



NEWSLETTER No. 8

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Parent Opinion Surveys

Some of the parent opinion surveys have come back with negative scores for how we involve parents in their child's learning, which is quite concerning for us.

The program is sent home to parents each fortnight to let you know what your child is learning at kindergarten. We welcome parent's involvement in the kindergarten and if you would like to help or be involved in the planning of what the children learn, please let us know. Also some parents have indicated that they don't know how their child is going at kindergarten. We have offered parent teacher interviews this year through the newsletter which some parents have taken up. If you want to know how your child is doing at kindergarten a parent/teacher interview is a good way to find out. Also the children's profile books contain learning stories and a 'Learning Quilt', which we mark off when your child achieves something at kindergarten. You are welcome to view your child's profile book at any time and they are sent home at the end of each term. Each child also has a specific learning goal which we are more than happy for you to speak to us about. Please, if you have a concern, let us know, so that we can address it as soon as possible.

If you haven't returned your survey please do so as soon as possible. Thank you ☺

Curriculum News

The children have been showing an interest in fishing and I thank Shane (Owen's Dad) for bringing his fishing rod in to kindy for us to show the children. The children have been making fishing rods out of sticks and fishing off the rocks and catching lots of 'bark' fish. The other area of interest has been dinosaurs and the children have enjoyed exploring the 'Dinosaur Play Box' which we have developed in conjunction with Tea Tree Gully Primary School.

Natural Play: What was your favourite play experience as a child? My guess is that it involved a creek, the beach, the bush or was an outdoor experience of some kind, which was probably out of the sight of any adults. Research is showing that children today are not having the opportunity for these experiences. Think about this next time you are planning an activity for your child. Outdoor learning in natural settings is vital for children's growth and development.

FEES

Kindy fees are now overdue. Please pay as soon as possible or speak to a staff member if you are experiencing financial difficulty.

Full time fees \$90.00

Occ. Care \$35.00 Thanks!



DISCO NEWS

The disco sub-committee is doing a wonderful job and I sincerely thank them for all their efforts. Next meeting 22nd Aug at 3.30pm.

Silent Auction

We have a Crows (**Adelaide Football Club**) football signed by the current Crows list which is available to bid for, through a silent auction. The auction form is on the grey cupboard next to the office. Please write your bid on there. Obviously the highest bid will secure the ball. Starting bid is \$10.00.

We are still seeking prizes for the night so if you have a business that you know of that could donate something please let us know.

We have a roster for helpers for the Disco and would appreciate some extra help. If you can help out on the night, even if it is just for half an hour please let us know.

Dance lessons begin this week with Heidi from 'Dancify' at \$4.50 per lesson. Thank you to those families who have already paid in advance. You may pay for all 3 lessons at once, which is \$13.50.

The children will be learning dances that they will 'perform' for you at the Disco.

Diary Dates

Thursday 22nd August: Excursion to see Patch Theatre production.

Friday 20th September: Kindy Disco and Family Fun night, 6.30-8.00pm

Governing Council: Tuesday the 10th September at 7.00pm at the kindergarten.

Tuesday 3rd December: 'Grug' at the Space, Festival Theatre.

School Term Dates 2013

Term 3: 22nd July - 27th Sept.

Term 4: 14th Oct - 13th Dec.

Term 1 2014: 28th Jan- 11th April

Term 2: 28th April-4th July