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NEWSLETTER

Dear Families

We started the term with a crackle - our fun campfire. It was great to have families join us for marshmallows. The Japanese students had so much fun especially when we taught them the Hokey Pokey. We couldn't believe that one of them was called Youki - the same name as our Japanese Persona doll.

It's an action packed term - Book Week is up next. Our children are always engaged at story time and really enjoy educators reading one on one. Book Week will be a great way to share our enthusiasm for reading.

Donna has left on a two week camping adventure and Catherine is very excited about being here for the fortnight. Cathy goes on leave next week to spend a fortnight with her daughter and granddaughter from Perth and is bursting with excitement. However we always miss this amazing group of children when we are not here. Julie Schultz, who was the teacher here last year, will be relieving for Cathy and will have the mobile phone for contact. I'm sure the children will be very pleased to see her again.

Don't forget to join the OK class of 2019 Facebook Page for news on our adventures.

Occasional Care and Playgroup now have four regular participants - please spread the word in the community. We are organising the kindergarten enrolments for 2020 and would welcome more children if you know of any families that have not chosen a kindergarten for next year.

Regards

Cathy, Donna, Catherine and Julie



Fundraising

The Governing Council is aiming to upgrade our kitchen by the end of the year. We currently only have a very small benchtop oven. This limits our cooking activities and heating of food for family functions. With re-adjustment of shelving the cost will be approximately \$4,000. Onkaparinga Lions have kindly donated \$1,000 towards the project. If you know of any companies that might donate us an oven please let us know.

We are also upgrading our signage and removing the kindergarten sign from the Community Garden to the entrance of the kindergarten. Community members have commented to us that they did not use Oakbank Kindergarten even though they lived locally as they thought the community playground was the kindergarten playground. We can't afford to miss out on enrolments so we are updating all of our signage and placing some at Balhannah as well.

Of course much of the money from 2019 fundraising goes towards resources for this group of children. This year we have purchased the light table, lego letters and numbers, persona dolls and other items for the bags, mud kitchen sink, lego people and wheels, dvd player, home corner crockery and cutlery, ipad and a 3 panelled mirror. These purchases have been made possible by your support of fundraising. A big thank you to all of you.

Earn and Learn

Thank you to everyone who collected stickers - there were 4200 in total which included stickers from our box at Woolworths Mt. Barker. This came to the value of \$125 which we have used to purchase some more indigenous resources.

Obstaclethon

What an outstanding effort by the children who completed the course and parents for finding sponsor. A total of \$562.95 was raised.

Bunnings Sausage Sizzle Saturday September 21st



This will be our major fundraiser for the year - last year we raised over \$1,000 for a Saturday morning sausage sizzle. The roster will be out at the beginning of September and we hope for lots of helpers.

Diary Dates

Book Week Celebrations

Next Wednesday 21.8.19 we will be travelling to Oakbank Area School for a Read Around. We are also hoping to view the animals that will be competing in the Royal Show. Please complete the consent form and return by next Tuesday.

On Thursday 22nd August there will be a Book Week celebration. The children have the invitation for you.

Police Visit

On Tuesday 27.8.19 two police officers from the Mt Barker station will visit the children and talk about how to keep safe in the community.

CAFHS Child and Family Four Year Old Health Checks

Our next visit will be on Wednesday 18th September. Donna will make an appointment time with you if your child has not been screened yet.

Dancify Disco

The Disco is on Wednesday September 25th at 9.00 am followed by morning tea. Please bring a small plate to share. Family and friends are welcome.

Fee Reminder

Fees are due by August 28th. Thank you to those very prompt people who have already paid.

Curriculum News - What we are learning

It has been wonderful to catch up with parents and talk about your child's individual learning plan. We have included your perspective in forward planning e.g. more writing practise, supporting children's emotions, sharing books and visuals that work well here etc.

Numeracy

Every day we do maths but it's not always obvious. The children count as they play, make things fit in their construction which demonstrates their spatial awareness, notice size and order things from small to large, the list is endless.

We currently have a measuring tool area and the children are becoming proficient with the use of tape measures. Sometimes they link other objects e.g. mobilo pieces and use these as measuring tools. At 'Sharing' time we often do mental arithmetic e.g. if we have 10 friends here and 2 more arrived how many would there be all together?

Attached to the newsletter is a great parent article will assist you to support children's learning about maths at home.

All about me jars

The children are so excited to share their jars that reflect their interests with their friends. The measuring challenge is to find things that fit.

Big Book of Learning and room displays

We celebrate the children's achievements and discoveries in the Big Book of Learning which is always in the entrance room. We also have lots of displays to view. Get your child to take you on a kindergarten tour. Don't forget we welcome to stay and read a story to children or do a puzzle. The children thrive on sharing what they have learnt at kindergarten. Being four is so joyous.