initiated and lead by the children.

Mrs Carey and I looked at the whiteboard at the end of our session and smiled, for some of what we had planned took a different direction. For us, this is a great thing, as it is fantastic to see children ‘picking up and running’ with an idea that is initiated by them, as it builds their creativity, imagination, decision making and responsibility for their learning. Next time you see a pine cone hiding in the garden, I wonder what purpose it could be used for?? (other than kindling for your home fire!!) Have fun!
Text messages from families about the Kindy traffic light display

"Green foods are good foods and make you grow and be healthy. Red foods are not good for you and not healthy for you. Yellow foods are a little bit healthy”.

“Child A had a good talk to me about the food we have a "little bit” of, food we have “sometimes” and food we can have “a lot” of.

Please keep up the healthy conversations with your child(ren)! This helps to reinforce their learning at Kindy in their home environment.

Dad’s Gallery at the Kindy

With Father’s Day (1st September) approaching staff at the Centre (Occasional Care and Kindy) would like to make a gift with your child for their Dad or another significant person in their life. Can you please email me karena.wilson68@schools.sa.edu.au or text a photo 0417088641 a picture of your child with their Dad or another person?

We don’t always get to catch Dad’s at Kindy for a photo so this will also help with a display! Thanks for your assistance with this.

The Kindy, Occasional Care and Playgroup display at the Crystal Brook Show, a great opportunity to showcase our learning throughout the year.