Kimba Community Kindergarten Newsletter

Week 3 Term 4 2015

Upcoming Events
5th Nov—Crazy Camel Fundraising due
14 Nov—Christmas Pageant in Adelaide
20 Nov—Governing Council meeting at tea at Haskett’s café, (meeting at 6pm, followed by tea at 7pm)
27,28 Nov—Dance Concert
10 Dec—Father Christmas and end of year celebration at the kindy, last day of term 4.
1 Feb 2016—First day of term 2016

A big welcome to Anaahat and Agambir Atwal who have joined our kindy this term, and to their families also. We hope you will all settle in and enjoy your life in Kimba. Thank you to Inderveer for coming along on Thursday to share aspects of life in India to help increase the children’s understanding of other cultures.

We congratulate Jenny Whittle on being selected as Director of Kimba Community Kindergarten for the next three years. Jenny comes with experience in early years education and is at present the Director of the Lock Early Learning Centre. We wish you well in your new position Jenny and everyone will be looking forward to meeting you!

We thank Belinda for attending the Parent’s in Education meeting, supporting parent’s important role in their children’s education and presenting some of our issues to the panel. (see more below).

Another very successful street stall was held on Thursday and we thank everyone for your contributions and support. Nearly $1250 was raised and will go towards the new shade cloth for the shade structure which we hope will be fitted by the end of the year.

Progress is being made on the toilet upgrade with work planned for the summer break.

Busy Bee screenings have been held this term and Tamara visited to support children with speech.

The children’s learning program has been focusing on discovering more about the human body, “Pair, think, share” to encourage collaborative thinking and learning, using measurement to compare objects, listening for sounds in words with syllables and initial sounds, pencil skills. ball handling skills and in supporting transition to school.

Cheers, Sue

The ‘Parents in Education’ forum was run over week 2 of this term and Bel McGilvray attended this, representing parents from the Eyre Peninsula with issues related to the education of our children. We approached the Education Minister, Susan Close and a number of others who formed a panel. It was a very interesting experience and provided parents with a number of strategies and ideas which may be implemented at the kindy.

Parent engagement is essential and together we can give our children the best start possible!

Parents In Education – Strategies & Ideas to think about!

After an introduction of proceedings, an address from the Minister of Education, Hon Susan Close and a look at some evidence, research and data, we then listened to how governing councils and parents can be more involved in their child’s learning and so reinforce a positive attitude towards lifelong learning, which we inevitably want as our children’s attitude to life.

Some strategies that were discussed included:

- Talking positively about learning at home
- Reading daily with your child (if nothing else, read!)
- Discussing T.V shows, movies and books with your child
- Eating main meals together
- Encourage attendance
- Supporting and celebrating your child achievements/talents/interests
- Setting goals for ourselves as parents (eg: reading each day, writing a journal each holidays)
- Looking at the Early Years Learning Framework for an idea of what learning is expected of your child at preschool
- Having a class blog to share daily/weekly happenings (giving parents discussion points when talking to their children)
- Supporting your child in teaching/reinforcing the skills to complete a task, not doing it for them!
- Developing a good relationship (partnership approach) with your child’s teacher/preschool can result in nothing but success.

Every parent has skills and abilities that are important and special! (no matter your level of education, you are the most important teacher your child will ever have and the one he/she will forever look up to the most)
Happy Birthday to
Kobe Macklin 6-11-2010
Henry Larwood  29-11-2011
Ila Lienert 2-10-13
Rory Congdon 24-10-13

Transition
Kindy children have been to school twice and have two more visits to support their transition to school. On the first visit children worked with a buddy from reception and the second visit children were together as the Reception class of 2016. We have reports of some very tired children! Next week children will attend without kindy staff, but will be collected at 11.40 from school to spend the remainder of the day at kindy.

Occasional Care children have been joining kindy sessions for the last two weeks, but for the next two weeks will spend morning sessions as the kindy class of 2016. There will be 20 children in this class.

Governance Council News
The governing council have been very busy lately with a number of fundraisers conducted and still some yet to come. The show stall was a success, making approximately $600 profit, and the trading table $1250 which added to this year’s fundraising attempts. We would like to thank all parents and committee members who helped out and made donations for both of these occasions, without your effort, events such as this wouldn’t be possible.

The walkathon was a huge success with lots of great costumes on display, even a few adult ones! The fire truck proved to be a hit and the event raised approximately $1400 which will be put towards the new shade sails for the playground and swing set.

With a busy Term 4 ahead of us we still have the dance concert to cater for, as well as the crazy camel fundraiser and we hope these will both bring in some more much needed funds for the centre.

The working bee planned for week 2 of this term did not eventuate. The wooden platform, bridge and cubby all need a coat of oil. Governing Council are keen to have this project completed before Christmas—and are seeking volunteers to undertake this task. Please speak to Sue or Bel if you can help out. Thank you to Sharna for washing the windows.

The Kimba Christmas Pageant is on Saturday 19th December. A suggestion was made that the kindy enter a float using our walkathon circus theme. Governing Council members do not wish to coordinate a float—but are wondering if any other parents are interested in convening a kindy float.

Our next meeting will be at 6pm on Friday Nov 20th at Hasketts’ Café followed by tea at 7pm for Governing Council members and Kindy Staff.

Occasional Care News
The children are enjoying the “Up in the Air” theme. To date we have made flying saucers, planes and kites. This week water play has been back on the agenda and all children have enjoyed this immensely. Now that we have hot weather please remember to pack a hat for your child.

Thank you to everyone for their cooperation in the roster system. I am in the process of making a list of new names for 2016—please let others know who may be unaware of the service. Jill

Crazy Camel Fundraising
The closing date for this fundraiser is November 5th.

Prices are Calendars $13, Family Planners $15, Pillow Cases $22, Cards (pack of 8) $14, Diaries $18, Notebooks $18

All products feature your child’s artwork or photo. Orders can be made online—please speak to Jodie Macklin or kindy staff for more information.

Kindy Logo
Katrin will be making an order for Kindy T-Shirts in week 5 (11th November). Do you have any T-shirts or jumpers that you would like to have embroidered ready for 2016? Please leave at the kindy in a labelled plastic bag, and include payment—$5 per item.

Christmas Pageant Saturday November 15 in Adelaide—
The kindy have been allocated some free passes for the pageant. Please collect from the kindy (when they arrive) if you would like some.
Pets at kindy

Kate brought along her puppy to share.

Emerson brought along his new puppy to share.

Riley brought along his kittens to share.

Charlie brought along her pet jungle python to share.

Learning Outcome 1—Children have a strong sense of identity.
Learning Outcome 4—Children are confident and involved learners

Children displaying a growth mindsets:

I see,

......I think

....I wonder
Learning about our bodies

Learning Outcome 4—Children are confident and involved learners

Learning Outcome 3—Children have a strong sense of wellbeing

Learning Outcome 5—Children are effective communicators

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