HI EVERYONE,

Firstly I must say thank you to everyone who came to our AGM on the 9th March.

Our guest speaker from the Gowrie Centre, Nikki, spoke to us about how we can support children’s learning by developing their resilience and coping mechanisms. It’s not about giving children the answers but rather about them having a go, making some mistakes practicing their skills and trying again. When children feel a sense of achievement and wellbeing they are in a very positive space for future learning.

We said farewell to our 2015 Governing Council and accepted nominations from the people present for our 2016 Governing Council. Not all positions were filled on the Governing Council- GC- (we are still in need of a Chairperson and Secretary) and the first meeting has been set down for 4th April?? At 7pm. We will be finished by 9pm.

If you were unable to join us at the AGM but are interested in being part of the GC then please feel free to come along to the first meeting or speak to Helen or Wendy if you have any questions. We would especially love to hear from you if you are interested in taking up either of the 2 vacant positions.

The role of the Chairperson is about running the meeting using a planned agenda, signing Financials and preparing a short one page report for the 2016 annual report using the minutes from the GC meetings.

The Secretary takes the minutes/ notes for each meeting and then types them up before the next meeting. It can also be helpful if they are able to make a To do list and progress notes as part of their notes.

These 2 positions are very important roles, they are both roles which could be shared between 2 people and we would really appreciate someone/ some people putting their hand up for these roles.

TERM 1 DIARY DATES

Wk 8 Indigenous Story teller, Trent Hill.
Wk8 Tue 22/3
CAYH 4yr old checks at kindy
EASTER 25-28/3/16
WK 11 15/4 End of Term walk and picnic

FRIDAY KINDY DATES

Group 1 Mon/Tuesday
5th
1st April, 15th April
Group 2 Wed/Thursday
8th April

TERM 1 Parent survey

Please assist our term reflections by completing the attached feedback survey. Your responses will help us to plan for next term to provide a better environment for your children suited to their learning needs.

This is your opportunity to have your say about your child’s first term. You do not need to add your name but please make your comments.
LAST WEEK: We were very lucky to have Erina (Liana’s mum) and Satako, (Leo J’s mum) come to kindy to share some of their Japanese culture and do Origami with the children.

This week Sandy, one of our placement students will be making Sushi with the children.

Next week Sarina, Amber’s mum, is coming in to do some cooking with the children. Perhaps you have a special skill or cultural treat that you would like to share with the children for Easter, please speak to a teacher soon so we can make a date.

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--AMANDA RISHWORTH’S KINDY ART SHOW: This week Wendy has been busy preparing some of the children representational art work for display in Amanda’s Rishworth’s annual Kindy Art Exhibition. This year the exhibition is being held at Port Noarlunga Arts Centre on Thursday 7 April 4.00-5.30pm. Invitations are coming. You will be able to go along and have a look.

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Supporting your child to write: SA Modern Print

Some parents have been asking us how they can encourage their child to write letters in the correct way? In your pigeon hole this week will be a copy of the SA Modern Print used in schools. This is not a pressure for you to sit you child down and make copy letters without purpose; every child will start showing an interest in writing at some point and we want them to enjoy writing and practice for purposeful reasons, such as writing their name to show ownership of their work. It has just been supplied so that you can feel confident you are helping them to practice in the right way.

Also for some children who have learnt to write their name in UPPER case letters this gives you an idea of how to direct them to write it with a capital at the start and lower case for the rest of their name. The sheet also shows how the letters are formed which direction is preferred so that eventually children can move easily into a cursive style.

The sheet also shows some handouts about Numeracy and how you can support your child with their numeracy development including shapes, graphing, measurement and counting.

END OF TERM PICNIC and NEIGHBOURHOOD WALK

On the last Friday of term, 15th April, we will not have a regular kindy session as it will have been tidied and cleaned the previous day ready for the holidays.

As there will be no PLAYGROUP that day for that day only we would like to move Kindy for that day only to 9am -12pm. If this poses a big problem for you can let us know ASAP.

We are planning a Neighborhood Walk followed by a Picnic lunch: Parents and siblings welcome to join us at 11:15 for a picnic lunch on the lawn at kindy.

We would also like some parents to come with us on the walk if you would like to volunteer. 😊

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CLEAN UP DAY

Each term we allocate one day for giving our kindy a good clean up in preparation for the next term.

We invite parents to help us with this during the last week of term but especially the last Thursday 14th April. If you can make it that day many jobs can be done in the days before.

There will be a list of jobs that need doing available during week 10, if you can’t help on the 14th.