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VEGETABLE GARDEN

As part of our Sun smart 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 day’s play outside will only be permitted earlier in the day and under shady areas of the yard.

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No thongs at Kindy as they are not safe for climbing in.

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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.

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**STAFFING FOR THIS YEAR**

Annette: Full time Teacher  
Jaz: Mon & Tues Teacher  
Kerry: Full time Teacher and Director  
Tonia: Full time Early Childhood Worker  
Chris: Part time Special Needs Support Teacher

Annette will be on leave from week 3 for the rest of the term so Diane Vincent will be our other teacher for term 1. Continue to support your Kindy by bringing your children everyday. We are very fortunate 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.

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**DIARY DATES TO REMEMBER**

**Wk 3 Tuesday 14th and Wed 15th Feb**  
**Kindy Photos.** Colin a Kindy/school photographer will be here on Tuesday pm and Wednesday am to take the children's individual and group photos. They come at the beginning of each year. 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. If you do not want your child to be in the group photo please inform Kerry. Thankyou

**Wk 5 Tues 28th Feb 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. 6pm to 7pm

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**Wk 7 Monday 12th NO KINDY, Public Holiday**

**Wk 7 Friday 16th March Transition Meeting for new parents. 8.45am to 10.00am at Kindy. Sorry it is not suitable for younger siblings to attend.**

**Wk 8 Monday 19th March**  
Your child's session fees will be in your pigeon hole. It is due back no later than MONDAY 2nd April week 10

**Wk 8 TUESDAY 20th March, Meet & Greet, ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 7pm to 8.15pm**

We are looking for more parents to form our new Parent Committee for this year. 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 9 Tuesday 27th March 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. A parent or Caregiver needs to be able to attend with your child.**

**Wk 10 Thursday 5th April Bulb orders due.**

**Wk 10 Thurs 5th April Last day of term.**  
2 weeks holidays. Term 2 begins Mon 23rd April

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**Term Dates for 2011**

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**Kindy session times**  
Monday to Thursday  
8.30 to 4.00pm (3.50pm pick up)

We thank families for having a play outside in the garden if you arrive early while staff are setting up in the morning to ensure your child's safety. Staff often have meetings and professional development after the children's sessions so picking up children promptly is very important.

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**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  
Other interesting web sites:  
http://familybyfamily.org.au/  
A huge thankyou to all of the wonderful work that our gardener (Garry Sutton) has 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.

Thankyou to Indie’s family for watering the garden during the holidays.

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.

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.

If you would like to have a chat with staff about your child’s development please notify a staff member. 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 will continue to incorporate The Early Years Framework “Belonging, Being, Becoming”, which is the National Early Years Framework.

For more information on either please help yourself to information on the signing in table or please see staff.

The National Standards
The NQF sets a new National Quality Standard for providers of long day care, family day care, outside school hours care and preschools.

The National Quality Standard has introduced significant changes including:

- increased carer to child ratios
- new qualification requirements
- a new quality rating system and
- the establishment of ACECQA, the national body set up to implement the NQF.

This is new for all Kindergarten’s this year and staff will continue to work towards the new National Standards.

AGM TUESDAY 20th March 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 2012. We only meet twice a term on a Tuesday evening during week 4 and week 8, 6.30 to 8pm. 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.

**Fundraising**

We don’t like to give parents boxes of chocolates to sell to help with fundraising but instead we ask families to please order a pack of bulbs that your children can grow in their own pot at home. Ask your family and friends if they would like to purchase a pkt of bulbs and add it to your order form.

**GARDEN EXPRESS BULB FUNDRAISER**

They make great gifts that keep on giving.

Order you spring time bulbs now for lots of colour. Simple to plant and grow with years of colour as the bulbs multiply.

More info to come soon. Packs start from $5 for 12 bulbs.

With your support through fundraising once a term we can continue to keep our fees at a minimum. Thankyou for your support.

With the money raised we would love to purchase some greatly needed new sports equipment.

**Changes to session times**

We thank families, children and staff for your patience with our new session times that have come about by having to offer families 15 hours of Kindy as part of the Governments Universal Access Initiative. We will continue to trial the longer session days till mid way through the year so during this time we would appreciate your feedback. I will organise some feedback forms to go home in approx 1mth time.

We have already noted a few teething problems so to help the day flow successfully for all of the children we are asking families that wish to pick up earlier to please wait by the door and a staff member will send your child out to you so that it doesn’t upset or disrupt the rest of the group. Thankyou for your understanding.

**We are also asking families to arrive at Kindy at 3.50pm to collect your child as we will be dismissing children from 3.50pm, not 4pm.** At 4pm the Kindy will be closed with staff attending training off of site. Thankyou for your co-operation.
Annette writes a fortnightly program for parents to view which is on the art easel outside. As well as this program we have a learning journal that documents children’s learning that will be placed on the wooden easel by the door. A daily slideshow of the children’s learning will also be available at the end of the day.

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.

Opening hearts and minds to lifelong learning.
Kerry, Annette, Tonia, Chris & Jaz
A copy of our daily timetable

**Time Table** (Monday to Thursday)

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