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# NEWSLETTER

Dear Families,

It's hard to believe we are already at Term 3 and half way through our Kindy year! We have another busy and exciting term ahead of learning and play. This term's learning and events will include:

- Celebrating **Book Week!** We will be learning more about types of texts and creating our own (details about our planned events below).
- Visiting the Oakbank Hall for some gross motor activities and dancing.
- Exploring shapes, space and place as part of our Numeracy learning focus.
- Supporting literacy learning through music will continue to be a learning focus. This week we are looking forward to having a music learning session with Gaby Freer from the Music Education Strategy.
- Visiting Bush Kindy.
- Introducing Persona Dolls as part of supporting children's oral language development and learning about diversity
- Local walks to extend on our learning about and connection with our community.
- STEM learning (Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths) with woodwork and celebrating Science Week.
- Gardening: Dylan's Mum Elyssa will be coming in to help children plant their own pot with a vegetable or herb to watch grow and take home at the end of the term. Bunnings is also scheduled to visit us later in the term to help establish a butterfly garden.

## COVID PROTOCOLS

Families are reminded to be mindful of social distancing at drop off and pick up times. It is also important for children and adults not to attend Kindy if unwell. While facemasks are not mandatory, they are recommended to be worn by adults indoors to help reduce the spread of COVID-19.



## PRESCHOOL HEALTH CHECKS

The Child and Family Health Service (CaFHS) provide free health checks for preschool aged children between 4-5 years of age. A CaFHS nurse will be attending the Kindergarten on Wednesday August 31 to conduct health checks. More information regarding this will be sent home later this week.

## IMMUNISATION RECORDS

A reminder to please resend your child's MyGov immunisation record to include their four-year-old immunisation, if you have not done so already.

## PLAYGROUP

Playgroup will resume in **Week 3 on August 11.**

**OAKBANK**  
*Little Acorns*  
**PLAYGROUP**

**Thursday fortnightly**  
**9am to 10am**

Term 3: Aug 11, Aug 25, Sept 8, Sept 22  
 Term 4: Nov 3, Nov 17, Dec 1

**Oakbank Kindergarten**  
 214 Onkaparinga Valley Rd, Oakbank 5243  
 Cnr Oakbank Maind Rd and Pike St

\$2 per session

*More info?*  
 Please call Julie: **0419 506 872**

## PERSONA DOLL BAGS

This term we will be introducing Persona Doll bags for the children to borrow and take home for a week. There are three bags - two reflect different cultures and one a pet. In each bag there is a related story and puzzle. The children have the responsibility to look after the dolls and introduce them to their family life. There is a scrapbook in the bag for children to share with us what happened during their doll's stay at their house. You (or older siblings) can write some details, draw pictures or paste in photos. You can also email or text photos for us to print at Kindy if you're unable to print them at home. The first dolls will be sent home on Thursday this week, and we ask for them to please be returned by Wednesday next week.

## **BOOK WEEK**

Week 5 (August 20-26) is Book Week! This year's theme is 'Dreaming with eyes open...' Children are invited to come dressed as their favourite book character on **Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> August**. We also have another excursion planned to Oakbank Area School

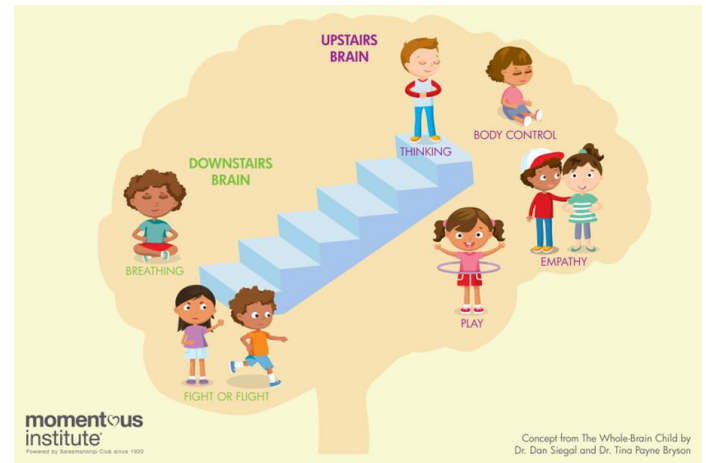


on **Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> August** to participate in their Read Around event in which educators will take turns reading different stories throughout the morning. More details will follow with a permission slip to go home soon. The school is also inviting Kindy families to its **Oakbank Family Games Night** on the same evening. Please see the attached flier for details.

## **FREE PARENT INFORMATION NIGHT**

On **Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> September** parents are invited to attend an information session about the hand model of the brain with registered clinical counsellor and social worker Heather

McMillan. The tool assists parents and children to recognise and manage their emotions. We will also be using this tool at Kindy with the children. Please see the attached flier for more details. To register your interest for the event, please email [Julie.Schultz19@schools.sa.edu.au](mailto:Julie.Schultz19@schools.sa.edu.au)



## **PUPIL FREE DAY & STAFF TRAINING**

**Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> August** will be a Pupil Free Day with all staff to be participating in a Key Word Signing workshop in Week 6. We are also pleased to share that Kiri, Amy, Suzy and Haylie will also be participating in a Marte Meo Practitioner Course over the next 7 months. Marte Meo, developed by Maria Aarts from the Netherlands, is a social-emotional development program that can be used by early childhood educators to support children in daily interaction moments. Julie has already completed this training and is currently doing Marte Meo Colleague training.

## **KINDY PHOTOS**

Kindy photos had been scheduled to take place in Week 2 of Term 4. However, this date now clashes with Kiri's rescheduled Musical Foundations Course 2022 with Kodaly SA. A new date will be set soon with more details to follow. Photos packs are priced at \$35.



## GOVERNING COUNCIL

Our next meeting is scheduled for **Wednesday September 7<sup>th</sup>** at 6:30pm.

## CHOCOLATE FUNDRAISER

A big thank you to everyone who has supported our chocolate box fundraiser. We are grateful for your support and very much looking forward to having our new trampoline! A number of local businesses have also supported this fundraiser and helped to sell chocolates for us. Chocolate money is due back this week (Week 2). If you still have chocolates left to sell, please see Kiri.



## R U OK DAY

Genius Childcare centre at Oakbank will be selling cookies to raise money for R U OK Day. Please see the attached flier and order form if you would like to buy some.

## FEES

Term 3 Kindy fees will be sent out in Week 3.

## REMINDERS

- If you have not done so already, please bring back your child's learning journal this week with their Mid Year Learning Statement signed.
- Please remember to pack your child at least two spare pairs of socks for Kindy. Particularly in the cold and wet months, its easy for socks to become dirty or wet. We are also looking for donations of spare socks for us to keep at Kindy.



## KINDY WASHING

A big thankyou to parents who have been helping us with our kindy washing each week. As we do not have washing facilities at Kindy, we do rely on families to help us with washing our dirty items, such as towels, tea towels and hats, at the end of each week.

## WOODSIDE PRIMARY SCHOOL TOUR

Woodside Primary School are offering a school tour for prospective families on Wednesday August 24<sup>th</sup> at 9.15am. Please contact the school if you are interested.

## DIARY DATES

- **August 3<sup>rd</sup> Wed** - Activities and movement at Oakbank Hall.
- **August 4<sup>th</sup> Thurs** - Gaby Freer from the Music Education strategy to visit for a music learning session.
- **August 10<sup>th</sup> Wed** - Bush Kindy
- **August 11<sup>th</sup> Thurs** - Playgroup resumes.
- **August 17<sup>th</sup> Wed** - Activities and movement at Oakbank Hall
- **August 23<sup>rd</sup> Tues** - Book Week dress up day.
- **August 24<sup>th</sup> Wed** - Book Week excursion to Oakbank Area School.
- **August 24<sup>th</sup> Wed** - Woodside Primary School Tour.
- **August 30<sup>th</sup> Tues** Pupil free day. No kindy.
- **September 7<sup>th</sup> Wed** - Activities and movement at Oakbank Hall & Governing Council Meeting, 6.30pm.
- **September 13<sup>th</sup> Tues** - Gardening with Bunnings
- **September 14<sup>th</sup> Wed** - Bush Kindy
- **September 21<sup>st</sup> Wed** - Parent Information Session 6.30-8.30pm (see flier).
- **September 29<sup>th</sup> Thurs** - last day of term.

If you have any questions, please feel free to speak with or email Kiri: [Kiri.Dolman23@schools.sa.edu.au](mailto:Kiri.Dolman23@schools.sa.edu.au)  
Warm regards,  
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