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### **What's Been Happening At Kindy??**

We have had a busy start to the year and it is already half way through the term!! We have been working on learning the new routines throughout the day, sitting and listening during group times, learning new songs and dances and reading stories. During small group activities we have been learning how to hold our pencil correctly, how to hold and cut with scissors correctly and using our muscles and gross motor skills on the climbing equipment. Gabby Get Along and Connie Confidence have been teaching us to have a go even when it is hard and also how to share and be good friends with others. We have really enjoyed our visits to the Community Library and listened to books and completed an activity. The bus ride to the school is just as much fun as being at the Library! Inside activities have included: hand printing, matching games, lego, magnetic blocks, straw and paper constructions, flags, threading, playdough, home corner dressups, dolls and writing table. Outside we have enjoyed the horses, waffle blocks, bubbles, slime, sandpit, boats, watering the garden, cooking in the sandpit, turning the cubby into a shop and many other activities. We have also enjoyed seeing and hearing about the show and tell from others, it has been interesting seeing lots of different toys. Remember to have a look at the program board as you come into Kindy to see other things that are planned for the program.

### **Parent Teacher Interview**

Thank you to everyone who has come in for an interview. We have gained lots of information about your child and family as well as being able to set some learning goals. We have started to add pieces of artwork and activities to your child's profile folder which you are welcome to have a look at anytime. They are on the shelf near the drink cupboard.

### **Well done everyone ☺**

We are really pleased to see names on lunchboxes, fruit in bags and the shared fruit container, hats, drink bottles and communication books. Thanks for ensuring all of these things are done for every Kindy day, we really appreciate it.

### **Governing Council**

Thank you to everyone who attended the AGM and those with apologies. We were successful in filling our Governing Council positions. If you would still like to join as a member come along to the next meeting. Congratulations to: Chairperson - Paula Wegener; Secretary - Brooke Polkinghorne; Vice Chair - Jaymee Francis; Treasurer - Kelly Dyett; Rural Care Rep - Mandy Davies; Playgroup - Emma Mann; PPG Chairperson - Karen Crawford; Committee - Samantha Ottey, Jo Linke, Kylie Howse and Jess Schulz for being willing to be on the 2015 Governing Council. The next meeting is Tuesday 17th March, 7:00pm at the Kindy, everyone is welcome to come along.

### **PPG Meeting**

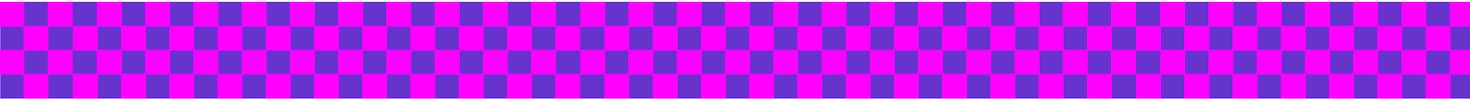
If you are interested in assisting with the fundraising for the Kindy you are welcome to join PPG. The first meeting is Wednesday 4th March, 9:15am at the Kindy. Everyone is welcome, if you have younger children they are able to join in with the Kindy children.

### **Maitland Show Parade**

On Wednesday 11th March, we will walk the children to the playground to watch the Show Parade drive past. We will eat our lunch at the playground and have a play before walking back to Kindy. Governing Council has approved early dismissal for this day to align with the schools. **Children will need to be picked up from Kindy at 2:00pm.** Parents are welcome to walk with us to the playground or meet us there to watch the parade. We will be leaving Kindy at 11:15am to walk to the playground ready to eat our lunch before the parade.

### **Parent Volunteers**

Thanks to Brooke Polkinghorne for coming in and assisting with jobs during the first week. We love having parents come in and do activities with the children or assist with general tasks. Children love to have books read to them or adults talking to them while they are playing; other tasks



include: disinfecting toys, putting books and puzzles away, covering books, labelling new equipment, cutting up resources for activities. There is a calendar near the sign on sheet where you can add your name if you have time to come in and help or you can just come in during a session. Thanks.

### **Rural Care News**

This year at rural care we have a program, which involves planned activities for the children. The program is displayed on the wall, in the rural care area of the centre, for everyone to see. The program will show the related outcomes of the Early Years Learning Framework and is evaluated each week by Lisa and Michelle. Some of the activities we have been doing include, sorting shapes, musical mat, mirrors, water play and nursery rhymes. We have welcomed some new families to rural care and those children are settling in nicely. Lisa and Michelle have changed the sleep room around and put up some new decorations. We have seen some great work from the children like paintings and drawings, which we are starting to put in children's folders. Rural Care staff went to Minlaton a couple of weeks ago for some training. They are now the fire wardens for the centre, as they are here 5 days a week.

### **Connie Confidence**

Confident young children are not afraid to make mistakes when learning something new. They believe that they will be successful if they try hard and only ask for their teacher's or parent's help when they have tried their very best. Confident young children are not afraid to meet new Kindy children. They expect to be liked and make friends. When someone wants them to do something they don't want to do, confident children tell them nicely what they want to do. Confident young children stand up tall, sit with straight backs, and speak in a voice that everyone can hear but is not too loud. These are some reminders that Connie has been talking to the children about:

- I am confident! I want you to be confident, too!
- I make myself big and tall.
- I use a big voice so people can hear me. I want you to use a big voice so people can hear you. You have important things to say!
- I'm good at doing many things. I'll bet you're good at lots of things, too.
- I like meeting new friends. I hope you'll make new friends today.
- I'm not afraid to try new things. I want you to try to learn new things, even if they are hard.
- I'm not afraid to make mistakes. Don't be afraid to make mistakes, especially when you are learning something new.
- I can say what I think and what I want to do. I hope you can say what you think and what you want to do, even if someone is being bossy.
- I can do things that are hard to do. I know you can do things that are hard, too.
- I hope I see all of you showing confidence today!

### **Gabby Get Along**

Getting Along means that young children work and play together nicely. It means that children are friendly, tell the truth, and care about others. Getting along means being able to fix problems without squabbling or fighting. When young children get along, they follow the important rules of the classroom and home. They also want to help to make their school and home cleaner and safer.

These are some reminders that Gabby has been talking to the children about:

- I like to get along with others. I hope you like getting along with others, too!
- I work and play nicely with other children. I want you to work and play nicely, too.
- I take turns and share with other children. I hope you are learning how to take turns and share with others.
- When someone has something I want, I don't grab it or push and shove. I think first, and then I say, "What can I do?". Can you say, "What can I do?" Good boys and girls! You're learning to Think First.
- If another child has something I want, I ask, "Can I play, too?" or "Can I be next?"
- Then we share or take turns. I hope you are learning to ask, "Can I play, too?" and "Can I be next?"
- I don't fight with other children. I hope you don't fight, either, boys and girls.
- I always play by the rules. I think rules are good. I want all of you to follow the important rules at Kindy.
- I like to help keep my school clean and safe. I hope you help to keep your Kindy clean and safe, too.
- I hope I see all of you getting along well with others today.

**Please feel free to chat with staff about any issues or concerns.**

**Louise, Mel, Jo, Michelle, Lisa and Tammy.**



# Term 1 Overview

Updates in each newsletter

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<b>Week 5</b>	Kindy on 23	24	25	26	27 Criminal History Audit 8:30am
<b>Week 6</b> Evac Practise	Kindy on 2 March	CAFHS Screenings 3	PPG Meeting 9:15am 4	5	6
<b>Week 7</b>	<b>ADELAIDE CUP HOLIDAY</b> 9	10	Maitland Show <b>2:00pm dismissal</b> 11	Finance Audit 1:00pm 12	13
<b>Week 8</b>	Admin 16	Governing Council Meeting 7:00pm 17	18	19	20
<b>Week 9</b>	Kindy on Harmony Day @ MAS 23	24	25	26	27
<b>Week 10</b>	Admin 30	31	1 April	2	<b>GOOD FRIDAY</b> 3
<b>Week 11</b>	<b>EASTER MONDAY</b> 6	7	Port Vincent Beach Excursion 8	9	10