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<p>WELCOME</p> <p>Welcome to all families. If you are an 'old' parent who has been at kindergarten last year, welcome back and if you are a new family beginning with us this year welcome! I hope you all found time over the summer break to spend quality time with family and friends. I moved house again in the holidays which is always fun!!! I am staying put now for at least the next ten years!</p> <p>National Quality Standards</p> <p>Today you will receive information from the Federal Government about the changes to Early Childhood Services around the Nation. Please read this information. There will be very little impact for you or your child from these changes, the changes mainly affect the way the staff manage the centre. Administration and documentation will be the main areas where change will occur.</p> <p>Profile Folders</p> <p>We hope you all enjoyed looking at your child's profile folder over the holidays. These need to be returned as soon as possible so that more of your child's work can be added this term. As always if you wish to take it home and look at it over a week-end just let a staff member know. You are encouraged to add to the folder if something special has happened at home you could put photos or stories in the profile book for us to share with your child.</p>	<p>Get Involved</p> <p>Help!</p> <p>Do you have some spare time and would like to do something to help at kindy? We would love to hear from any parents willing to help at session time. Jobs include helping with library/story kit borrowing, library book covering, reading with children etc.</p> <p>Thank you!</p> <p>Thank you so much to the Chang family for looking after the garden during the school holidays. Not an easy job when you see the amount of bark that comes off the trees! Thank you for clearing the bark and leaves and keeping the garden alive.</p> <p>The new rosters are in children's newsletter pockets if you have been chosen for gardening or laundry this term.</p>
<p>Staff 2012</p> <p>We welcome Margaret Yates back as the teacher for 2012 and Charmaine Maulitz as the ECW. We also welcome Jillian Clarke back this year who will be working on Thursdays as our Preschool Support Worker, working with individual children who may require additional support.</p> <p>We are having an 'Acquaintance Night' and AGM on Wednesday the 22nd of February at 6.00pm and would love as many parents and children to attend as possible. There will be an information flyer with details of this event next week.</p> <div data-bbox="486 1608 662 1877" data-label="Image"></div>	<p>Diary Dates</p> <p>Tues 31st Jan: Day 1 of term</p> <p>Tuesday 7th and Thursday 9th Feb: First Pre-entry sessions for the term</p> <p>Thursday 2nd Feb: Excursion 'White' performance at the Space Theatre</p> <p>Mon 6th Feb: First playgroup session for the year 9.00-10.30am</p> <p>Tuesday 7th Feb: CAYHS Screening (selected children) Please bring blue book and consent form.</p> <p>Wednesday 22nd of February: 'Acquaintance Night' and AGM - 6.00pm for a shared tea and meeting at 7.00pm Children welcome – entertainment supplied by Wobbles the Clown (more info. next week)</p>

<p>Visitor's Book</p> <p>If you are staying at Kindy for more than 10 minutes (which you are very welcome to do) please sign in the visitor's book is next to the children's sign in sheets.</p> <p>It is a requirement of OHS&W in case of an emergency that we know who is on the grounds at all times. When you are on the gardening roster we will ask you to sign an outside visitor's book just so we know who was on the grounds. Just enter your name, the date, what time you arrive and what time you leave.</p> <p>Parent Authorization Sheets</p> <p>Next to the Visitor's book is a parent authorization sheet where we would like you to fill in when some-one other than you will be collecting your child. Please ensure that a staff member is informed so that they can sign this sheet also. If you have forgotten to fill this sheet in or if there is a change in plans a phone call to the kindergarten is all that is needed and we will fill in the appropriate details. This is for the safety and security of all the children and for staff.</p> <p>Summer Safety</p> <p>Please remember to dress your children in sun-safe clothing - no strappy tops with exposed arms and no thongs. Also please put sunscreen on your child before you leave home. All children must have a hat for kindergarten which can be left in their bag.</p>  <p>We encourage children to play in the shade and drink plenty of water and they will be brought inside to play when it is very hot.</p>	<p>Healthy Eating</p> <p>Don't forget our healthy eating Guidelines.</p> <p>Please send fruit, vegetables, cheese or a sandwich for snack and a healthy salad or sandwich for lunch.</p> <p>Water only in water bottles please.</p> <p>'Nude' food is best, that is food that comes with no packaging. Try to pack 'nude' food wherever possible as we are aiming to reduce landfill.</p> <p>Governing Council</p> <p>It is that time of the year when we are looking for new Governing Council Members.</p> <p>The AGM will be held in conjunction with Acquaintance Night and we would love parents to become Governing Council Members. This is your chance to have a voice in the running of your child's kindergarten! Please see a staff member if you would like to be a member of the Governing Council this year.</p> <p>Meetings are once a month and are held at the kindergarten.</p> <p>Fees</p> <p>Kindergarten fees are due and are \$65.00 for Full time children and \$35.00 for Pre-entry children (who receive a library bag which they will decorate themselves and a profile folder to keep their precious work in). Please pay fees as soon as possible- envelopes for fees are next to the fee box, outside the office door.</p>
<p>What's On This Week- some of our activities</p> <p>Getting to know you! Making friends</p> <p>Learning the routines of kindy- we are teaching children to be independent in routines, so please help your child but do not do things for them if they are capable of doing it for themselves.</p> <p>Excursion to see 'White' at the Space Theatre Learning words associated with the theatre</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Audience • Performance • Actors • Theatre • Applause <p>Colours/birds/eggs- learning associated with the production</p>	<p>Term 2 2012</p> <p>In Term 2 we will be offering 15 hours at Preschool as part of the Universal Access Initiative. At Kathleen Mellor Kindergarten we have decided to have an extra session on a Wednesday morning from Term 2. Therefore children will attend on Tuesdays all day, Wednesday mornings and Thursday all day, which will add up to the required 15 hours.</p> <p>This will begin on Tuesday the 24th April.</p> <p>School Term Dates 2012</p> <p>Term 1: 30/1 – 5/4 Term 2: 23/4 – 29/6 Term 3: 16/7 – 21/9 Term 4: 8/10 – 14/12</p>