NEWSLETTER NO 6  23.10.2009
A huge welcome to all of our new friends and families this term

Healthy snacks, water and lunch

Some reminders:
If your child stays for lunch please provide an insulated lunch box with an ice brick “coolie bag” with your child’s lunch in.
Put your child’s lunch box in the big plastic lunch box container in the kitchen.

☐ PLEASE NOTE THIS CHANGE:
Water bottles need to stay in the children’s bags, not in with their lunch so they can access them easily throughout the day.

Your child will need two pieces of fruit or vegetables one for the morning snack and one for the afternoon snack time.

Please NO NUTS or PRODUCTS CONTAINING NUTS or CHICKPEAS (hommus)/LENTILS
We have children that are extremely allergic and may have an anaphylactic reaction if they come in contact with this and require hospitalization. Please read the back of packaging if sending packaged food for lunch. Remember no peanut paste or nutella in sandwiches, save these fillings for home. Thankyou.

Vegetable Garden

The vege-garden is still flourishing.
A huge thankyou to Gary for clearing the vegetable garden in readiness for planting again soon. We have been brainstorming with the children as to what sorts of summer vegetables they might like to grow. So far we’ve had lots of great ideas so we hope to be planting some sweetcorn and tomatoes soon. If you would like to come and help the children in the vegetable garden please let staff know.

You may have seen our new water saving rainwater tanks in the vegetable garden. We received a small grant from the government to assist us with this.
We are applying to have the front pergola fixed so that we can set up a planting station for the children to plant and grow their own seedlings for the vegetable garden. Valuable curriculum learning is embedded throughout children’s involvement in our vegetable garden which is continuing to evolve.

Choice websites
Choice Food for Kids
http://www.choicefoodforkids.com.au

SUN SMART POLICY

We are a Sun Smart Kindy in accordance with The Cancer Council of South Australia. We implement a comprehensive skin protection policy when the ultra violet radiation levels are 3 and above this is generally from the beginning of September until the end of April all children and staff must wear hats. No hat, No outside play. Please ensure your child has their kindy legionnaire’s hat each day.
Parents please put sunscreen on your child before they come to kindy.
If your child stays for a full day please provide a labelled roll on sun screen that stays in your child’s bag for them to put on before going outside in the afternoon.

FRUIT TIME/ Healthy Eating

This week with our Governing Council (parent Voice) we will be reviewing our healthy eating policy and looking at extending this right across the day to include lunch.
Engaged in learning through play.

Have you seen the weekly program board by the lounges? The children’s learning and learning ideas are displayed through photographs. The children are really proud of their learning through play so come and see what they have been engaged in.

Our DIARY DATES

Wk 2 Tues Oct 20th 7pm - 8.30pm Parent Voice Meeting at Tonia’s House. All welcome. Have you thought about joining the Governing Council(Parent Voice) we would love your ideas and input to help run the kindy. Come along to see how they run.

Wk 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, Port Noarlunga Primary School and Christies Beach Primary School transition visits, see your timetable provided by your nominated school.
Port Noarlunga 4 year old program on Friday afternoons is available for children at the school.

Wk 5 & 6 Physical Education week. Stay tuned for our wheelies date.

Wk 6 Saturday 21st Nov. Advanced Life Photography sessions at kindy. Only $10 for your family portrait. Please make your booking before this date if you would like one.

Wk 7 Kindy fees form will go out so parents can get organised for payment and session preferences for next term/year. First in best dressed.

Wk 7 Wed 25th Nov CAFHS checks at kindy. If your child is 4.3 years and over you can access this free service to get your child’s hearing and sight tested at kindy. Please book with Tonia.

Wk 9 Thursday 10th Dec Last day of term. Our kindy party and dress up will be at the kindy disco.

KINDY DISCO/Fundraiser and Kindy family end of year get together. 6pm Christies Beach Sailing Club. Tickets can be purchased from Kindy soon, (not on the night.) BBQ tea provided please bring change. This is also the last day of term for the children. Kindy resumes Wednesday 27th January 2010.

Have you changed your address, phone number?

Please inform Kerry so that we have your current details in the case of an emergency.

Please do not provide us with a mobile number if you do not keep your mobile switched on and/or access it through the day. We have had a few children sick whilst being at kindy and have not been able to contact parents because they do not have message bank and/or do not check their missed calls. For emergency reasons we need to be able to contact you or your emergency contact person. Thankyou.

Have a bite to eat in our Kindy café.

Looking after our vegetable garden.
What’s happening at kindy?

A huge Kindy Mural
The children have been sharing their ideas about what they would like to see painted on our outside kindy wall. In conjunction with art students from the Christies Beach High School our children are helping to design a kindy mural. The theme has been based around the Port Noarlunga Community and environment and is aimed at beautifying our centre and building relationships with our local high school. We will be promoting the children’s creativity and how this important aspect of learning can continue flourishing and developing as a life long skill. You can see the children’s ideas up at kindy. Over the next few weeks the high school students will be visiting the children at kindy to develop relationships, look at the children’s ideas and then use this as the starting point to their design work and continue this consultation process with the kindy children to develop a collaborative design.
Keep watching the outside wall for the changes that will begin soon.

Through the year families have helped to raise money for the kindy through fundraising such as the children’s disco and the art show. We thank those parents and families that have supported us through purchasing tickets and through your generous help we have been able to purchase new science, maths and outdoor equipment for the children. We have also been able to put this money towards having a large sensory sea snake constructed in the outdoor play environment for the children to use in their play. (to be constructed soon.)

Kindy enrolments
Have greatly increased over the last few terms which is fabulous. Staff have worked hard through the year to promote the kindy and develop partnerships with other organisations within the community.
Frieda Corpe Kindy will remain a full time centre now for many years to come, so thankyou for attending kindy regularly, it really does make a huge difference for our termly data collection and our warranted staffing for each term.

Staffing for next year.
I am ecstatic to announce that I have won the Directors position for the next 3 years at Frieda Corpe Kindy. Along with my fantastic staff team we look forward to providing the best possible quality education and care for all your children. We will continue to provide a centre of excellence leading the way in innovative practices.

Arrivals and Pick up from kindy.

☺ Kindy sessions begin at 8.45am -11.30am Monday-Thursday. If you arrive early please enjoy a play in the kindy grounds with your child as staff are setting up for the day and typing up children’s learning stories. The afternoon session begins at 12.15pm and finishes at 3.00pm.
☺ We thank families for waiting under the veranda during our end of session group time. Please check your pockets during this time, fill out a questionnaire, look at the parent resources folder or have a chat with other families.

Ruth Tuck Art

I am just about to put our order in for the Children’s Self Portraits that they did at the art show to be made into keepsakes at the kindy to showcase the children’s work as posters all along the kindy fence in a banner material. It is your last chance to have your child’s art work permanently as part of the Frieda Corpe Kindy. The cost is only $10 and kindy will pay for the rest of the $300 outlay.
Don’t miss out, see me by this Friday 30th October if you want one.

The children’s art work can be collected from kindy if you have ordered it. If you haven’t and you would like all of your children’s art work from the Art Show at Port Noarlunga Gallery the cost is $10 for everything. Please see Tonia.

The Christmas Card pack featuring your child’s self portrait will be available soon for collection and Tonia will be phoning families that have ordered these.
Fundraising

You would have received a Family Portrait offer from Advanced Life Photography. It looks to be a great purchase for only $10 and they will be taken so that you have them in time for Xmas. Please return your slip with payment to the kindy and we can book a time for you to have this done at kindy on Saturday 21st November. The sittings only take 10mins on the day.

Kindy Disco/ End of year family get together. Once again we will end the year with a fun filled children’s disco at the Christies Beach Sailing Club on Thursday 10th December at 6.00pm. The tickets will be $5 per child and they will receive a goody bag and entry to the event. We will be looking for a DJ and extra lighting for the night, so if you are interested or have equipment please see staff. Tickets will go on sail in week 6 so don’t miss out this year. It will be a big one to send off 2009.

Parent workshops

1. BRATZ, BRITNEY AND BRALETTEES: The sexualisation of childhood

**Monday 23 November 2009**
7.30-9.30pm Century Theatre, Immanuel College
32 Morphett Road, Novar Gardens. S.A

Numbers limited Tickets $27.50 book at [www.youngmedia.or.au](http://www.youngmedia.or.au) at the ACCM (Aust council on children and the media.)

From tiny tots to late teens, girls are being preyed upon, and damaged, by sexualisation and media messages about weight, looks, clothes and behaviour. The messages they are getting are wrong. The harm is real, and not just to girls.

Come and here there of Australia’s best speakers on this issue:
**Steve Biddulph**, well known author and family psychologist.
**Julie Gale**, founding Director of Kids free 2B Kids
**Professor Elizabeth Handsley**, Flinders University.

2. PUBLIC INFORRMATION SESSIONS- IMPLEMENTING UNIVERSAL ACCESS TO EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION
Ph 82263681 for further info.
By 2013 every 4 year old will have access to 15 hours of preschool in the year prior to school.