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NEWSLETTER

Dear Families

A big thankyou to Julie for relieving for me while I was on leave. She gave lots of positive feedback about the program and changes made at the kindergarten to support learning, the strong staff team and high level of parent involvement.

Sharon Miller was Director at Oakbank Kindergarten for 19 years and started leave in January 2018. Sharon will officially retire on October 13th 2019 and the Director's position will be advertised, beginning 2020. I will not be applying as I am going on an adventure to Perth with my husband for two years to be with family. I will continue to work but don't think I will ever find a site that will measure up to the community spirit and support that is at Oakbank Kindergarten. I have applied to be here next term. Unfortunately the position could not be extended and had to be re-advertised.

Don't our new signs look great. Besides the ones here there is one at the oval and another at Oakbank Area School. We hope these will attract more enrolments as numbers are down for 2020. Spread the word about our amazing kindergarten.

Have a great holiday break and we look forward to seeing our energetic and enthusiastic learners back next term. The first day will be Tuesday October 15th and it will be a three day week.

Regards

Cathy, Donna, Catherine



Fundraising

Bunnings Sausage Sizzle

What a huge response we had to providing for this event. It was a great success and we raised \$1523.40.

A special mention must be made of Louie's family - Sabina and Steven, for donating the bulk of the sausages and bread. This saved us \$254 in expenses.

Thankyou also to the following families:

Gus - donation of soft drinks and lend of an eski

Bertie - donation of soft drinks

Emily - donation of soft drinks

Henry and Lily - grandpa helped fund the ice and Shaun helped sizzle

Brodie - donation of onions

Dallis (Chairperson) - publicity officer and finance officer at the sizzle

Pippa - Tony did overtime sizzling. The family donated soft drinks, bread and sauce

Joel - Luke was Tony's sizzle partner and also did overtime

Morrissey - grandma was a customer service operator at the sizzle

And of course Donna, Cathy and Catherine were all on board for the fun and the sensory delight of approximately 600 sausages being cooked. They won't be on our menus for a while.



Summer Sizzler raffle

Our final fundraiser for the year will be a 'Summer Sizzler' raffle. We will have 3 hampers full of summer items and ask each family to donate at least one item. Suggestions - drinks including wine, sunscreen, beach toys and towels, sun hats, salad bowls, drink bottles etc

Rainwater tank

When Joel's dad Luke joined the Governing Council he was surprised at how little the government provided to fund site operation. As a very small kindergarten we do not have a lot of income from fees. He said he would like to donate something that we really needed. We had been talking for some time about getting a rainwater tank to water our vegetable garden and for children to access water independently for the mud kitchen.

Joel's family has made this wish a reality by donating a rainwater tank. We needed new guttering on our

shed and the plumber we contacted, Scoot, insisted on supplying and installing the gutters for free. The rainwater tank will be ready for use next term.

A huge thankyou to Luke and Scoot.

Parent Surveys

Thank you to everyone who has completed a survey - it's not too late if you would like to forward your thoughts.

After a challenging administrative week I felt a bit low but reading this, from a parent's survey, lifted my spirits considerably.

"The kindy is an absolute hidden gem. The staff, environment and opportunities given are second to none."

Help!

Does anyone have a 'powerful' pressure cleaner that we could use for our deck?

Diary Dates

CAFHS Child and Family Four Year Old Health Checks

Unfortunately CAFHS had to cancel health checks this term due to staff shortages. If your child has not had their four year old check it is highly recommended that you ring the Mt. Barker office and make an appointment. The number is 83986600.

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. Get your dancing shoes on.



End of term clean-up

Please put your name on the cleaning roster if you can help. Wednesday, after the disco may suit some helpers or the staff will be here on Thursday so you can come in then.

Nature Play Workshop

On Tuesday the 29th of October Sally Cook, a nature play consultant, will do a workshop with the children.

The reception class from Oakbank Area School will join us. Due to great fundraising efforts we will not charge for this incursion.

SA Dental Service



Keep your kids smiling

Dental care is FREE for ALL babies, preschool and most children under 18 years at School Dental Service clinics.

The School Dental Service is a Child Dental Benefits Schedule provider.

Call us now for an appointment!

Your local clinic is: Mount Barker School Dental Clinic
Phone: 8391 0858

www.sahealth.sa.gov.au/sadental

The dental unit will be visiting us on Tuesday November 4th to talk to the children about dental care and do a check. Permission forms will be sent out at the beginning of the term.

Oral Language development

The children have had endless opportunities to develop their oral language skills at kindergarten. These have included presenting their family photos, 'All about me' jars and persona doll bags. We have also done lots of acting out of familiar stories - The Three Billy Goats Gruff, the Little Red Hen, We're going on a Bear Hunt and the all time favourite Wombat Stew. When it is story time at night get the children to tell you these stories without the book. Prompt them for the next part or encourage them to use their imagination to create their own script.

At governing council last week a member highly recommended the ABC Kids Listening App as a relaxation and bed time soother. Perhaps you could get your child to retell what they have heard the next morning.

