



## Dear Families

The children have settled in with great enthusiasm to the kindergarten routine. Some are missing their families at the beginning of the day, but once interacting with all of the wonderful experiences on offer they are engaged and building on their learning.

The staff have been very busy assisting the children to find their way and develop a 'sense of belonging', preparing programs and learning journals, attending meetings and training, and keeping up with administrative demands. We are so lucky to have such a committed staff team.

We often have staff absence due to family reasons, illness, meeting etc. but the children are becoming familiar with our regular pool of relief staff including Renne, Shane, Gail and Kelly. This means that when one of us is away they feel safe and comfortable to approach different educators.

Jo is on leave at the moment, Cathy will be heading to Perth next week for her daughter's wedding and Lakyta will soon be doing her teacher placement for her University studies.

We hope to see you at the Family Welcome Barbecue.

Regards

Cathy, Pauline, Georgia, Carol, Jo, Maxine, Lakyta and Penny

## Governing Council 2017



We had a great Annual General Meeting and thank you to everyone who has volunteered to be on the Council this year. They include:

Kate Simpson :	Chairperson
Tammie Pecanek:	Deputy CP
Siena McNamara:	Secretary
Cathy Clark:	Treasurer
Penny Whittaker:	Staff Rep (Term 1)
Sarah Eatts:	Fundraising Co-ordinator
Cathy Frost:	Site Director

### Members:

Karen Fox	Yvonne Clegg
Amanda Wallis	Kim Ackland
Sharne Laundry	Jasmine Clatworthy

A busy year is ahead for them with the Antique Fair in August - our major fundraiser and our 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebrations.

Please let Cathy know if you would like to be on the Fund-raising sub-committee - you don't have to be a council member.

If you would like to read the Annual Report 2016 there are copies available - near the sign in sheet at Outreach and under the pigeon holes at Coronation Rd.

## Thank you to:

Karen Fox and Kate Simpson for pruning at the front entrance and Georgie Shearer for helping us regularly with tasks on a Friday.

We welcome any assistance you are able to offer, just ask a staff member if you arrive a bit early for pickup. The verendah always needs a sweep or can be blower vacuumed.

## Events

### Welcome Barbecue



Friday March 17<sup>th</sup> at Forrest Reserve 5-7 pm

Please fill in your sausage order by Thursday morning.

### Dads Dinner CFS

March 20<sup>th</sup> at Coronation Rd. Kindergarten

This will be a fun night as David always has something up his sleeve - this time a visit to the CFS.

### Outreach visit

This week on Thursday the children from the Outreach kindergarten will be visiting Coronation Rd Kindergarten for the day. It will be wonderful for us to share the day together and develop a sense of community. Children will be able to establish bonds with others that they will start school with next year.

### Snack tasting

Parents - are you looking for some healthy snack ideas to send with your child to kindergarten? This term we will be working with OPAL Alexandrina to run some "Snack Tasting" sessions in Week 9, to showcase a range of healthy lunchbox snack ideas to the children. Watch out for your child's "Snack Tasting Passport" which will be sent home with them after the tasting

sessions so that you can see the snacks they enjoyed. We will be sharing the following key messages with the children, which you may find useful to use at home:

- Try to taste all the foods on offer - you may find a new food that you like.
- If you're not yet brave enough to taste the food, you can touch, smell or lick the food instead (this helps to build children's familiarity and acceptance of the food).
- Remember - your taste buds are replaced every four weeks, so your new tastebuds might like a food that you didn't like before.

Parents are most welcome to attend the Snack Tasting sessions on:

Coronation Rd: 27<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> March 1.35 pm to 2.50 pm

Outreach: 29<sup>th</sup> March 2.15pm to 3.00 pm

### Occasional Care

We have a long waiting list for Occasional Care. Please ring Lakyta if your child will not be attending so that she can fill the place.

### Reminders

#### Fees

Fees are now due. Please talk to Cathy if you have not organised instalments if you need to.

#### Naming items

Please ensure all of your children's belongings are labelled. It is a good idea to label lunch box lids as well as the container.