We are coming to the end of a very busy term. The term has been a settling time for many children— getting used to the routines and the long hours away from home. Children have learned about the beach environment, properties of water and dinosaurs. They have been developing cutting skills, understanding of number, syllables, rhyme and enjoying painting. The weather has been mild encouraging outdoor play, with role play, forming friendships and growing awareness of safe play occurring.

Staff have been observing children and I have undertaken some further assessments to enable us to get a greater understanding of each child. I am hoping to see all parents during week 9 and 10 to discuss their child’s learning and to set goals for next term.

Lateisha Ramsey will be visiting the kindy on Wednesdays for 8 weeks on work placement for her studies. Her first visit was this week.

Governing Council met on the 20th March. The following items were on the agenda:-

Revitalised playgroup —see next page

Kindergarten Working Bee Thursday 3rd April at 12 noon.

Jobs to be done -
- Washing of Windows
- Oiling of outdoor wooden equipment
- Filling gaps under fences with dirt
- General yard tidy-up

Please bring a shovel, wheelbarrow, window washing equipment.

“Many Hands make Light Work”

Picture Products Fundraiser— Please collect templates from the kindy to complete artwork at home or come to the kindy to assist your child.

Prices are—Plate $25, Clock $30, Mug $20, Calendar $15.

The finished templates together with payment are due by the end of this term. Please contact the kindy or Amy Koch for more details.

Kindy Photo Day— Kerri Cliff will be coming to the Kindergarten on Tuesday April 8th—to take a group Kindergarten photo as well as individual photos. Children are to come along dressed in their kindy t-shirts/jumpers.

Kindy Street Stall—Term 2, Week 2—8th May from 9am at post office. It would be appreciated if all Kindy and Occasional Care parents could donate baking, fresh produce etc to our Street Stall. If you are unable to assist with goods a monetary donation would be appreciated.
**Happy Birthday to**

**Pre-school**
- Mercedes Larwood  9-04-10
- Jayla Arcus        21-04-10
- Alex Redden       23-04-10
- James Zibell      30-04-10

**Occasional Care**
- Chloe Major       20-04-12
- Dane Congdon      6-05-11
- Jamie Milton      7-05-10

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**Playgroup News**

Playgroup is held at the Kindergarten every Friday during the term starting at 10am until 12noon. A new committee has been formed with Chelsea March as the Chair, and Jody Westhoff as Secretary.

The Committee are keen to introduce new ideas, and some structure to playgroup. This includes some kinder-gym activities, 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!

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**Occasional Care News**

It is pleasing to see everyone happily coming along to Occasional Care. The children have embraced our beach/ocean theme and have been happy little makers. Each week we have made a different creature. We have also gone for rides in the wooden ute, balanced on the obstacle course, created gourmet dishes using playdough, and have done earthmoving works in the sandpit. Children learn valuable social skills including sharing, and the skills of getting along with each other.

Children become competent at a task with lots of practise. With this in mind—please ensure your child has a pair of scissors and lots of scrap paper/card for them to cut. Help them to hold the scissors the correct way. Eventually they will become accurate and quick with their cutting.

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**5 Things to Know About Play**

(From The National Association for the Education of Young Children)

1. **Children learn through play.** Children learn and develop cognitive skills, physical abilities, new vocabulary, social skills and literacy skills.

2. **Play is healthy.** Play helps children grow and counters obesity issues facing many children today.

3. **Play reduces stress.** Play is joyful and provides an outlet for anxiety and stress.

4. **Play is more than meets the eye.** Play is simple and complex. There are many types of play: symbolic, sociodramatic, functional, and games with rules—to name just a few.

5. **Play and learning go hand-in hand.** They are not separate activities. They are intertwined. Think about them as a science lecture with a lab. Play is the child’s lab.
Dinosaurs galore!

Felicity and Mercedes are helping Levi paint the dinosaur he constructed.

Airlee has moulded a dinosaur from dough and has used buttons for the plates on its back.

Zack has moulded a long neck dinosaur from dough.

Jarrah is pasting her dinosaur painting in our learning book. She is going to use oil pastels to create an environment for her dinosaur and she will tell us what to write about dinosaurs for her.

Some of the children have placed their dinosaur constructions in our dinosaur world.