Our two dollar squares are available again to win your kindy fees back. We need all squares to be filled. Bring in your change; donations go towards a wooden musical tree for the children to experiment with in kindy.

Thankyou

Celebrating children's individuality, creativity and curiosity:

THE FRIEDA CORPE KINDY ART SHOW.

Do you enjoy bargain shopping and visiting garage sales??? Then you are the person for us.

WE STILL NEED HELPERS
We are trying to gather resources to make up children's prop boxes for dramatic play and have a list of children's ideas. Some of the dramatic play boxes include Pirates, Fairies, Camping, Bob the Builder- tools etc., Science kits, Dancing, Fishing, Flower shop, kites, If you have time to visit some shops to purchase items for these kits please see staff.

More interesting web sites

www.parenting.sa.gov.au
www.attachrelate.com.au (The Attachment and Relationships Centre)
www.beyondblue.org.au (National depression initiative)

Does your child have challenging behaviours, relationship attachment concerns or social difficulties which are affecting their learning at home, school or kindy?

Services that may be able to offer assistance for your child/family are 1.

kindy; we have access to speech therapists, child psychologist and social workers, have a chat with kindy staff. 2. Your local doctor may have links with paediatricians and other services that may be able to assist children with physical, cognitive or emotional concerns. The earlier we support children with their emotional and social development the less likely it is to be an issue later on.

This year has been a crucial year with our involvement in the Kids Matter project. Let's help our children get the encouragement and support they need. Positive role models, eating healthy, allowing children their right of being a child (not a miniature adult).
Something to be mindful of: the manipulative power of advertising. Our children are being manipulated to grow up quicker than they should and being brainwashed into wanting materialistic toys and products to ‘keep them out of our hair.’

What sort of world are we bringing our precious children up in? Do we really want to see our young girls in bra like tops and thinking about make up and concerned about their weight at four and five years of age? What do advertising companies portray as ‘cute’? Is it appropriate?

Do we want our boys wearing inappropriate clothes with words that actually convey an adult’s poor sense of humour that encourages them to be tough and display bully types of behaviour?

Children are not commodities. They have rights as children and they have the right to be children. They have a right to be loved and valued and cared for. They have a right for us as parents and adults to be stronger, wiser and kinder.

We need to deal with our own baggage as adults and not put it onto our children. They may push our buttons at times- but why?-what button are they pushing?- what haven’t we worked through as adults?

What are we saying in front of our children? In the heat of the moment do you swear? What music/radio station do you have on in the car? Is it appropriate for 4 year olds? What are they watching on TV or DVD’s? Does it contain violence even in a cartoon form?

We have heard quite a few children swearing lately and hitting at kindy- which is not acceptable. Children idolize their parents, older siblings, family members and their peers and it can lead them to copying inappropriate behaviour.

Much of our curriculum this year has been focussed on developing our sense of self, learning about emotions, social skills, how to enter into groups, how to establish friendships, being resilient, problem solving, developing acceptable behaviours and following group norms and rules, sharing our ideas, promoting self worth and self esteem, what to do with big emotions instead of hurting others, how to build on our self confidence, how to manage change, how to look after ourselves and others, appropriate behaviour.

Let’s all be positive role models and work together to help our children become successful, happy learners in life. WHAT YOU DO TODAY MATTERS!

“Happy, safe and secure relationships are fundamental to children’s wellbeing and learning.”

“The experiences children have shapes their brains” Margaret Sims University of New England Neurobiological evidence. (more to come next newsletter.

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**Illness**

We have had children attend kindy when they are not well and staff have not been able to reach parents. If your child has a runny green nose, bad cough or is generally unwell do **not** bring them to kindy. I can appreciate that it is difficult for parents that are working but kindy is not the place for unwell children- WE ARE NOT A BABY SITTING SERVICE. Last week we were very close to having to close the kindy for a few days because most of the kindy staff were very ill. Please be mindful that germs spread so quickly in this environment and we have many pregnant mums at the moment- do not spread the germs around. If your child has a temperature in the morning but looks ok in the afternoon until the next day do **not** bring them to kindy. Thankyou.

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**Labelling belongings**

Please label all of your child’s belongings- Drink bottle, lunch box and lid, jackets, bag. Our lost property is getting bigger and will soon be taken to the op shop.

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**Community Events/ Services**

*Adelaide Festival Centre* has a selection of family shows coming up and during the holidays.


*OZAsia Festival* 17th Sept- 2nd October


*Little Big Shots* 7th -9th Oct

Space Theatre Adelaide Festival Centre

Tickets $10 book at BASS.

*Paediatric Podiatry Clinics* provided by the University of South of South Australia.

The clinic provides assessment of your child’s stance, feet, their legs, the way they walk and run and their footwear.

When: Friday 9-12noon

Where: University of South Australia Podiatry Clinic, Level 3, Centenary Building, North Terrace, Adelaide, S.A 5000.

How much: $10 for the initial consultation

Phone: 8302 2269 Or visit [www.podiatrysa.net.au](http://www.podiatrysa.net.au)