Kimba Community Kindergarten Newsletter
Week 3 Term 1 2014

Upcoming Events
Mar 3,4  Local Partnerships—Sue away in Adelaide
Apr 5  Last day of term

2014 Term Dates
Term 1  28th Jan - 11 Apr
Term 2  28th Apr—4th July
Term 3  21st Jul—26th Sept
Term 4  13th Oct—12th Dec
** There will be 11 weeks in Term 1

Importance of Attendance
For children to gain the full benefits of preschool it is important for them to attend on a regular basis. This helps them to develop a sense of belonging, helps them to maintain friendships and enables them to be engaged in each section of the learning program.

Funding and staffing for the running of our program is calculated on attendance in Weeks 2 & 3, each term, so make every effort for your child to attend in these weeks so we gain the maximum benefits for children for the rest of the term.

A few reminders:-
*All children must wear hats. Kindy children are supplied with a hat, Occasional Care children must bring their own hats. Strappy sundresses and singlets are not suitable sun protection—children need covering on their shoulders. We apply sunscreen if necessary (warn us of allergies). Children play inside when weather is extreme.
*Dressy sandals and thongs make it hard for children to join in active games as children slip and fall over easily in them. Please have children wear sneakers or sturdy rubber soled play sandal.
*All children's belongings need to have name tags attached.
*Please send healthy food and water for children, with freezer block when hot.

We have had a busy start to the year with 16 students enrolled at Kindergarten and Occasional Care sessions being well attended. Children have settled in with enthusiasm and are keeping busy with the many learning activities that they initiate and that we provide.

Both the Kindergarten and Occasional Care children are working on a beach/ocean theme. With the consistent hot weather the children have enjoyed water play in abundance. Ice has been included, seaweed and shells, pouring, filling, pipes, paint rollers and brushes, sea creatures, making, catching, measuring and recognising fish species to engage the children in active learning. Painting has also been another popular activity with the paint pots needing a top-up more often then usual.

Occasional Care—We have only been allocated 5 Occasional Care sessions for the first two terms but are on the waiting list to get another session for Terms 3 and 4, so hopefully we can get this session back.
Jill will continue to take 4 sessions and Tania Leiblich will take the 5th on a Tuesday morning concurrently with Jill’s session as she did last year.

Our pergola has been painted and the shade-cloth replaced during the holidays and looks much tidier now. The shed door was repaired and the sheds are to be painted too, but weather conditions have not been suitable with rain and hot weather so this has been delayed.

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Kimba Community Kindergarten session times.
Universal Access ensures that all children have access to 15 hours per week of preschool for the year prior to entry into school.

Our session times for kindy for 2013 will be:-
Tuesday  9.00am-3.15pm
Wednesday  9.00am-3.15pm
Thursday  9.00am-11.30am

Our fees for full time kindy will be $60.00 per term

Occasional Care session times
Under 2  Tues  9.00—11.45am
Over 2  Tues  9.00—11.45 am
Over 2  Tues  12.15—3.00pm
Over 2  Wed  9.00—11.45am
Over 2  Thurs  8.45—11.30am
Happy Birthday to Pre-school
Jett Kenchington  2-02-2010

Occasional Care
Summer McGilvray  7-02-11
Boh Mayfield  27-02-12
Ava Harris  20-03-12

A big thank you to Venning Bros for donating sand to refill our sandpit. Children use the sandpit everyday and get great enjoyment using this play area.

Thanks also go to Trevor and Kerri Cliff for delivering our Charlesworth Nuts fundraiser orders last year which saved us paying freight.

News from Governing Council
The AGM was held on 30th January. The Chairperson’s Report and Director’s Report were presented.
Office Bearers for the year were elected and are - Ellen Zibell (Chairperson), Chelsea Vandeleur (Secretary), Jill Davey and Kristen Arcus (to share Treasurer), committee members to be Kim Redden, Amy Koch, Sarah Kenchington, Katherine Moseby-Read, Shenae Rodda, Kellie Hunt, and Sue Murphy.
A play-group rep is still to be decided.
At the AGM it was moved that Kindergarten fees for 2014 are to be $70 per term which is an increase of $10 per term. Parents will have the option of paying the 4 terms in a lump sum at the beginning of the year. Please note that this is not compulsory and that parents can still choose to pay term by term. Parents will have the option of paying the fees by cash, cheque or by using internet banking.

At a meeting following the AGM it was decided to trial the District Council of Kimba for the maintenance of our Kindergarten grounds for 1 hour per week. Justin Phillips resigned from the position of Ground’s person last year, and we were unable to find a replacement. A big thankyou to Sue Murphy who maintained the grounds over the holiday period and into February.

Next Meeting: Thursday 13th February at 11.45am
Business: arrange a working bee to oil all the outdoor wooden furniture, and other maintenance.
Review budget and plan spending, review the improvement plan for 2014 decide on fundraising activities and more.
Come along and let us know what you want for our centre.

The first five years last a lifetime!
• Good nutrition, health and exercise are critical
• Children are born ready to learn
• The best learning happens in nurturing relationships
• The brain develops through use
• Children’s wellbeing is critical to brain development and learning
• Children learn through being engaged and doing
• Children learn from watching and copying
• Children’s self control is critical for learning, responsibility and relationships
• Children learn language by listening to it and using it
• Children are born ready to use and learn mathematics

Parents generally have the biggest influence in the early years because they are the ones spending the most time with their child. Consider the above research findings and think about how you are assisting your child’s development.

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