Hello Everyone, Welcome to Term 2. We hope your child is looking forward to their second term at kindy and that you are looking forward to hearing what they are learning about.

Thank you to the parents who returned their parent surveys last term and if you have not completed yours yet, or if you have other comments you would like to make, we would still like to hear from you. We also encourage you to talk to us at any point if you would like to know how your child is progressing, what has been happening in their day or if you have concerns. Please also remember to let us know if anything has happened outside of kindy if you think it may affect them in any way.

This term our main theme will be about sustainability and different ways to care for our world. We will begin with looking at things that are natural and man-made.

We will also be continuing our focus on the very broad areas of Literacy and Numeracy, not just letters and numbers but also communication and symbols in all their forms. In Numeracy, we will be particularly focusing on thinking skills and problem solving. We will be encouraging children to think broadly, outside the square, to find possibilities and solutions to everyday problems we encounter. Of course part of this is to develop their confidence and their skills in communicating their thinking.

We will be continuing our investigation of Reggio Emilia principles and how we can provide a more child centered approach to our learning.

There will be some changes to the groups this term as we aim to find cohorts of children that work well together to maximize their learning. We encourage you to send your child regularly to kindy to help them build relationships with their peers and teachers. We understand that some children may need some support to separate from their parents after the holiday break and we encourage you to bring your child to a teacher if this happens. The important thing is that they stay even if just for a short day.

As mentioned last term, we particularly encourage you to bring your child to kindy during weeks 2 and 3. These are the Education Department’s data collection weeks. Kindy staffing is calculated on attendance (not enrolments like schools) and to assist us to offer the best service we can to your child we want to maximize the number of educators we have to work with the children. Please help us to give your child an extra pair of hands to help them.

However, of course, if your child is sick we ask you to keep your child at home. Just give us a call or an email to let us know about their absence. Please also let us know if someone different is collecting your child or if they will be having an extended absence from kindy due to family holidays.
HEALTHY LUNCHBOXES: “Fresh is Best”

We would like to remind parents about our Healthy Eating policy and the Nude Food (no wrapping) principles that guide children’s eating at Preschool.

We all want children to be as healthy as possible and when we consider children’s tastes for salt and sugar are developed at an early age we want to keep children on track for healthy lifestyles later in life. We also want to take steps to reduce the amount of non-compostable/recyclable waste at our Preschool.

During Term 1 we noticed an increasing amount of pre-packaged snack food that started coming in the children’s lunch boxes. These are often high in sugar, salt and/or fat and so do not fit with our Healthy Eating or Sustainability policies.

😊😊 We encourage parents to make Healthy and Sustainable choices when selecting foods for children’s lunchboxes and to send the following along for their children to consume at Kindy:

- 2 pieces of fruit or other Healthy snacks such as vegetables or cheese, crackers or rice cakes.
- For lunch a sandwich, wrap or salad and perhaps a tub of yoghurt.
- Only water in children’s drink bottles.

☆☆ We discourage the following items due to their impact on our environment due to packaging which is Non-recyclable or non-compostable:

- Pre-packaged… biscuits, crackers, muesli bars, pouches of yoghurt. Choose instead to pack a few items in a reusable container or use a compartment lunch box.
- We will not allow the following to be consumed at Kindy as they are not within Healthy Guidelines due to their high salt, fat or sugar content. These will be sent home for consumption outside of the preschool.
  - Chips/Crisps and other fried snack foods,
  - Chocolate or chocolate coated items, including LCM bars, choc muesli bars,
  - mass produced bakery items such as doughnuts
  - All nut products due to allergy risks.

Also ROLL-UPS and other lollies (including “healthy” jellies) pose a threat to dental health as their sticky nature is a cause for cavities in young teeth and so are also not suitable for consumption at Kindy.

Your cooperation with all of this is appreciated, please speak to Helen or Wendy if you have any questions.

CHANGE OF DATE: KINDY COMMUNITY NIGHT

Our Kindy Community night has been moved back a week to Wednesday 13th May.

Please join us for a Family sausage Sizzle at 5:45 and then join in some kindy activities with your child. This is an opportunity for Parents, Grandparents, Aunts and Uncles to come join us at Kindy for a bit of 4 year old fun for those who don’t normally see kindy operating.

If you can’t join us for the whole night that is ok, just come when you can.

The night should finish by 7:30pm. Feel free to go when you wish.

Please complete the attached order form if you wish to join us for Sausage Sizzle tea.

IN YOUR CHILDS BAG:

As the weather turns cooler please remember to name all jackets and jumpers that come to kindy.

Please continue to send along a hat in your child’s bag as our Sunsafe policy states that children are required to wear a hat when the UV is over 3.

Also send along a change of clothes in case your child gets wet or muddy at Kindy.

Please encourage your child to keep toys and special things at home or safely in the car. That way they cannot become lost or broken.

DON’T FORGET: PUPIL FREE DAY TUES 26th MAY No Kindy that day, please make other arrangements for your child.

Looking forward to a great term of learning together......Helen, Wendy, Chamain , Alison, Tracy, Helen Tand Liz.