Governing Council News

- Next meeting will be held on Wednesday 30th March at 7pm at the Kindy—all parents welcome
- Governing Council Office bearers for 2016:
  - Chairperson—Sally Davidson
  - Vice Chairperson—Cilla Mildren
  - Secretary—Donna Edwards
  - Treasurer—Joelene Wilden
  - Fundraising—Danielle Whitehorn
  - School Gov. Council Rep.—Lauren Cadd
  - P.R Rep.—Danielle Whitehorn
  - Playgroup Rep.—Lauren Cadd
- General Committee members: Holly Makin
- More parents are welcome to join our Governing Council—please talk to anyone on Governing Council if you can help fill one of the positions or if you would like more information!
- Please share the Hot Cross Bun fundraiser in the community, we can supply extra order forms if required.

HELP!!!
We were wondering if we could have any volunteers to drill some holes in our tractor tyre as it is holding water which is attracting mosquitoes and getting a bit stinky!

There has been a lot of interest in musical instruments, marching bands and performances which fits really well with our upcoming excursion to Pt Pirie to see ‘Grug’
Torraise and I were discussing how amazing it would be to get some one who can play a ‘real’ instrument. If you, or someone you know, can play an instrument and would like to come in to Kindy to play we would be so appreciative.

KEEP your kids smiling
SA Dental Service

Have you received a letter from Medicare about the Child Dental Benefits Schedule? The School Dental Service is a Child Dental Benefits Schedule provider.

Week 5 already! We have all had a great time over the last few weeks getting to know each other, building relationships with the children and families and settling in to the Kindy routine.

Thankyou to everyone for being so active at getting to know Torraise and I and making sure we are all working towards the very best learning opportunities for your children.

We have a very busy few weeks left of Term 1, with excursions, visits from the Barunga residents, long weekends and Easter.

Please spend a few minutes with your child each morning at Kindy to find their book on the outside table and encourage them to have a try at writing their name.

Holly and Torraise

**Thank You**
- To everyone that attended the Governing Council AGM
- To the parents who have offered to come and help with the Kindergym excursion
- To Ali for helping us get organised in Week 0 and 1
- Anne for notifying us about the fallen tree in the storm, and to the SES for such a prompt clean up
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Important Information

Crazy Hair Day
Thursday 10th March we are supporting Crazy Hair Day. This is a fundraiser for the Leukaemia Foundation and is part of the World’s Greatest Shave. We will provide the hair colours for the children to decorate each other’s hair at our “hairdressing shop”. Please send a money donation to be sent to the Leukaemia Foundation.

Harmony Day
The message of Harmony Day is Everyone Belongs. It is a day to celebrate Australia’s diversity. It is a day of cultural respect for everyone who calls Australia home – from the traditional owners of this land to those who have come from many countries around the world. Orange is the colour that is used on Harmony Day—it would be great if all the children could wear something orange on Thursday 22nd March!

Mini Sports Day
On Wednesday 16th March we will be holding our Mini Sports Day from 11:30am - 12:30pm. The children will participate in various sports activities. Children think it is fantastic when they have a parent/carer/relative there to watch and encourage them (and hopefully even join in!!). Hope to see you all there!

Kindy Fees
Kindy fee invoices will be in your trays in the next week — you are welcome to pay them by cash, cheque or direct deposit. You can also pay them in instalments—just put any amount in a payment envelope and put in the payment box on the office door—we’ll keep track of how much you’ve paid.

Family Photos
Thanks to those families who have brought in a family photo for us to display. We are more than happy to print your picture at Kindy, just email us your family photo. The children love looking and sharing details about their family. Thanks

Comment/Suggestion Box
We would love to hear your comments and suggestions about anything at Kindy—both positive and negative. There is a notepad and comments "box" on the lockers. You can remain anonymous if you wish!

Show and Tell
We value and appreciate the literacy benefits of show and tell however have observed the children are not quite ready to participate every week. We will be sending home the ‘Me Bag’ with the special person each fortnight. Instructions will be supplied with the bag for you to follow. We will definitely return to Show and Tell later on in the year!

Parenting Tip to try this week
Have a look at the ‘Great Start DECD’ Face book page. It has some really great parenting tips!

Early Years Learning Framework

Outcome 1
Children have a strong sense of identity

Outcome 2
Children are connected with and contribute to their world

Outcome 3
Children have a strong sense of wellbeing

Outcome 4
Children are effective communicators

Outcome 5
Children are confident and involved learners

Preschool Health Checks
Did you know that Lee-anne Ervin—the CaFHS nurse visits our Kindy to conduct your child’s preschool health check? Leanne will be visiting in Term 3 to do everyone’s preschool health screening. She does the usual developmental health check as well as hearing and vision.

We will let you know when your child’s health check is— you do not need to make an appointment at the hospital.

Back Off A Bit

Special Person of the Fortnight
At Kindy we have a “Special Person” each fortnight. Each child will have a turn of being the special person during their time at Kindy.

The Special Person rings the bell each time we need to tell the children something such as quiet room time, fruit time, packing up.

The Special Person fills out an A3 poster with things about them and we put these up, just under the kitchen bench. This helps give children a sense of belonging at the Kindy.