Kimba Community Kindergarten Newsletter
Week 3 Term 1 2015

Upcoming Events
- Feb 16, 17: Leaders’ Conference—Sue away in Adelaide
- Feb 26th: Gov Council, 11.45am
- Mar 4th: Preschool health checks

2015 Term Dates
Term 1: 26th Jan - 10 Apr
Term 2: 26th Apr - 3rd July
Term 3: 20th Jul - 25 Sept
Term 4: 12th Oct - 11th Dec
** There will be 11 weeks in Term 1

Importance of Attendance
For children to gain the full benefits of pre-school 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.

If your child is going to be absent, please give us a call and let us know the reason. Ring as early as possible if an Occasional Care child as Jill may be able to give the place to another child.

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. Polo tops are available from the kindy with the kindy logo on. 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.
* On Catastrophic days buses do not run but the centre will be open. You need to arrange your own transport.

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 2015 will be:-
- Tuesday: 9.00am-3.15pm
- Wednesday: 9.00am-3.15pm
- Thursday: 9.00am-11.30am

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
- Under 2: Wed 9.00—11.45am
- Over 2: Thurs 8.45—11.30am

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. The children are making friends and playing very happily together.

Both the Kindergarten and Occasional Care children are working on a beach/ocean theme. With the weather becoming hot the children are enjoying water play in abundance. They have enjoyed playing with boats and magnetic fishing. The waterway has been filled with water so children can take off their shoes and paddle, catch fish, sail boats they make and play with sea creatures. The sandpit has been another popular place of play with a fence being erected by children and water taken there so there is wet sand for building and making ‘cement’. Ice has been included, seaweed and shells, pouring, sea creatures and dinosaurs. In the afternoons when it has been too hot outside blocks, construction sets and puzzles have been keeping the children busy. Children have also made a rainbow fish, cut out and named shapes, sorted objects into groups of 4, finger painted the letter “s” and painted lots of pictures.

Such a busy time, I expect they are sleeping well!!
Happy Birthday to
Pre-school
Summer McGilvray  7-02-11

Occasional Care
Boh Mayfield  27-02-12

SCHOOL DENTAL SERVICE
All babies, children and young people under 18 years are welcome to attend the School Dental Service.
Dental care is FREE for most children.

SA Dental Service participates in the Child Dental Benefits Schedule. A small fee may apply for children who are not eligible for the Child Dental Benefits Schedule.

All dental care provided is FREE for preschool children.
To locate your local School Dental Clinic, or for more information about the Child Dental Benefits Schedule, please visit www.sadental.sa.gov.au

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.

News from Governing Council
The AGM was held on 5th February. The Chairperson’s Report and Director’s Report were presented. Very few members from 2014 were present but we thank them all for their contribution to our centre during 2014.
Nominations were accepted for new members for 2015, then the AGM was closed and the first meeting was held to elect office bearers and begin business.
The Governing Council for 2015 is as follows:-
Chairperson—Belinda McGilvray, Secretary—Carmen Rayner, Treasurer—Jodie Macklin, Ellen Zibell, Chelsea Vandeule, Dani Siviour, Kellie Hunt, Sharma Jericho, Laura Fitzgerald, Shylie Harris, Shenae Mayfield, Jill Davey and Sue Murphy are committee members.
In General Business it was moved that Kindergarten fees for 2014 are to remain at $70 per term. Parents will have the option of paying the 4 terms in a lump sum at the beginning of the year, but this is not compulsory and parents can still choose to pay term by term. Parents have the option of paying fees by cash, cheque or by using internet banking.
Kindy photos are to be combined with school photos this year and will be taken in the third term.
A playgroup rep is required if playgroup is to continue and we require a report of activities held and fees banked each term. It was decided to try a play day at kindy later in the term, inviting all parents with younger children along to share a play session at kindy.
An Outstanding Volunteer Award will be given at the end of the year if Governing Council thinks someone’s voluntary work at kindy merits this.
Members are to compile a list of services available in the community for parents and children.
Our kindy room was painted during the holidays and looks much fresher and brighter now. We hope to get another room painted next holidays if it can be arranged.
Next Meeting: Thursday 26th 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, discuss curriculum, decide on fundraising activities and more.
Come along and let us know what you want for your centre.

Kimba Community Kindergarten Website http://www.kimbakgn.sa.edu.au
Look! A mouse!