We are passionate about loose parts play at Port Broughton and would love any donations to add to our collection. Some suggestions:

- Plants of wood
- Log slices
- PVC piping
- Buckets
- Buttons
- Pool noodles
- Glass pebbles
- Washers, screws and bolts
- Plastic tubing and pipes
- Pebbles and flat stones
- Wooden cable reels
- Air conditioning ducting
- Gumnuts
- Baskets
- Boxes
- Funnels
- Clean glass jars
- Shells
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- Pool noodles
- Gumnuts

**Thick Tubing and Pipes**

- Plastic tubing and pipes
- Cardboard rolls
- PVC piping
- Wood
- Wooden cable reels
- Corks
- Bottle tops
- Buttons
- Funnels
- Glass pebbles
- Washers, screws and bolts
- Pool noodles
- Gumnuts

**Thin Tubing and Pipes**

- Air conditioning ducting
- Wooden cable reels
- Corks
- Bottle tops
- Buttons
- Funnels
- Glass pebbles
- Washers, screws and bolts
- Pool noodles
- Gumnuts

**Other Loose Parts**

- Air conditioning ducting
- Wooden cable reels
- Corks
- Bottle tops
- Buttons
- Funnels
- Glass pebbles
- Washers, screws and bolts
- Pool noodles
- Gumnuts

Send a named hat with your child every day!

Stay and play

We really encourage parents/guardians to stay and play with your children. We as staff feel it would be valuable to get to know you and we see your involvement with your children’s learning to be fundamental. Whether it be you stay after drop off or come a bit earlier to pick up, or even pop in for lunch time! Please feel welcome and valued to be an active participant in your child’s Kindy year.

**Parenting Tip to try this week**

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**The Kindy Bushfire information is included in this newsletter—put it on your fridge!**

To Braxton who had his birthday during the holidays.

**Early Closure Days**

Kindy will be finishing at 2pm on Tuesdays in Week 5 of each term this year. It has been a partnership decision to allow for all of the school and preschool sites to work collaboratively in professional development and training. The dates for the early closure (2pm finish) are as follows:

**Term 1**—March 1st
**Term 2**—May 17th
**Term 3**—August 9th
**Term 4**—November 18th

**Pupil Free days**

The two pupil free days for the year in which Kindy will be closed are:

- Term 3: 25 Jul - 30 Sep
- Term 4: 17 Oct - 16 Dec

**Term dates for 2016**

**Term 1: 1 Feb - 15 Apr**
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Family Photos
You will have found a frame in your child’s tray—we would love all families to put a photo of your family in the frame and then return it to Kindy to display. This helps children with a sense of belonging when they have something personal to display at Kindy. We are more than happy to print out a photo for you if you bring in your camera, USB, etc if you can’t print one yourself. We will return the photo to you when your child leaves Kindy.

Please remember to send a library bag to Kindy with your Child.

Library
Library day will be every second Thursday at 2:20pm in the odd weeks (the same week we have the Wednesday session). During this time the children will listen to a story and then have time to return and borrow books to take home and share with their family.

Fruit
Please remember to send a piece of fruit (or sultanas, cucumber, carrot sticks, etc) with your child each time they come to Kindy. This year we won’t be having shared fruit, so please make sure you cut up and send something that your child will eat. We will have fruit time in the morning but each child will have their own.

Morning Talks
The Morning Talk roster is in your tray.
These topics are not compulsory but are a good starting point if your child (or you) don’t know what to take for their morning talks. We encourage all children to participate in morning talks every week to develop oral language skills. To begin with, it’s much easier if your child brings something to show and talk about.

Spare Clothes
Please remember to send a spare set of clothes with your child (including underwear) every time they come to Kindy—with the warmer weather we are have lots of water activities. Please NAME all items of clothing—especially the clothes that your child comes to Kindy in—these are the ones that they take off and get mixed up!

Up to date details
If you have changed any details over the holidays such as phone numbers or addresses, could you please let us know this week. It’s very important we have up to date contact details.

‘Grug’ by Patch Theatre—Port Pirie Excursion
Wednesday 6th April
We are very excited to share with you the excursion we have booked to Port Pirie to watch the theatre production of ‘Grug’. As this falls on a non Kindy Wednesday, we have swapped Wednesday week 9 (30th March) for the Wednesday week 10.
A note with further details about the excursion will be in your trays in the weeks to follow. Please make sure you add this alteration to your calendar, and mark it as a day to come along and join the day!

Week 9 (30th March) for the Wednesday week 10.

Learning Goals
Please return the learning goal for your child as soon as possible so we can start working towards it—goals such as being persistent with tasks, getting along with others, being willing to take risks with their learning, developing confidence in new situations — help your child become successful learners. Learning the alphabet, numbers, etc, usually develops for children through every day learning and the experiences we provide for them and aren’t necessarily important goals to strive for in this stage of their learning.

It would be fantastic if every family can return a learning goal for their child as soon as possible so we can start working towards it.

Lunches
We understand that some children don’t like sandwiches, which is why we are happy for you to send other types of food for your child’s lunch, including food that needs to be heated up. Lunch boxes won’t be stored in the fridge so it would be a good idea to get an insulated type of lunch box and put an ice brick to keep food fresh. Some ideas are:
- left-overs from tea (spaghetti bolognaise, tuna mornay, sausages, etc)
- Wraps
- Crackers with cheese
- Mini quiches
- Toasted sandwiches (we can reheat them)
- Mini pizzas
- Tinned spaghetti/baked beans
- Little sausage rolls
- Tin of tuna and crackers

Please remember to send only one packet item—eg—muesli bar, tiny teddies, chips

Don’t forget to send a healthy snack with your child on Wednesday Kindy sessions.