Welcome back for Term 2. We trust you all enjoyed your Easter holiday break. We had a great start to 2nd term with very good attendances. Unfortunately there were a few tears at first, but all is well now.

Children’s learning goals have been sent home to parents so they can remember what was discussed at interviews last term. We appreciate your support with children’s learning, sharing and assisting in their earning experiences, reading regularly to your child, ensuring your child has plenty of sleep and brings along a healthy snack and lunch. With the cold and flu season upon us, remember it is best to keep your child at home if he/she is not feeling well. It saves spreading germs and a days rest will help the child bounce back more quickly.

Children’s learning this term is about growing things. Children have begun preparing the garden beds, dug up potatoes, visited the shop to purchase plants and are ready to start planting next week (the weather is ideal for this). Children will observe plants growing and investigate what plants need for growth. Later in the term we will set up the incubator and hopefully hatch out some chickens, and plan some tree planting.

Happy Mother’s Day to all you Mums. We enjoy sharing your wonderful children and give you a pat on the back for the great job you all do as mothers.  

Sue Murphy will be on Long Service Leave from 13th May until 6th June, which includes weeks 3,4,5 and 6 of this term.

We welcome Marie Venning as Sue’s replacement for this period and hope she enjoys her time at the kindy!

Happy and safe travelling Sue - Enjoy!

Occasional Care News

This term we are going to focus on some African animals including lions, elephants, giraffes, zebras. We have an eye-catching Lion King back-drop thanks to Mrs Leiblich.
We also thought we would venture to the jungle and have some monkeys hanging from vines—we are looking forward to a productive, happy and interesting Term 2.

The first week we had a full contingent of children, keen and healthy—may this continue. Please keep informing us if your child can not attend their session as someone else may be able to then slot in. Thank you.

Governing Council News
Our Street Stall was held on Thursday 8th May.
A big thankyou to everyone who helped out in any way— providing produce, sending donations, setting up and manning the stall and purchasing from the stall—you all helped! A great sum of $986.00 was raised from your efforts.

Following the stall, Governing Council held their meeting. Some discussion points were—plate and calendar fundraiser, photos, playgroup and urgent need to purchase a new photocopier (stall proceeds will help here!). A big thankyou to all who helped at the Working Bee last term. They worked through the list of jobs to help maintain our centre - keeping it safe and looking good.
Happy Birthday to

Pre-school
Ella Hunt 9-06-09
Zack Murdock 18-06-09

Occasional Care
Jak Griffiths 18-05-11
Jaeden Koch 20-05-10
Macy Lienert 28-05-11
Tully Kassebaum 07-06-11

Insect play—an insect has three body parts and six legs.

Playgroup News
Playgroup is held at the Kindergarten every Friday during the term starting at 10am until 12noon.

This includes, a set activity, story time and some songs. All with parent involvement.
Cost per week to be $2 per child.

Please feel welcome to come along. Spread the word to others who you think may be interested!

We are very sorry to lose Chelsea March who left our community due to her husband’s work. During her time with us she was actively involved in improving Playgroup. We wish her well. We would welcome someone else stepping up as leader and being our Gov Council representative for Playgroup

Update from community health

Busy Bee is a screening for children aged 2-4 years which involves assessment of children by a Dietitian, Occupational Therapist, Podiatrist, Speech Pathologist, Social Worker and Physiotherapist. It is designed as a method of determining if a more comprehensive assessment is required.

Busy Bees are arranged through the kindergarten twice a year, generally in April and August-September.

If you notice anything in your child that you are concerned about, we encourage parents to call Eastern Eyre Health & Aged Care central intake ph: 1300 334 222 to book an appointment with any of the above allied health staff instead of waiting for a busy bee screening to come around. This ensures that children are assessed early and gives time to address some of the issues as quickly as possible to maximise long term development of your child.

Allied Health visit Kimba fortnightly on Thursday’s and provide a free service. Children can be seen at home, at the clinic or at the kindergarten.

For any further information please phone—
Community Health 8628 2665 or intake 1300 334 222.

Useful websites


Similarly if you go to the DECD website and type in Great Start www.greatstart.sa.edu.au – there are an amazing number of resources (select the age group and the length of activity).

http://the measured mom.com (American, but many activities and ideas)

Apps
ABC Reading Eggs
RedWrite
Fuzzy Letters