Dear Families,

Our term is in full swing with many fantastic learning opportunities available to children and staff. In the past few weeks staff have been involved in various training and development around Numeracy, Preschool Indicators and Work Health Safety training.

On Monday 25th May Anne, Ros and myself attended ‘Numeracy for 3-8 year olds’ at Gladstone. This professional development was offered to all preschool, junior primary and site leaders in the Flinders and Upper Mid North Partnerships. Our staff felt it was a very valuable opportunity to work with JP staff from CBPS sharing practices around numeracy. Discussions included

• What does numeracy learning for children aged 3-8 years look like?
• The numeracy curriculum – Australian Curriculum, EYLF and the Preschool Indicators
• What does research tell us about best practice numeracy education for children aged 3-8 years?
• Developmentally appropriate assessment – Australian Curriculum, EYLF and the Preschool Indicators

Recently staff were involved in a pupil free day (Monday 18th May) to focus on increasing our knowledge, understanding and responsibilities of Work Health Safety. Playground and yard checks were completed, including updating our risk register, hazardous substances documented and Material Safety Data Sheets (MSDS). Work Health and Safety is everyone’s responsibility so please speak with me if there is something that you have noticed at the Centre that is of concern to you.

Last Friday 22nd May I attended the combined partnership day at Clare. There was a focus on informing and updating leaders on DECD key initiatives including School External Review, Preschool Literacy and Numeracy Indicators, Partnership Performance Reviews, and Numeracy and Literacy Results. Preschool directors met in the morning and I found the session on the Indicators very interesting and informative. The Indicators describe the child being and becoming numerate or literate.

• describe how a child sees, interacts with and explores their world
• are interconnected and not sequential
• are not a list of teachable items that require children to be removed from the everyday planned curriculum experience.

2015 is a year of exploring and becoming familiar with the indicators, learning processes and key elements of the Literacy and Numeracy charts. In 2016 ALL teachers and leaders in preschools will use the Indicators to identify, plan, monitor, assess and report on each child’s numeracy and literacy learning.

Have a great week everyone!

Karena Wilson
Grandparent’s Day—
or another special guest may be invited!

Monday 1st June 2015 from 1-3pm

Please email me your child’s Grandparent (or special friend) photo to include in a PowerPoint next Monday for Grandparent’s Day. The children love seeing their photo on the screen! Text photos to 0427 172529 or email karenawilson68@schools.sa.edu.au - I would like these pictures asap to allow me time to put the Powerpoint together.

If children's Grandparents are unable to make the afternoon, they are welcome to text a video clip of themselves saying hello to their grandchild to the Kindy phone. We can watch it on the whiteboard using the HDMI cable.

Can families please supply a small plate of afternoon tea for our guests? We kindly ask our visitors for a gold coin donation in support of the Cancer Council 'Biggest Morning Tea'.

Hot dog day
Hot dog day at Kindy next Tuesday 2nd June - $3 each. Please bring your money on the day for a hot dog in bread roll. Sauce is available. Hot dogs are available for Occasional Care and Kindy children. Please order at kitchen bench and place money in container.

Four year old health checks
Four year old health checks are scheduled for Tuesday 23rd June from 9.45 am onwards until 2.30pm (last appointment time). I have contacted families of children who are scheduled. Please see me next week at kindy to let me know your preferred time, or if your child has already had their check done previously.
**Kindy fees**
If you have not opted to pay the full year of kindy fees ($288), your term 2 kindy fees are now due please ($72 per term). Statements were posted last week to families with fees owing. Please contact me if you would like me to check the balance of your kindy fees owing.

Payment of fees can be done by:
1. paying cash or cheque at the Kindy into the money tin (on wall) or
2. direct depositing the funds into the Kindy's Bank Account,
   BSB - 105-046
   Acc No - 192101046
   Acc Name - Crystal Brook Kindergarten

We appreciate your support with ensuring fees are paid asap. The fees help maintain the daily operation of the Kindy, and purchasing of resources and equipment for your child to use.

**Mother’s Day raffle**
Our Mother’s Day raffle was drawn on Monday 11th May by four of our kindy children.

1st prize Darianne Bunfield
2nd prize Keeley Greatorex
3rd prize Jan Gulin
4th prize Sharon Jeffries

Huge thank you to our fundraising committee for their efforts in putting together the raffle, and to families and local businesses for donating goodies to be included and for selling raffle tickets.

**National Volunteer Week—11-17th May**
We have a number of fantastic volunteers who generously give their time and skills to help support the work we do and the learning for the children at the Centre.

These include Governing Council and Fundraising Committee, help with excursions (swimming pool, Port Pirie, around Crystal Brook), catering for the Crystal Brook Reunion, supporting and helping with special kindy events such as Grandparents Day, Pancake Day, Market Day, Dad's Night, playing the piano, helping small groups of children with our yard developments and gardening, organising uniforms, graduation DVD and magazine page, organising tea towels and mug memorabilia, weekly cutting up fruit, art duty and weekend washing.

A huge thank you to all our volunteers who help and support us throughout the year!
**St Joseph's visit**
On Tuesday 19th May we had Mr Arbon's year 5, 6 and 7 class visiting from St Joseph's school at Gladstone. The students had lots of fun activities planned for our kindy children, including puppet plays that shared a story or moral, nature treasure hunt and a game of 'Cops and Robbers'. This was a great opportunity for our children to be involved in some cross age activities and we were pleased with how quickly relationships formed between the students and children. The students gave our kindy children a book mark they had made and a chocolate frog.

**Music at Kindy**
Yesterday Mrs Collins had her first visit to the Kindergarten in a number of years playing the piano for us! We loved it! It was a fantastic half hour of action songs, movement and everyone joining in with singing a range of nursery rhymes. Some of the songs we sung were: wheels on the bus, galumph went the little green frog, twinkle, twinkle little star, if you're happy and you know it, never smile at a crocodile, johnny works with one hammer, incy wincy spider just to name a few!

**GOVERNING COUNCIL 2015**

**Chairperson:** Emma Jeffries  
**Vice Chairperson:** Emma Gulin  
**Secretary:** Anita Hook  
**Treasurer:** Fleur Greatorex  
**Grants:** Karena Wilson  
**Committee:** Beck Nicholson, Carla Hook, Charmaine Richards. Jacinta Huxtable, Kaidi James, Kellie Perry, Kerstin Marshall, Lisa McMinn and Mel Storton (Playgroup).

All Kindy and Occasional Care parents/caregivers are welcome to attend the meetings.

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**Important Dates**
1st June  
Grandparent and Special Friends Day  
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3rd June  
Governing Council 7pm Royal Hotel  
8th June  
Queen’s Birthday  
Public Holiday
Some photos from Week 4 & 5

27th May 2015

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Making concrete!
Look I painted a $ sign!

Lego construction full steam!
I can count and sort colours!

Making music with drums and a didgeridoo

Exploring how things work

Castle under construction, problem solving and working together