

## NEWSLETTER Term 1 Week 5 2016



**Engaging Children** We encourage you to talk to your child on the way to kindergarten about what they want to do throughout their day. This is a wonderful time for them to share their thoughts and feelings, and talk about their interests. These conversations support your child's social and emotional wellbeing, and extend their oral language.

**Literacy Focus - Sue Harris - story teller and puppeteer** - will be visiting the kindergarten next Tuesday (8/3/16) and Thursday (10/3/16). She will work with small groups of children and educators, presenting a variety of storytelling styles. This will support our literacy program and provide opportunities to enhance children's literacy development through their oral language.

**Governing Council** - We are still seeking a volunteer for the Secretary position - the main role is to take minutes of the meeting. If you are interested please see one of our staff. The next Governing Council Meeting will be held on Wednesday 30th March, 2016 at 7:30pm, here at the kindergarten.

**Assessment** - On Tuesday (8/3/16) and Wednesday (9/3/16) Willow Close Preschool is undergoing the National Assessment and Rating process. The Assessor is Susan Birt-Price and she will be here observing and taking notes on everything that happens at Willow Close. Our kindergarten sessions will go ahead as normal on these days.

**Thank you** - A big thank you to Hamish's dad, Terry, who volunteered his time to assemble the two new barbecues for the children to use in role play. A number of children have been keen to share their experiences of camping with their families. Hamish really enjoyed this time with his dad.



**Fees** - Preschool fees are \$130 per term (including \$10 fundraising levy in lieu of raffles and other fund-raising activities.) Fees paid by Direct Debit are not receipted until the next bank statement has been received. If you have not yet paid your fees please do so as soon as possible. If you get a reminder and have already paid please ignore the note. Please contact Beryl if you have any queries or difficulties.