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DIARY DATES TO REMEMBER

Wk 8 Annual General Meeting
Tuesday 20th March 7pm to 8.30pm at Kindy
All parents welcome. Hear about 2011 highlights and where we are headed fro 2012 and beyond.
We need you, your ideas, have your voice heard.
Come along and consider joining the New Parent Voice Committee for 2012. We only meet twice a term. It is great way to learn about the kindy and meet other parents. Please RSVP.

KINDY FEES are due back before or by MONDAY 2nd April- Monday 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.

CAFHS screening
Week 9 Tuesday 27th March 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.

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

REMINDERS
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. If your child is unwell they need to be at home, not spreading germs at kindy. Thankyou

Kindy session times
Monday to Thursday
8.30 to 4.00pm

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 SA 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.
Thank you to parents that have come in and shared their families interests at kindy. We have had parents playing musical instruments, cooking home made bread, making fruit smoothies, muffins and vegetable slice with the children. We have also thoroughly enjoyed learning about families cultures and languages through parents coming in and sharing songs, games and traditions. The children also enjoy learning about parent’s roles at home and outside of the home.

Have you read the kindy program by the door or had a look through the children’s learning journal on the book stand by the door? Diane and Jaz spend a lot of time collating the children’s photos to give parents a visual diary of the children’s learning at kindy. Teaching staff also document children’s individual learning in the children’s folders in learning stories. These stories as you can imagine take staff a lot of time and are often completed in their own personal time. They are evidenced against the National Curriculum: Belonging, Being & Becoming. Every child will eventually have learning stories or disposition pages in their folder and we appreciate your patience with this. We have added a feedback sheet to your child’s learning stories as a way for you to share how you have used this at home and to share other interests your child has that they might enjoy sharing as part of our Child Initiated Curriculum. We have found that children’s authentic interests generate wonder and a deep meaningful learning.

Children’s Learning

Does your family have a cultural experience or interest that you would like to share with the children?
Engaged in learning through play.

We have been following the children’s interest in caterpillars/butterflies, dogs, tadpoles, growing seeds and planting in the vegetable garden, cooking, 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 well being 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, Diane and Jaz.