NEWSLETTER NO.2 March 2011

DIARY DATES TO REMEMBER

KINDY FEES are due back before or 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. Your child’s kindy sessions/days will remain the same for the rest of their kindy year. If you have extenuating circumstances in which you need to change let me know ASAP.

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

CAFHS screening
TERM 2 Tuesday 10th May. If your child is 4.3 years of age they are eligible to have their free CAFHS screening at kindy. Sight, hearing, weight are checked and parents can discuss any questions or concerns regarding your child’s health and wellbeing with the CAFHS nurse. Book in for an appointment at kindy.

REMININDERS

If your phone number or address changes please put it in writing and give to Kerry. I must have an up to date phone number of an emergency contact person who is available during the day and lives within reasonable distance of the kindy. For health and safety reasons we are unable to keep sick children at kindy. If your child falls sick at kindy they will need to be collected within half an hour by either yourself or your emergency contact person. Please remember we have a child undergoing Chemotherapy treatment and it is very important that he not be subject to unnecessary coughs and colds. If your child is unwell they need to be at home, not spreading germs at kindy. Thankyou

Term Dates for 2011

Term 1 31st Jan - 14th April
Term 2 2nd May to 7th July
Term 3 25th July to 29th Sept
Term 4 17th Oct to 15th Dec

Kindy session times
Monday to Thursday 8.45 to 3.00pm
Pre Entry session time
Fridays 8.45am to 10.15am

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

SUNSMART

As part of our Sunsmart policy and in accordance with The Cancer Council S.A we will all still wear our hats outside until the U.V rays fall below 3.

THANKYOU
To those parents that have taken the washing home to do, it is such a huge help. If you haven’t had your turn please see staff - we don’t like to put out a roster, we prefer parents to honestly just take their turn. Thankyou to Garry Sutton for all of his hard work in keeping the outdoor environment looking fabulous and well maintained.

CRAZY HAIR DAY

HI Kerry

Today I was able to deposit $301.10 for the crazy hair day held at the kindy. What an amazing effort, please pass on a huge thank you to all the parents who kindly donated for our crazy hair day. I was totally blown away by the amount of support from everyone and I just hope the children had as much fun as we did.

The money we raised will be used by the Leukaemia Foundation to fund services to support patients and families living with leukaemia’s, lymphomas, myeloma and related blood disorders. All the services are free. Our fundraising also funds blood cancer research to find better treatments and cures.

We have seen first hand the great work that the Leukaemia Foundation do and hope that with continued support one day they may discover new ways to treat children with leukaemia, therefore improving their quality of life by reducing the length and side-effects of chemotherapy and help to prevent relapses. Perhaps even one day we will have a cure, until then support like this is vital to the patients and their families.

Thanks once again for the fantastic support from the wonderful kindy staff and the generous donations from all the families.

Michelle

A huge thankyou to Jackie the I.T specialist and SSO at Port Noarlunga Primary School for making up a special DVD of our crazy hair day, a fabulous framed collage of all of the children’s photos with crazy hair and for the schools donations to add to the day.

CHILD DEVELOPMENT

Annette is catching up with parents whose children are in their second term of kindy to have a conversation about their development and progress. This forms part of your child’s mid term report and can either be done by a conversation during the session or if a longer chat is required parents can book in for a more formal conversation after hours. (The booking sheet is on the office door)

If your child is not in their second term of kindy but you have any questions, quires or concerns please mention this to staff so that we can arrange to have a conversation.

Have a look in your child’s portfolio from time to time to read their learning stories and disposition pages. Their folder can be borrowed to take home and share with other family members by signing it out. Please take good care of it as it is an irreplaceable record of your child’s learning journey at kindy.

Have you browsed through the black program folder that is by the front door? It depicts the children’s learning ideas and documents the children’s learning during the term.

GOVERNING COUNCIL

The Parent Voice (Governing Council) met again this week and discussed the National Standards that will be implemented next year. Kindergartens along with Child Care Centres will fall under the same National Standards and will be assessed under specific criteria. If you are interested in supporting staff through this process you may like to join the Parent Voice. We meet on a Tuesday evening at 7pm to 8.15pm on week 4 and week 8 of the term.

We also discussed the DECS Improvement and Accountability process (DIAF) that staff engage in throughout the year to achieve and sustain high performance. Parents are always welcome to be involved in this process, if you are interested in being on the SIT (Site Improvement Team) please see Kerry.

We also discussed having a kindy uniform in the form of a polo shirt that can be worn over skivvies during winter or on it’s own during summer. More information on this in the future.

ITCHUM PROGRAM

We had a visit from ITCHUM which is program that informs children about head lice and how they can avoid head-lice and what to do if they get it. Laura and Kelly chatted with the children about head-lice and then Kelly got dressed up in a huge costume that looked like a big head-lice - it was very funny and the children enjoyed dancing with Itchum to his special song. The children learnt about what head-lice and the eggs look like, how they make you head itchy, and how they can keep their hair clean. They also discovered that head-lice cannot jump and do not live in carpets or on animals-just on human hair. They like to feed on our blood.

ITCHUM will visit again later in the term to visit the Wednesday children.

FEEDBACK

Do you have time to go to Indigi Flora at Hackham to purchase some ground cover for us? We have a list of what we need and the money- we are just very pushed for time?

Do you enjoy planting?
If you enjoy gardening we also need the ground cover planted by the outside mural.
Do you enjoy painting?
We need someone to go to Solver and purchase a big can of clear paint to protect our mural and then paint it on the wall.

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?
We have been following the children’s interest in spiders, bugs, the rainforest, insects, growing seeds and planting in the vegetable garden, music and movement and creating through an assortment of medium. We have also been engaging in many pre literacy experiences including rhyme and counting syllables in words and exploring alliteration. We are sharing many group games and activities to further skills in working together in harmony, collaboration, group entry skills, turn taking, social skills and promoting a sense of wellbeing and belonging as part of a group. Many of the activities encourage children to further develop their fine motor skills, problem solving skills, mathematical skills and positive dispositions for learning.

“Have a go spaghetti” just like Pete
Persistence and Connie Confidence

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