

NEWSLETTER Term 1 Week 8 2016



Curriculum Snapshot

Literacy

Story Telling Station - Following the visit by storyteller Sue Harris in Week 6 the children have been creating and sharing their own stories. This helps further develop their oral language, confidence while speaking in front of others, and being to develop an understanding that a story has a beginning, middle and an end. There are also many opportunities to practice audience skills such as listening and attending.

Recall - During small group times there has been a focus on listening to stories, then recalling and sharing their favourite part of the story.

Numeracy - There has been a keen interest with children working with puzzles. The children develop problem solving, reasoning and understanding skills when solving puzzles. They achieve success when completing puzzles, both with and without support from educators, which in turn helps their self esteem.

Sorting — children are using a variety of natural and man made resources, they have been sorting and classifying objects and creating their own patterns. Pattern is a part of the world we live in, it is objects and symbols that we see and in the sounds that we hear. Having an understanding of pattern is essential for the development of mathematical concepts early algebraic thinking and reasoning.

Dates to Remember

Wed 30th March 2016

Governing Council

Meeting for Governing Council members held at the kindergarten at 7:30pm. New members are very welcome!

Sat 2nd April 2016

Mount Barker Show

If you have 1 hour to spare on the day to support the kindergarten, please place your name on the sheet in the entrance way.

Fri 8th Apr 2016

Meet 'n' Greet Night

Look for the flyer attached to this newsletter.

Autumn –UV Index is still very high at this time of the year so please continue to send along a named hat with your child, apply sunscreen and send along a named drink bottle of water each session.

MOUNT BARKER SHOW—it is that time of the year again where Willow Close Preschool offers free painting and play dough activities to the children at the show in the children's tent. We need volunteers to help out on the day for 1 hour intervals. It's a good opportunity to talk to the community about our centre—we will have a display of some of the things we do at kindergarten on the day. If you are about and able to help 'man' the tent please put your name on the roster at the kindy entrance.

FEES— to those who have already paid this term's fees, thank you.

If you have not yet paid fees for this term please do so before the end of term. The kindergarten needs this money to buy resources and materials to support your child's learning. Fees are \$130 per term (which includes a \$10 fundraising levy). Please contact the Director, Beryl, if you have any queries or are experiencing difficulties at this time. *Fees can be paid by BSB Transfer or cash (red box). Receipts are placed in your pockets at entrance (look inside pocket as they are in the bottom and hard to see).

FRUIT SNACKS

Please remember to leave your child's fruit snack and drink bottle in their kindergarten bag for easy access. The lunch boxes are stored separately in the kitchen.

LIBRARY BORROWING

Story Books and Literacy Packs are all available in the foyer for you to take home and share with your child. We ask that you complete borrowing details on the cards provided when you borrow items. It would be appreciated if you would mark your name off when returning items, and if there are any pieces missing please give them to a staff member to replenish. Many thanks to Rosie, our Tuesday volunteer for taking care of them!

LAST DAY OF TERM

Friday 15th April is the last day of term 1. Kindergarten will resume again on Monday 2nd May, 2016.