We will however continue to engage in informal discussions with families on a regular basis. As inviting all families to participate if they are able. As discussed last newsletter we will be having parent/teacher interviews early in third term and any other child’s book as this is certainly not allowed and is highly unethical!

Don’t forget that you can view your child’s profile book any time. They are under the bench near home as they contain original pieces of work which cannot be replicated. Also please do not look at other child’s book as this is certainly not allowed and is highly unethical!

Curriculum focus

Actually speaking of stamps….keep an eye on your letter boxes as you or another member of your family just might get a surprise. As part of her Diploma, Alison has come up with a wonderful idea where children in her group write a letter home. Well, in true kindy and collaborative fashion it wasn’t long before other ideas were put forth and Alison had not only organised it for her group but for the entire kindy!

This has meant a lot of pressure for Alison as she is leading the project and for the first time we have not encouraged families to attend the walk with us. My reasoning behind this is threefold….the first and foremost that it would be unnecessary pressure and focus on Alison and would deter from her desired outcome for the children, this after all was now much bigger than she had ever anticipated! Secondly we really want to focus on what the children already know about this subject. Thirdly there is certainly very limited room in the post office and with over 36 children each time we would not be able to access as many areas as planned. So we apologise in advance but this was indeed a wonderful opportunity that we could not pass up and I have no doubt that families can and do visit the post office on a regular basis so I am hoping you all understand and continue to join us on any of our other walks. Don’t forget there are a number of charts around our kindy where you can see what your child will be doing in our community every

Diary Dates . . .

Term Two
20th April – 8th July

Well the shortest day of the year has come and gone, sort of like our days at kindy. Seriously sometimes there is so much to do and so many things happen impromptu, that the day simply flies by! This last week was certainly no exception! I mean who would have thought that a walk to buy stamps would turn into a real life emergency situation which the children could experience firsthand. Now don’t panic, at no time were any of the children or staff at risk BUT they were given the wonderful opportunity of delving into their vast knowledge and we will remember this day forever.

Strong sense of identity

Caring for our world

Sense of well being

Impromptu moments, building on past knowledge from home and kindy experiences and a willingness by educators to make the most of every available opportunity often leads to all areas of the Early Years curriculum being explored at the same time. This is something I am very proud to say that the staff consistently offer and accept these situations on a daily basis and easily incorporate them into wonderful learning experiences for every child. Their close liaison with the community certainly provides us with plenty of choice and opportunities 🎉

We worry about what a child will become tomorrow, yet we forget that he is someone today.

~Stacia Tauscher

Address the end of the year with a disco – so it would be wonderful if just cap off the

Reporting

in the kitchen in coloured boxes to match your child’s name tags. However please do not take them home as they contain original pieces of work which cannot be replicated. Also please do not look at any other child’s book as this is certainly not allowed and is highly unethical!
KIDS’ TEETH AND SNACKS

We actively promote and encourage healthy eating and less food wrappers at our Preschool as part of the promotion OPAL incentive of our local Council.

Try to:
♦ Limit foods containing lots of sugar, eg. sweet drinks and biscuits to parties and occasional meal times (not at kindy though 😊)
♦ Avoid giving children sweet snacks between meals
♦ Give children snacks such as bread (all types), savoury spreads, plain cracker biscuits, cheese, vegie sticks, fruit, yoghurt and corn on the cob.
♦ And of course water is the best drink for thirsty and active little bodies!

For more healthy food ideas visit opal.sa.gov.au

School transition

Please make sure that you have told me the school you are intending your child to attend so that I may finalise lists for them. This does make it hard for schools to allocate classes and teachers for next year and as you can all appreciate it is a mammoth job for them, so early notice is always appreciated.

Photos

Please make sure you have returned your forms for photos. So far only 12 families have done so. This is not a fundraiser and this will be the only opportunity for the year to have professional photos taken of your child in their preschool year.

Kindy Shop

PLEASE PLEASE PLEASE remember to visit and support our local kindy shop (next to Kennetts hardware shop and opposite the park.) Good clean clothes are always a welcome donation. Also clothes left at the kindy over the past term will be classed as a donation to the shop….so come and ask if you have lost anything and can’t see it lying around! Our amazing volunteers would love you to pop in and say hi and don’t forget all funds raised by their hard work goes directly to our kindy to ensure we have an amazing and engaging learning environment😊

Disco and High Tea events are coming!

Every year we celebrate our lovely volunteers at the kindy shop and invite them to High Tea at kindy; this year we are also going to invite some of the grandparents to the same event rather than a separate occasion (as it is rather a special day 😊) The children dress up and entertain them all…..more often the same costumes are used for the disco and the tea. Children cook and decorate the kindy for both events and it is a wonderful opportunity for them to extend their creative sides.

Hmmm maybe a visit to our Kindy shop will help you coordinate that costume ready for these events!!!
Science night …..sooooooo much fun!!!!!

Families started coming in at 5.30 and it wasn’t long before the kindy was packed with inquiring minds and gales of laughter in amongst the ooh’s and aah’s of wonder! Overall we had at least 46 families represented!!!!!!!!! Brilliant and on such a cold night 😊

Parents were certainly engaged in trying to make that perfect paper airplane and tried many different styles on offer whilst others preferred to test battery powered circuits and devise their own unique models of flying instruments and noise.

Bugs and spiders were looked at intently under the microscope as many parents stood back in awe as the children capably handled and manipulated the instrument to get a clear image.

Mysterious suspension mixes gathered lots of interest as did moon sand and cloud dough!

Families were enthralled as their child told them about the plight of the Echidna on display and explained how she came to be at kindy not to mention some of the other physical attributes this remarkable animal has as they invite family to tentatively touch her quills.

Mysterious green liquids were ready for the sense of taste to help determine just what juice was hidden within.

Tubes of coloured liquid danced before eyes enticing questions as to why and how they 'float' on each other.

X rays of bugs and human body were a feast for thirsty eyes wanting to know more about the unseen world within.

Beautiful coloured fish and flower shapes were created with ink and diffusion.

Outside under the verandah balloons raced along string to determine just how equal and opposite forces can help them win a race.

The 'home corner' shed was transformed into a stellar extravaganza and a feast for the imagination as the lights turn off so the magical world which exits above us seems to come to life in our shed. Thanks to the 'magic' of chemical mixing and effect of light stars and planets emerged as a soft glow surrounded little faces lifted upwards.

Magnets defied gravity and made cars magically zoom across table tops!

As with everything…all good things must come to an end even though some children (and adults) would have liked to stay and play longer 😊
Hats Hats Hats……..

Please remember that your child needs to bring a hat every day; in line with our sun and safety policies.

Children will be encouraged to wear shirts with collars and sleeves and longer style shorts/skirts. Hats are to be worn all year round to ensure continuity. In the event of safety issues eg extremely windy day when going on a local walk which entails crossing roads. Then hats are to be stored in a bag and children will put them on when they have reached their destination.

Sources which assisted our policy and procedure planning and further reading
- The Cancer Council South Australia
- www.sunsmart.org.au
- Public and Environmental Health Act 1987 SA

End of Term reminders

- Check communication pockets!
- Volunteer or offer good, clean offers at the **kindy shop**
- Take home your child’s clothing or it goes to the Kindy shop!

Have a Happy and safe break and enjoy the time with your children until we see you again 😊
Some fun things to do or try in the holidays with the children and some don’t even cost any money…just time 😊

Just a bit of fun with a magical word…..how many words can you make out of …..

Supercalifragilisticexpialidocious 😊