Welcome back everyone and a huge hello to all of our new children and their families this term.

Logan
Grace
Kayne
Laura
Brayden
Jared
James S
Cody H
Thomas
Noah
Cody H.G
Marius
Jessica
Blake
Callum

With summer well upon us please ensure your child comes dressed in appropriate clothing to play outdoors and put sunscreen on before coming to kindy. It is now far too dangerous to be out in the sun’s harmful summer rays without protection. No excuses, no forgetting, our children are too precious. For those children that stay for a full day parents need to supply a named roll on sunscreen for their child so that they can learn to apply it after lunch with assistance from Pam. Please put it in the container by the door.

As part of our Sunsmart policy and in accordance with The Cancer Council S.A all children must wear their legionnaire kindy hat outside during summer. During times when the temperature is into high 30’s and 40 degree days play outside will only be permitted earlier in the day and under shady areas of the yard.

VEGETABLE GARDEN

Would you like to come in and cook with the children using vegetables from the garden? Please let us know and share your ideas. Or perhaps you would like to do some planting with the children????

FRUIT TIME

As part of our involvement with the Eat Well Be Active program we are encouraging the children to bring fruit or vegetables for their snack time. Fruit time is referred to as MUNCH and CRUNCH. So please provide your child with a piece of fruit or veg to have at kindy. No sandwiches, biscuits, bars or packaged foods, just fresh or dried fruit/vegetables please. We all sit down together and eat our fruit and have a drink of water. Cheese and yoghurts are healthy snack alternatives but for fruit time at kindy we would really like to encourage the children to have a piece of fruit. Crunching and chewing on a piece of natural fruit is not only healthy but assists with helping to look after our teeth and gums as well as encourages positive speech development. Eating too many foods that don’t encourage chewing actions e.g. McDonalds or sloppy foods can over time greatly affect children’s speech development. So let’s get our teeth working, move those tongues around and munch and crunch. Have a think, how many processed (packaged, tinned, and jars etc foods would you eat in a day?)
Remember please NO NUTS, we are strictly a nut free zone as we have a child that is allergic to nuts and traces of nuts that are often in packaged and processed foods.

PEACH (Parent Eating and Activity for Child Health)
See the outside notice board for info about the free program that is run by Louise (Dietician) & Imogen (Psychologist) commencing early 2010.

STAFFING FOR TERM 1

With the money that we were allocated from the attendance money initiative from the government we have been able to employ Tonia our fantastic part time ECW to full time for this year again. Annette our teacher is working full time and Kerry has won the directors position for the next 3 years. We are also extremely fortunate to be able to employ Pam as our special needs support teacher full time at the centre as well as our lunch care worker.

So please continue to support your Kindy by bringing your children everyday as this dramatically affects the number of staff we can have at our centre as well as the flexible sessions that we are able to offer families and the free lunch care.

We are very fortunate to be able to have a centre that enables us to keep numbers to a minimum so that we can offer smaller group sizes and more individual attention to your children, however for this to continue we still need to show the department that all of our children attend full time. Your child’s regular attendance does affect the data that the department checks regularly. Regular attendance enables us to keep full time staff, irregular attendance greatly effects our staffing. So please support your kindy and attend regularly. If your child is sick or away on holidays, please phone and let us know as Kerry will document this for data collection.

From time to time for various reasons e.g. staff professional development, Kerry working in the office, and NEP meetings we need to employ relief staff. When possible we will always try and employ Di (teacher) and Chris (ECW) who the children and families are already very familiar with and we are very fortunate to have.

DIARY DATES TO REMEMBER

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<td>Wed 27th Jan</td>
<td>First week back at kindy and playgroup. Playgroup is on Fridays Group 1: 9:00 to 10.30am Group 2: 10.45 to 12.15pm All welcome babes, toddlers, children up to 4 years.</td>
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<td>Wk 3</td>
<td>Wed 10th Feb</td>
<td>Kindy Photos. Colin a kindy/school photographer will be here on Wednesday to take the children’s individual and group photos. They come at the beginning of each year so if your child is currently in Pre entry they will get their photos taken next year when in full time kindy. If your child doesn’t attend a wed session please see Kerry about bringing them in for part of the day. Parents get to view all of their child’s photos without any obligation to buy them. If you are interested in purchasing a photo or the album you can do so through the kindy. Please note this is not a kindy fundraiser the kindy does not profit from any photo sales.</td>
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<td>Wk 4</td>
<td>Thurs 19th Feb, Meet &amp; Greet AGM 7pm (come &amp; chat with your children’s teachers and other parents) AGM 7pm to 8.15pm</td>
<td>We are looking for new parents to form our new committee. PLEASE SHOW YOUR SUPPORT FOR YOUR CHILD’S KINDY BY COMING TO THIS BRIEF MEETING. Ask staff for more info, you don’t have to take on a specific role we welcome parents as general participants. Please add your name to the list by the door if attending for catering purposes. Thankyou</td>
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<td>Wk 6</td>
<td>Wed 4th March CAFHS SCreening at kindy, bookings can be made with Tonia</td>
<td>(Checking your child’s sight, hearing and general health for children aged from 4.3 years )</td>
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<td>Wk 7</td>
<td>Monday 8th March NO KINDY SESSIONS</td>
<td>Due to Public Holiday: Adelaide Cup Day</td>
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<td>Thurs 11th March 6 to 7.30pm Kindy Open night. Parents who don’t get to come along to kindy and stay this is your opportunity to come and have a play with your child and meet your child’s teachers. Please RSVP if you are coming. Thankyou. Stay tuned for more info and rsvp list.</td>
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<td>Last day of term. 2 weeks holidays. Term 2 begins Mon 19th April</td>
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STAYED TUNED FOR MANAGING CHILDREN’S BEHAVIOUR EVENING WORKSHOP at kindy with Donna Broadhurst who is highly regarded for her work with ch’n & families. This session will be FREE to parents so please register your interest we need at least 20 parents to run it later this term on a Tuesday evening. Please see Kerry.
Term Dates for 2010

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Kindy session times
AM Sessions: Monday to Thursday
8.45 to 11.30am
PM Sessions: Monday to Thursday
12.15 to 3.00pm

We thank families for having a play outside in between these times while staff are setting up in the morning and tidying up before the afternoon session.

So that children are still engaged in their learning during group times we ask parents to please wait outside until the children are dismissed. Enjoy getting to know other families and check your information pocket during this time. Thankyou.

Staff often have meetings and professional development after 3.00pm so picking up children promptly is very important.

As a way of promoting the centre and keeping in contact with families you can read newsletters, get useful websites on parenting and see what’s happening at kindy online.
www.friedakgn.sa.edu.au

A huge thankyou to all of the wonderful work that our gardeners (Jack & Garry Sutton) have done to beautify and maintain the Kindergarten grounds over the holidays. The children engage in such valuable learning as they play in the natural outdoors. Our outdoor play environment and vegetable garden is certainly a very special place to play and learn in.

Also you may have noticed a new piece of colourful play equipment outside in the shape of a snake. It was constructed at the end of term with thanks to funds raised from our end of term disco. Thankyou everyone.

Thankyou also to the parents last year that came in to help clean the kindy equipment and toys. Thankyou Thankyou.

Thankyou to Chris our wonderful cleaner who always does way over and above her duties and helps to keep Frieda Corpe Kindy the special place that it is. Thankyou Chris

Once again this year we have weekly kindy washing to be done so we ask families that are not able to come into the kindy to help or who are unable to attend the parent voice meetings that help run the kindy, to please take turns taking home the kindy washing. This small gesture is still a very big help and we greatly appreciate it. Thankyou.

A QUICK CHECK OFF LIST REMINDER

- Kindy legionnaires hat
- Please supply fruit, and or vegetables only for fruit time. NO YOGHURT please.
- If your child stays for lunch please put an ice brick in their lunch box to keep their food at a safe cool temperature. Lunch boxes go in the large clear box in the kitchen.
- Please make sure your child has a labelled water bottle with water in it.
- Please apply sun cream to your child before coming to kindy. If they are staying for a full day provide a roll on sun cream in their bag. NO SUNCREAM NO OUTDOOR PLAY.
- Provide a full change of named clothes in your child’s bag.
- ALL OF THE ABOVE ARE ON YOUR CHILDS KINDY BAG TAG to help you remember what to bring each day.
- Make sure your child is wearing sensible clothes for playing at kindy.
  (It is more than likely that from time to time they will get wet, sandy and generally dirty after a day of summertime play at kindy. It is through play that children learn, we cannot always keep ‘clean’ while playing so support your child’s learning by providing ‘play clothes’ to wear at kindy.)
- No thongs or heels at kindy as they are not safe for climbing and general play.
- Please label your child’s clothing.
- If someone other than yourself is picking up your child please notify staff.
Please keep our records up to date by notifying staff of any phone number or address changes or the name of the school your child will be attending.

✓ Check your pigeon hole daily for notices.

✓ Please pay any fees promptly so that we can fund your child’s kindy term.

✓ We need new parents on the Parent Voice Group that help to run the kindy so please ask staff about it and attend the AGM to get a feel for it.

✓ Please phone staff if your child is away.

✓ Utilize the kindy library with your child, perhaps borrow once a week.

✓ A child’s well being is paramount to their ability to learn. Consistency, positive communication, routine, stability, safety, a positive role model and unconditional love all help in forming a strong foundation towards a child’s emotional and physical well being. Feeling valued, accepted and appreciated are also extremely important.

Chat with your child about their kindy day, share quality time together, read a story, kick the footy, playing together is learning together.

Have fun and enjoy the kindy year together.

Feedback

We value your feedback, comments and suggestions. Please have a chat with staff or use the feedback form to add your comments. If you do have a complaint please include your name so that we can discuss it with you in person.

KIDS MATTER EARLY CHILDHOOD PROJECT

We are so excited about being involved in this project. With thanks to such a dedicated staff team at Frieda Corpe Kindy we are one of only 16 sites selected in the state to be apart of this. Well done Frieda Corpe Kindy.

We encourage parents to be involved with us and if you would like to be part of the ‘leadership group’ along with staff please see Kerry. Kids Matter is a national mental health promotion, prevention and early intervention initiative in response to a national concern about the mental health of children. Australian research suggests that 14% of 4 -17 year olds currently experience mental health difficulties. Mental health in early childhood is about being able to experience, regulate and express emotion, as well as form a secure relationship with parents and carers. We are just beginning our journey in this project so if you would like to be apart of the ‘leadership group’ or if you would like more information please see me, Thankyou.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Meet and greet staff and other parents. It is that time again and we need as much parent and caregiver support as we can. It is time to form the new Parent Voice Group for 2010. We only meet twice a term on a Tuesday evening from 7pm to 8.30pm. We value working with parents and our local community to share ideas to continue making Frieda Corpe Kindy the special learning centre that it is. Part of our strategic directions for this year is strengthening these relationships so please come along and show your support and interest. Have a say in how your kindy is run, learn about kindy curriculum and meet new parents.

WE NEED YOU

Parents/caregivers don’t have to take on a particular role unless extremely keen. You can just become a general member. You can spend as little or as much time with your involvement as you like-No pressure. It’s a great way to get to know how a kindy is run from a financial, educational and staffing perspective. Be involved in your child’s learning at kindy.

Engaged in learning through play.

Opening hearts and minds to life long learning. Kerry, Annette, Tonia and Pam.