NEWSLETTER NO.1 Feb 2011

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

SUNSMART

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. 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 staff. (No tubes, sprays or pumps as
the children find them difficult to manage by
themselves and get it all over the floor) Please put it in
the sun cream container by the door.

Roll On Sun Cream For Sale
We also have cost saving roll on sun creams for
families to purchase at kindy as we can buy them in
bulk. They cost $5.00 and are low allergy PABA free.

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????

FOR SALE
We have kindy grown produce for sale-, Zucchinis
$2.00 a bunch, tomatoes $2.00 a bag, cucumbers
$1.00 each, all pesticide free.

As part of our ongoing commitment to the Eat Well
Be Active program we encourage the children to

FRUIT TIME

bring fruit or vegetables for their snack time.
Fruit time is referred to as MUNCH and CRUNCH. So
please provide your child with 2 pieces of fruit or
veg, one to have for morning fruit and the
other for afternoon fruit time.
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
helping to look after
and gums as well as

REMINDERS

We have a new sign in and sign out sheet by the door.
Please fill this in when you arrive and pick up at kindy.

- All children need to bring a bag that they can manage
themselves to put their belongings into.
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, as we have a child that is allergic to nuts.

**STAFFING FOR THIS YEAR**

Annette: Full time Teacher
Kerry: Full time Teacher and Director
Tonia: Full time Early Childhood Worker
Pam: Part time Special Needs Support Teacher

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.

Continue to support your Kindy by bringing your children everyday. 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.

**DIARY DATES TO REMEMBER**

**Wk 2 Friday 11th Feb** New Playgroup begins for families in the Port Noarlunga District. We are currently FULL. Bookings are required to join or visit. Staff are in the process of contacting last years members and notifying families of vacancies.
Group 1: 10.30am to 11.30am Group 2: 11.45am to 12.45.
All welcome babes, toddlers, children up to 4 years.

**Wk 3 Tuesday 15th and Wed 16th Feb**
Kindy Photos. Colin a kindy/school photographer will be here on Tuesday pm and Wednesday a.m 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.
Parents get to view all of their child’s photos without any obligation to buy them. If you are interested in purchasing the album you can do so through the kindy. Cost $40.
If you do not want your child to be in the group photo please inform Kerry. Thankyou

**Wk 4 TUESDAY 22nd Feb, Meet & Greet,**
**ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 7pm to 8.15pm**
(comine & chat with your children’s teachers and other parents)
We are looking for new parents to form our new Parent 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 RSVP to Kerry

**Wk 4 Tuesday 22nd Feb CAFHS CHECKS at kindy,**
(Checking your child’s sight, hearing and general health for children aged from 4.3 years with a Community Health Nurse ) bookings can be made with Tonia.

**Wk 8 Monday 21st March**
Your child’s session choices/fees will be in your pigeon hole. It is due back by MONDAY 4th April- week 10 with payment. $100. We are at capacity with a waiting list for sessions so get them in promptly please to secure your child’s place here.

**Wk 11 Tues 12th April Kindy Open night.**
This is your opportunity to come and have a play with your child, meet your child’s teachers and help to celebrate your child’s learning. Stay tuned for more info.
The Monday, Tuesday group time will be TUESDAY 12th April 5.30pm to 6.30pm.
The Wed, Thursday group will be TUESDAY 12th April 6.45pm to 7.45pm.

**Wk 11 Thurs 14th April** Last day of term. 2 weeks holidays. Term 2 begins Mon 2nd May
Term Dates for 2011

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Kindy session times
Monday to Thursday
8.45 to 3.00pm

Pre Entry session time
Fridays 8.45am to 10.15am

We thank families for having a play outside in the garden between these times while staff are setting up in the morning to ensure your child’s safety.

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.

FRIEDA CORPE KINDERGARTEN’S WEBSITE

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

THANKYOU

A huge thankyou to all of the wonderful work that our gardeners (Jack & Gary 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 we have a new shed in the garden. It was constructed at the end of term with thanks to funds raised from our end of term disco. Thankyou Everyone.
We also have a new kindy sign by the entrance gate to welcome families which highlights the centres values. Genevieve’s design is featured on the sign. The children were asked to draw a picture about what kindy means to them.

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. Thanks 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.

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.

CHILD DEVELOPMENT

If you would like to have a chat with staff about your child’s development please make a time after 3pm weekdays. A booking form is on the office door. When your child is in their second term of kindy Annette will invite you to join her in a discussion about how your child is progressing at kindy. This formulates their mid term report. In the children’s last term of kindy a Summative report is written which summarises your children’s interests, strengths and areas requiring strengthening. This report is viewed by the child’s parents first and then a copy sent to their designated school. This all becomes part of a positive and successful transition into school life.

This year we are delving deeper into Reggio Emilia influences and incorporating The Early Years Framework “Belonging, Being, Becoming”, which is the new National E.Y Framework - previously South Australia used S.A.C.S.A. For more information on either please help yourself to information on the signing in table.

KIDS MATTER EARLY CHILDHOOD PROJECT

We are so excited to be able to continue our involvement 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. If you would like more information please see Kerry, Thankyou.

We have a meeting with our new Facilitator Amelia on Friday 25th Feb at 1.30pm.

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.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

AGM TUESDAY 22nd Feb 7pm to 8.15pm
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 2011. We only meet twice a term usually in the evening. 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.

Please RSVP to Kerry so I can give you a copy of the Annual Report to look over before the meeting.

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.

We apologise to families that are wanting to come along to playgroup on Friday but for those children that are now accessing and attending Pre entry or full time kindy, we ask them to relinquish their spot, as playgroup is now full with an extensive waiting list *Unless they have younger siblings that are attending playgroup then they can stay on with their family. Thankyou for your understanding.

Bookings are required to access playgroup this term. Families will be unable to simply turn up for O.H.S&W reasons.