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DIARY DATES TO REMEMBER

Wk 4 Parent Voice Meeting (Management Committee)
Tuesday 15th May 7pm to 8.30pm at Kindy.
All parents welcome. 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.

Wk 5 Mon 21st and Wk 6 Wed 30th:
A Podiatrist from Podiatry Care-Christies Beach will be visiting us at kindy.
If you would like your child’s foot structure and walking pattern examined please ask staff for a permission slip.

Wk 8 Rachel Cole a year 11 student will be visiting Kindy for work experience this week.
CAFHS screening

Week 9 Tuesday 19th June 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 28th June Last day of term.
2 weeks holidays. Term 3 begins Mon 16th July

REMINDEERS

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

Transition session times
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.

Excursions/Incursions

We will give families as much notice as we possibly can with these. In following the children's interests sometimes these things can happen quite quickly but we will do our best to let you know ASAP. This term we will be meeting with the artists from our local Art Centre. We don't have an exact date as yet but they will be visiting kindy and we will probably walk down to the Art Centre to see their gallery. We hope to all be working together on a group project sharing our common interest in exploring various painting medium and working with our community.

Does your family have a cultural experience or interest that you would like to share with the children?

Carla Rinaldi
Professor Carla Rinaldi is an internationally-renowned advocate for children and the President of Reggio Children and the President of the Foundation Reggio Children - Loris Malaguzzi Centre in Reggio Emilia, Italy. She is also Professor at the University of Modena and Reggio Emilia. Carla worked side-by-side with Loris Malaguzzi, the philosopher and founder of the Reggio Emilia Approach, from 1970 until 1994 in the municipal infant, toddler and pre-school system of Reggio Emilia, where she was the first pedagogical coordinator. She lectures frequently on the Reggio Emilia approach, and has published many books, articles and chapters in Italian and English. Her expertise, work and experience continue to influence and inspire children's learning and growing around the world.

Carla Rinaldi has accepted the invitation of the Government of South Australia to be one of the Thinker’s in Residence for the next 6 months. The Adelaide Thinkers in Residence Program brings world class thinkers to Adelaide to undertake residences of 2-6 months. The Thinkers assist South Australia to build on its climate of creativity, innovation and excellence and provide the state with strategies for future development in the arts and sciences, social policy, environmental sustainability and economic development. This South Australian Government initiative has anticipated outcomes related to reconceptualising the child and childhood form the perspective of all those involved with and for children. It has the possibility to influence policy principles and practices across the whole of Australia.

Frieda Corpe Kindy staff were very fortunate to be able to attend Carla’s first lecture at the entertainment centre recently “Re-imaging Childhood” It was a motivating speech about the Principles of the Reggio Emilia Educational Project which staff were very excited about as we have already instigated adopting Reggio Emilia Inspired practices. Your kindergarten staff take great pride in keeping abreast of innovative and current teaching practices to bring the best quality teaching and care to your children.

Carla encouraged her listeners to reflect on “What is the image of the child?” – by legislation, society, mass media, psychologists. She suggests that very few act from the child’s rights and competencies but from their own needs.

“The image of the child that we choose and recognise then must also take on the responsibility towards an image that is more respectful.”

Children have the right to be children (not miniature adults) they have the right to be loved, nurtured, cared for and respected as valued citizens of the right...

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Our recent closure day

Thankyou to all our families for your patience. During our recent closure day staff were engaged in further developing and documenting our site’s Philosophy Statement and Values. We will be continuing on with this during our Parent Voice Meetings.

We value your voice and ideas ‘team is the theme.’ We enjoy working together as a community of learners so come and join us.

You might have also noticed that the play equipment has been moved, the barked play area rotary hoed and topped up and our digging patch rejuvenated.

Lunch at Kindy

Children enjoy having lunch at kindy with their friends, it is a very social time where children talk about their day, their lunch, and their families. Children are very aware what each other are eating so please continue to provide your healthy lunches and after lunch treats e.g. a muffin, yoghurt, vegetable fingers. Please refrain from putting in chips, lollies and chocolate we follow the Eat Well SA Health Eating Guidelines to help children develop healthy eating habits instead of wanting to reach for junk/ ‘sometimes’ foods that are high in sugar, fat and salt which are not very helpful in assisting children with their learning(e.g. if it effects their behaviour). A special note or sticker in your child’s lunch box is a lovely way to send your love.

WHAT’S HAPPENING AT KINDY

Developing friendships together and as a community of learners.
Opening hearts and minds to life long learning. Kerry, Annette, Tonia, Diane and Jaz.

Thankyou to everyone who participated in our recent bulb fundraiser. Look at the fabulous Di Vinci light table magnetic construction set that we put that money towards. The children are engaging in lots of problem solving, critical thinking and creative thought with this play experience.