Welcome back everyone
And a huge hello to all of our new children and their families this term.

As part of our Sunsmart policy and in accordance with The Cancer Council SA all children must wear their legionnaire kindy hat outside.

During times when the temperature is into high 30’s and 40 degree days play outside will only be permitted earlier in the day and under shady areas of the yard.

VEGETABLE GARDEN

Wow, take a look....
The vege-garden is flourishing. Thankyou so much to the Sutton family for taking such good care of it over the holidays. Would you like to come in and cook with the children using vegetables from the garden? Please let us know and share your ideas.

SUNSMART
No hat and No suncream = No outdoor play

With summer well upon us please ensure your child comes dressed in appropriate clothing to play outdoors and put sunscreen on before coming to kindy. It is now far too dangerous to be out in the sun's harmful summer rays without protection. No excuses, no forgetting, our children are too precious. For those children that stay for a full day parents need to supply a named roll on sunscreen for their child so that they can learn to apply it after lunch with assistance from Pam.

RECYCLING

During the holidays Garry and Tonia have been feeding the vegetables with our organic liquid fertilizer made from the children’s fruit scraps and natural Bokashi mix.
Please bring in your scrap boxes, wrapping paper, wool etc for the children to utilize their creativity skills at the collage table. Please no glass, tins or medicine containers. Thankyou.

**FRUIT TIME**

As part of our involvement with the Eat Well Be Active project we are encouraging the children to bring fruit or vegetables for their snack time.

Fruit time is referred to as MUNCH and CRUNCH. So please provide your child with a piece of fruit or veg to have at kindy. No sandwiches, biscuits or bars just fresh or dried fruit/vegetables please. We all sit down together and eat our fruit and have a drink of water. Cheese and yoghurts are healthy snack alternatives but for fruit time we would really like to encourage the children to have a piece of fruit. Crunching and chewing on a piece of natural fruit is not only healthy but assists with helping to look after our teeth and gums as well as encourages positive speech development. Eating too many foods that don’t 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 jar etc foods) would you eat in a day?

Remember please NO NUTS, we are strictly a nut free zone as we have a child that is allergic to nuts and traces of nuts that are often in packaged and processed foods.

**STAFFING FOR TERM 1**

With the money that we were allocated last year from the attendance money initiative we have been able to employ Tonia our fantastic ECW again full time for this term.

Annette our teacher is working Tuesday’s and Wednesday’s and Kerry our director is here full time. We have also been able to employ Pam everyday for lunch care without passing this expense on to parents and the department have funded Pam’s afternoons to continue as a special needs worker.

So please continue to support your Kindy by bringing your children everyday as this dramatically affects the number of staff we can have at our centre as well as the flexible sessions that we are able to offer families and the free lunch care. We do not want to become a part time kindy so your support is crucial.

Over the break you may have received a kindy brochure in the mail, please pass this onto friends we need to increase our enrolments NOW.

We are very fortunate to be able 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 increase our enrolments so that the department does not convert us to a part time centre. Help us by being pro active in your child’s education and care at Frieda Corpe Kindergarten. Tell your friends about your fantastic Kindy, ask them to come and visit and help us to get more enrolments.

**DIARY DATES TO REMEMBER**

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<td>First week back at kindy and playgroup. Playgroup Fridays Group 1, 9-10.30am Group 2, 10.45-12.15pm</td>
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<td>Wk 4</td>
<td>19th Feb</td>
<td>Annual General Meeting &amp; Parent voice meeting. 7pm Tonia’s House We are looking for new parents. PLEASE SHOW YOUR SUPPORT FOR YOUR CHILD’S KINDY BY COMING TO THIS MEETING.</td>
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<td>Wk 5</td>
<td>26th Feb</td>
<td>CLOSURE DAY. No kindy sessions on this day. Staff engaged in Self Review, Performance reporting and improvement planning. If your child usually attends this day we apologize for the inconvenience and they can make up the session on a Monday or Tuesday during week 5 or the following week. Please let staff know.</td>
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<td>CAFHS SCREENING at kindy, bookings can be made with Tonia closer to the time. (Checking your child’s sight, hearing and general health.)</td>
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<td>KINDY GROUP AND INDIVIDUAL PHOTOS, Freeze Frame Photography. (No obligation costs.)</td>
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<td>Last day of term. 2 weeks holidays. Term 2 begins Mon 27th April</td>
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<td>Save your unwanted treasures for a HUGE KINDY GARAGE SALE. More info to follow at a later date.</td>
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**FRIEDA CORPE KINDERGARTEN’S WEBSITE**

As a way of promoting the centre and keeping in contact with families we have just had our own web site constructed. HAVE A LOOK! Tell us what you think. [www.friedakgn.sa.edu.au](http://www.friedakgn.sa.edu.au)
We would like our kindy newsletter to go online so that we can save printing lots of paper. If you have some ideas, please email Kerry on: kindy.director@friedakgn.sa.edu.au

What information would you find useful on this site?

THANKYOU’S

A huge thankyou to all of the wonderful work that our new gardeners (Jack & Garry Sutton) have 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.

Also you may have noticed a new piece of colourful play equipment outside for our younger children and playgroup. With kind thanks to the Nahlous family (Sarah and Joshua attended Frieda Corpe Kindy) who sold us the equipment at a very low price.

We would also like to thank the Noarlunga Rotary….. who have given us a $220 donation towards purchasing some more outdoor equipment.

Thankyou also to the parents last year that came in to help clean the kindy equipment and toys. Thankyou Thankyou.

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.

A QUICK CHECK OFF LIST REMINDER

✓ Kindy legionnaires hat
✓ Please supply fruit, and or vegetables for fruit time.
✓ Please make sure your child has a water bottle with water in it.
✓ Please apply sun cream to your child before coming to kindy. If they are staying for a full day provide a roll on sun cream in their bag. NO SUNCREAM NO OUTDOOR PLAY.
✓ Provide a full change of named clothes in your child’s bag.
✓ ALL OF THE ABOVE ARE ON YOUR CHILDS KINDY BAG TAG to help you remember what to bring each day.
✓ Make sure your child is wearing sensible clothes for playing at kindy. (It is more than likely that from time to time they will get wet, sandy and generally dirty after a day of summertime play at kindy. It is through play that children learn, we cannot always keep ‘clean’ while playing so support your child’s learning by providing ‘play clothes’ to wear at kindy. )
✓ No thongs at kindy as they are not safe for climbing and general play.
✓ Please label your child’s clothing.
✓ If someone other than yourself is picking up your child please notify staff. Please keep our records up to date by notifying staff of any phone number or address changes or the name of the school your child will be attending.
✓ Check your pigeon hole daily for notices.
✓ Please pay any fees promptly so that we can fund your child’s kindy term.
✓ We need new parents on the Parent Voice Group that help to run the kindy so please ask staff about it and attend the AGM to get a feel for it.
✓ Please phone staff if your child is away.
✓ Utilize the kindy library with your child, perhaps borrow once a week.
✓ 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.

✔ Enjoy borrowing from the kindy resource library.

✔ Have fun and enjoy the kindy year together.

NEW CHILD RESTRAINT LAWS

The new laws will require children:

- Up to the age of **six months** to be restrained in a rearward facing child restraint (e.g. infant capsule.)
- From **6 months** until the age of 4 to be restrained in either a rearward or forward facing child restraint e.g. child safety seat
- From **4 years** until the age of 7 to be restrained in either a forward facing child restraint or booster seat restrained by a correctly adjusted and fastened seatbelt or child safety harness.
- Up to **4 years** of age must be restrained in the rear of the vehicle (where the vehicle has two or more rows of seats); and
- Between **4 and 7 years** will not be permitted to sit in the front seat unless all other seating positions are already occupied by children under 7 years.

PERMISSIONS

Please return the attached form as soon as possible to clarify if we have permission to display your child’s photo on the new kindy web site.

**IF YOU DO NOT HAVE ACCESS TO THE INTERNET PLEASE LET KERRY KNOW AS FROM NOW ON THE KINDY NEWSLETTER WILL NOT BE MASS PRODUCED BUT DISPLAYED ON THE NEW KINDY WEBSITE FOR FAMILIES TO DOWNLOAD AND PRINT IF THEY WISH.**

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

FriedaCorpeKindergarten