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NEWSLETTER

Dear Families

The final term of kindy - wow, what a year it has been! So much adventure, learning and fun. We have been delighted to provide an enriching program based on every individual's needs, interests, dispositions and ideas. We have been heartened by the warm relationships with each and every family in 2020.

I would like to thank Juls, Donna and Catherine for being incredibly supportive to a Director who is often bogged down in administrative paperwork. They are very organised, have great curriculum ideas, support the children by following their interests and have wonderful relationships with families.

We are unsure if we will have a teacher or ECW next year - borderline enrolments again, but anticipating hopefully more to come prior to the start of Term 1 2021.

Playgroup will continue so please continue to promote this service in the community.

I would also like to thank the Governing Council for all of their hard work this year including fun meetings and dedication to making the many improvements this year to the site. And a special mention to our Governing Council Chairperson, Dallis Von Wald who after 3 very productive years of service is moving on in her volunteering role at her boys school. We appreciate the dedication, commitment and community spirit you have certainly blessed us with at Oakbank Kindergarten. A humble "Thank you Dallis"

Our Kindergarten family community this year has been very supportive particularly with the COVID-19 impacts. Thank you so much for being active participants in your children's early years of learning.

And last but of course not least we must thank your amazing children for being such diverse, enthusiastic and energetic learners. They have provided us with joy, laughter, and always endearment as they have explored and discovered so many new things this year. Thank you for the opportunity to teach them. We will miss them.

Julie, Juls, Donna and Catherine

Fees

Term 4 fees will be emailed out to you this week. Please ensure all outstanding term fees are paid prior to the end of term.



Fundraising

We have an opportunity for a Bunnings Sausage Sizzle fundraiser this term. As most of our fundraising efforts have been postponed this year, we would appreciate your support in helping us to raise funds for the purchase of new mud kitchen gumboots, raincoats for childcare children and updating our puzzle resources. Once a date has been allocated details will be provided on how you can support this Governing Council initiative. Eg donating packs of soft drink, rostering on for a stint at the bbq on the day

School Transition Visits

Thank you to the families who have informed us of these dates. See attached Parent Info flyer.

End of Term Celebration BBQ and Graduation

Please join us at 12.30 pm on Thursday Dec 9th for a bbq lunch and graduation celebration to follow where learning journals will be presented for keepsake. Details will follow nearer this date. The children will only need to bring a morning snack.

Statements of Learning

These will be completed and forwarded to you for your signature (plus permission for a copy to be forwarded onto your child's school) along with your comments, in the last 2 weeks of term. We are sure they will read these when they are older, recall their amazing time at kindergarten and know how proud their parents were of their achievements. Thank you everyone.

Important Diary Events

Every Tuesday

Bread roll making around our group table is starting tomorrow. Each child will be involved in this communal, educational learning activity in the process of making their own bread roll. Then be given the opportunity to select butter or strawberry jam on their warm bun to eat once cooled out of the oven. Yummo!



Pre Entry Sessions

Our 13 new 2021 kindergarten children will be joining us for 3 sessions on Oct 28th, Nov 4th & 11th from 9:30 - 11:30am. Our children will act as mentors in guiding them in learning our kindy expectations and routines etc. We know they are very caring and will be fantastic.

OCTOBER

- **21st Wed Book Week Dress up day.** Reminder bring in child's favourite story book for us to read with the group
- **28th Wed Governing Council meeting** 6:30pm
- **29th Thurs Teddy Bears Picnic.** BYO teddy bear. Thank you to Monika for this learning idea.



NOVEMBER

- **3rd Tues Bush Kindy**
- **Naidoc Week 5**
- **Nov 11th Wed Didgeridoo** playing by Andrew (Playgroup Dad)

- **Indigenous Welcome sign** unveiling, of hand painted children's artwork/ designs by Aboriginal artist Ros Cameron



Week 6 Christmas Craft Onwards

Christmas Hamper

As part of our community connections which have broadened the children's awareness of the world around them we would like to end the year with providing the Salvation Army, Mt. Barker, with food e.g. biscuits, cans etc and Christmas items to distribute to needy families. The children will decorate a box and we would like them to bring something in and place it in the box. We think this is a great way to highlight the importance of 'giving' at Christmas time to the children.

- **Nov 17th Tues Oakbank Bowling Club** visit and play. Our children will present artwork pieces made in preparation to the 26 elderly members as a thank you.

DECEMBER *nb all term fees must be finalized*

- **Dec 2nd Wed Monarto Zoo Excursion.**



The Kindergarten is covering the cost of the bus while parents will be asked to pay \$10 for the entry fee. Anna (Isaac's mum) who works there will be our very own personal tour guide and organize some special experiences for us! Thank you Anna. What an awesome way to enjoy the conclusion of our time together!

- **Dec 10th Thurs Family BBQ and Graduation Celebration** 12:30 - 3pm. Details TBA

