

NEWSLETTER Term 1 Week 5 2017



Visible Learning

On Monday 20th February staff participated in a full-day training on Visible Learning. This was part of a 3 year project in the Heyson Partnership. Visible Learning is focused on John Hattie's evidence-based research into what works best to improve children's learning. Teachers are encouraged to see learning through the eyes of the child and children see themselves as their own teachers. We discussed shared languages of learning, positive relationships with children and children's learning dispositions (e.g. curiosity, self-control, involvement), meta cognitive strategies (teaching children to think about how they are learning and what they are learning) and setting high expectations of children's learning.



Dates to Remember

Monday 6th/ Wednesday 8th March- **Dancify** will be coming to the kindergarten to explore music and movement and teach the children some dance moves!

Monday 13th March- **Adelaide Cup Public holiday**

Friday 17th March- **Meet and Greet night** 6-7:30pm

Tuesday 21st/ Thursday 23rd March- **Animals Anonymous** are visiting. They will talk about ways we can care about native wildlife and their habitats. If this is not one of your child's kindy days, they are welcome to attend. Please see Beryl, Jane or Lis.

Saturday 25th March- **Mount Barker Show**

Tuesday 28th/ Wednesday 29th/ Thursday 30th March- **Puppeteer Sue Harris** will be performing a puppet show and running workshops with the children and staff.

Thursday 30th March- **Child and youth 4 year old health checks** for those families who have been contacted. Each child will have the opportunity for a health check during the year.

CHILDREN'S PROFILE FOLDERS:

Over the past few weeks we have been introducing children to their individual profile folders. Work samples and photos are added to their folders throughout the year as a way of documenting children's individual learning journey and to reflect children's voice and curriculum outcomes. Children are encouraged to be actively involved in the documentation process and share their learning with their families.



Staff Team

Director: Beryl Barnard

Teachers: Jane Thornton,
Alana Poletta, Lis Chapman,
Silvia Lodge

ECWs: Sue Tapp, Libby Wells

Preschool Support: Tanya Secomb,
Alana Weir

Deb Montgomery

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.



MEET AND GREET NIGHT- On Friday 17th March from 6-7:30pm, the governing council and staff invite you to join us at a meet and greet evening at kindergarten. This is a great opportunity to meet staff and other parents in an informal setting. A note has been placed in your child's pocket with more information. We hope to see you there.

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, along with information on our new Children's Centre. If you are about and able to help 'man' the tent please put your name on the roster at the kindy entrance.

Fees

Preschool fees are \$120 per term with an additional \$10 fundraising levy in lieu of raffles and other fund-raising activities.

Playgroup

Is held on Fridays from 12.30—2.30.

All welcome.