

## NEWSLETTER Term 3 Week 2 2017



### WELCOME BACK

We have had an exciting start to the term, with visits from Penny Hewson on Friday of weeks 2 and 3. Penny runs engaging music and movement sessions with the children. This children have been making treasure maps with our pre-service teacher, Nadia who will be with us from weeks 1-6. The children found coal in the digging patch which was followed up with a camp fire and cooking sausages last Tuesday.



### UPCOMING EVENTS

#### Willow Close Preschool Disco



On Friday 1st September children are invited to attend the Willow Close Preschool Disco from 6-7:30pm. It promises to be a groovy, fun night, with hot dogs for dinner and lots of dancing!! Cost is \$10.00 per child. More information coming.

#### Monarto Zoo Visit

We will be visiting the Monarto Zoo on Tuesday 26th and Thursday 28th September of week 10. The children will have the opportunity to engage in hands on learning experiences connected to sustainable practices and a safari tour of the zoo. The cost is \$15.00 per child entry fee. The kindergarten will fund the cost of the bus. More information and invoices will be sent out later in the term.

### **Dates to Remember**

Monday 7th August- **Governing Council Meeting 7pm**

Friday 4th and 11th August- **Penny Hewson: Music and Movement sessions**

Friday 11th August- **Last day to pay for your child's preschool photos**

Friday 25th, Tuesday 29th August and Thursday 31st September- **Dancify visit in preparation for the disco**

Friday 1st September- **Kindy Disco 6-7:30pm**

## How was your day today? Conversations to have at home.

Ever asked your child what they did today only to hear them say "nothing!". Perhaps try some of these questions to encourage your child to talk about their day. We would love to hear how it goes...

"What did you enjoy about your day?"

"What was your favourite thing that happened today?"

"What did you learn today?"

Having conversations with your child at home about the things they did during their day, and helping them to recognise the learning that occurs, develops and strengthens oral language, recall and communications skills.

## Visible Learning Closure Day

On Monday 31st July the Heysen partnership participated in Visible Learning Training. The focus of the day was centred on enabling children's learning dispositions. Learning dispositions are ways in which learners engage and approach learning experiences. Learning dispositions include curiosity, resilience, risk taking in learning, and persistence, an area we have been focusing on with the children.

*Persistent students stick to a task until it is completed and don't give up easily. They are able to analyse a problem, and develop a system, structure or strategy to attack it. They have a repertoire of alternative strategies for problem solving and are comfortable in employing a wide range of these strategies for the one task. These students often have systematic methods for analysing a problem and are comfortable in ambiguous situations. Persistence is a key attribute for students to develop as it encourages a positive attitude towards tasks and a resilience for examining different ways a problem can be solved, rather than just giving up at the first sign of failure. This resilience is undeniably a necessary skill that students need for success in the 21st century (N.S.W. Education Department).*

We are an allergy aware centre and currently have some children who have severe allergic reactions to eggs and products containing nuts. Please keep this in mind when packing your child's lunch.



## **Staff Team**

Director: Beryl Barnard  
Teachers: Jane Thornton,  
Alana Poletta, Lis Chapman,  
Silvia Lodge  
ECWs: Sue Tapp, Libby Wells,  
Janelle Clarke  
Preschool Support: Tanya Secomb,  
Alana Weir

## Preschool operating hours

Preschool starts at 8:30am and finishes at 3:15pm.  
We ask that families please do not drop your child off  
before 8:30am unless previously arranged. Staff need  
this valuable time to prepare for the day.