Hello everyone!

The lovely weather continues and nearly all learning activities have been-taking place outside this term! The children have been demonstrating great skills of collaboration, innovation and creativity.

We visited the school on Wed 27th May for Simultaneous Storytime and heard “The Brothers Gribble” read by Mr Woolford. Kindy children wore their crowns and carried their paper plate characters. Following the reading kindy children spent recess time playing in the school playground with school children as part of their transition to school.

On the return to kindy we went for a nature walk along the creek between the school and the bowling green. The children were very excited and enjoyed the freedom to run and explore. We did set a task of noticing something interesting to photograph, or to take back to kindy but most were too excited to stop and take note. We will return soon for another adventure!

Jill, Katrin and I attended two days of numeracy training in Pt Lincoln and we have purchased some books to share with the children such as “How Much is a Million?” to get them thinking. We are hoping to put some of the ideas into place such as increasing our use of mathematical language, and providing activities for promoting the skills of noticing, sorting and patterning which are skills we all use everyday.

Bunnings will be visiting on Wednesday 17th June and we would like parents to come along. Bunnings will be bringing some materials to construct a garden bed and some plants which will need planting. The idea is for children to be involved, but parental assistance would be appreciated. We will be having a sausage sizzle for parents and children, so children will not need their lunch on that day. It is hoped that some parents will stay on and help oil the wooden structures in our yard afterwards. Governing Council have organised to provide soil and mulch for the day and also the cooking of the BBQ.

I have met with many parents this week to discuss their child’s progress and learning goals. It was great to catch up and I hope to see those who were unable to come this week, very soon.

Sue
Happy Birthday to

Pre-school

Jamie Milton 7-5-10
Jaeden Koch 20-5-10
Liam Sawyer 7-6-11
Edie Rayner 24-6-10
Mahli Harris 20-6-10

Occasional Care

Dane Congdon 6-5-11
Jak Griffiths 18-5-11
Macy Lienert 28-5-11
Tully Kassebaum 7-6-11
Lucy Baldock 17-6-12
Noah Inglis 17-6-13
Carter Griffiths 17-6-13
Kyla Harradine 18-6-12
Harper McGilvray 23-6-13
Nate Macklin 25-6-12
Harlow Seal 27-6-11

News from Governing Council

On Thursday 21st May Governing Council met.

Some items discussed included:

- the July catering event at Buckleboo Station
- The Bunnings visit on Wed 17th to assist with improvements to the garden area.
- Future kindy and fundraising events - Walkathon, Bottle Drive, Art sessions and auction
- Reviewing and updating site policies.
- Parent meetings in Week 6.
- Progress with the special access upgrade.
- Busy bee screenings, Eat a Rainbow program and Preschool health checks

Next Meeting: Wednesday 24th June at Hotel starting at 6pm

Occasional Care News

We have been enjoying our garden and insect theme. This week the children attached large flower heads on to cardboard cylinders and then enjoyed digging a hole in the ground, and planting them.

The weather has been ideal for being outside. The children especially enjoyed the new pile of sand, and then after the rain, the water in the waterway. The children interact well with the Kindergarten children, and are often given many new and interesting(?) ideas of play through watching the older children.

Corinne and I have appreciated the help of Samantha Shadwell and Rachel Yates currently doing placements at the Kindy.

Looking ahead to next term... It seems likely that we will need to convert the Wednesday Under 2 session to an Over 2 session to accommodate the children about to turn 2. This means that some children will need to be swapped around. Please see me if you have a strong preference for a particular day. Children who are Under 2, will only be able to come on the Tuesday morning. Tuesday morning will continue as the Under 2 session, as well as the Over 2 session.
Exploring the natural environment

Learning Outcome 2—Children are connected to and contribute to their world

Learning Outcome 1—A strong sense of identity

Learning Outcome 3—a strong sense of wellbeing

Learning Outcome 4—Children are confident and involved learners

Learning Outcome 5—Children are effective communicators

You will see evidence of these learning outcomes displayed in many of these photos.

Maths play

Innovation:

Boomspray—model 1

Boomspray—spraying weeds

Model 2 (driver won’t get wet now)

Super spreader

Project Cubby garden—children are planning, organising and developing a cubby garden. Here they are constructing a fence and digging post holes. (Notice the boomspray—now becomes a water cart, carting water to soak post holes)

Cement mixer

Day out in the ute watching the footy!

Note the baby care skills and the iPads—a necessary accessory for all the girls—wooden shapes—which later double as a GPS)