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NEWSLETTER



Communication / Storypark

Please note that this forum will be used to share community posts and announcements as well as individual / group learning stories. Your feedback/ comments helps us to enrich and further extend children's learning.

Fees

Fees will be sent out next week via email. Thank you to our families for contributing to our resources in this way. We have been able to purchase a new single swing, rhyming story books, science resources on space in readiness for this theme later in the term, nature play all weather onesies, Australian animals and a lot of fine motor craft packs/ resources.

Playgroup

Playgroup will start on Wednesday July 29th, the second week of term. This service will run in conjunction with kindergarten. It will give our caring children the opportunity to be leaders in the play environment. Please consider coming along if you have younger children. The cost is \$40 to join the Playgroup Association (can be paid termly) and a gold coin donation to kindergarten each visit to cover costs. Please let other families in the community know about the service.

Curriculum News - What we are learning



Sustainability:

We have begun a sustainability audit checklist on food packaging at lunchtime to see if we can help reduce plastic/ bar wraps. Some families are already providing 'nude' food options (food without excess packaging) whereby special compartment lunchboxes enable zero waste going into our blue bin for landfill. Well done! The children will be learning about recycling in more depth.

Wipe out Waste



Dear Families

Thank you to everyone - educators, families and children who ensured that we had a wonderful second term. The amazing support and attendance of 8 dads and 7 mums who took time off work or their busy schedules, made our Disco a truly fun memory-making event. It was AWESOME! We look forward to lots more adventures and discoveries together this term.

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. Now that Parents can be onsite with Covid-19 practices in place please come in and get your child to take you on a kindergarten tour to have a look at our displays, play experiences 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.



Kindy Photo Fundraiser

Tuesday August 4th. The cost of the package is \$35. Please pay prior to this day. Contact Julie for another letter outlining the details if it's been misplaced. A huge thank you to Kelli for offering her professional skills and services in providing this as a fundraiser for us.

Governing Council

You are welcome to join us at our next meeting on Wed 5th Aug at 6:30pm on site. As you can see with the upgrading of carpet and the air con in the front room their governance is providing a great learning environment and future for our community. We have also been approved for the completion of a hard roof cover to be placed on the existing pergola and night lighting for the flagpoles. Night lighting will allow us (as per protocol) to keep the flags flying through the term which will help promote our educational site.



Bread Tags for Wheelchairs:

Due to their size, bread clips can easily fall through machinery at recycling facilities and often end up in landfills and our precious oceans. Small plastics represent a massive problem for marine life.

"Bread Tags for Wheelchairs" is a community-driven initiative whereby individuals and organisations collect bread tags to be sold to an independent plastic moulding company, *Transmutation*, located in Robe S.A. There, the tags are repurposed into a wide variety of products such as seedling trays, picture frames, doorknobs, coat hangers etc. The money earned from selling the tags is used to purchase wheelchairs for people who cannot afford them in South Africa.

So please ask friends and family to start collecting and bring them to fill up our container. Every time we fill it we will take it to our local collection point at The Olive Branch Café, Balhannah.



Incursion

As part of our Children's keen interest in wildlife and the environment, on Tues Aug 11th the Kindergarten is funding the cost of a visit from Animals Anonymous, a mobile team of wildlife demonstrators and environmental educators. They will bring along a diverse range of friendly Australian native animals with a safe, hands on experience of fluffy, scaly and feathery animals. Their aim is to raise awareness about our Australian wildlife and the reason it is so important to conserve the local ecosystems and habitat around us. You are welcome to join us. I for one will NOT be anywhere near the python!

Thank you to..

- Stacey Martin for donation of plants, straw, flowers and glass vases
- Travis Dobie for removing a huge of pile of leaf litter from the Community Hall pathway that helped our walk to childcare safer. And also for bringing down our flags each day!



- Mel Millington for the donation of new children's clothing for us to on-sell as a fundraiser. Stay tuned as these will be advertised soon at fantastic prices! One of our volunteers is taking photo's in readiness.
- Andrew Hay (Vet) for resourcing us with amazing things to include in our "Vet Play" area! The children have engaged in it comprehensively and has led to further learning ideas like horse riding! We look forward to his chat with us on Dog Safety in Week 3. He is bringing an adult Delta trained dog and a puppy.

Reminders

- **Learning Journal:** Please send these back asap so that we can continue to add to them. We do appreciate the feedback some of you have taken the time to provide, thank you.
- **HATS:** Please pack a hat in your child's bag as in term 3 and 4 if the sunsmart UV rating is 3 or above hats are to be worn when playing outside.

Diary Dates

- **Sat July 25th** Oakbank Soldiers Memorial Community Hall 11 - 1pm. Have your say.
- **Wed July 29th** Playgroup starts back up again. 9:30 - 11:30am
- **Tues Aug 4th** Kindy Photo's. \$35 Payment prior please.
- **Wed Aug 5th** 6:30pm Governing Council Meeting
- **Aug 5+6** Julie at Leadership Seminar
- **Thurs Aug 6th** Andrew Hay (Vet) Dog Safety talk
- **Tues Aug 11th** Animals Anonymous Incursion. 11:30 - 12:30pm.
- **Wed Aug 19th** Book Week Excursion to Oakbank Primary School for a round robin reading event.