Welcome to Kindy for 2016 and all the fun and learning that this year holds!

We hope you all had a happy and safe summer break. Welcome back to those families who are returning to our kindergarten this year and a big welcome to all of our new families. The staff team look forward to working with each and every one of you. Kindergarten is an exciting time for children and families. We aim to make your child’s transition to Kindergarten happy and positive so please do not hesitate to speak with a staff member if you have any questions or concerns.

We now have 42 children—21 girls and 21 boys.

### Staffing for Term 1

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<td>Rebecca</td>
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<td>Sarah</td>
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### Diary Dates

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**Important Information**

**Communication pockets**

Please remember to check your child’s pocket regularly for notes and read the whiteboard outside for important information. If you haven't already joined, the Kapunda Kindy families Facebook group is also an excellent way of keeping up with what's going on. We try to add something each week. We will also try and put messages on the whiteboard each week.

**OUR FACEBOOK PAGE –**

Search on facebook for Kapunda Kindy Families

https://www.facebook.com/groups/Kapundakindfamilies/ (feel free to add other Kindy families and admin will approve)

**Up to date details**

If you have changed any details over the holidays such as phone numbers or addresses, could you please let us know this week. It’s very important we have up to date contact details.

**Me Box**

To support our focus on oral language development as part of our quality improvement plan, children will be provided with an opportunity during the year to take home a 'Me Box'. This will involve helping your child to find 5 things to put in the box to bring to Kindy. They will be able to share their special things at group time.

**Snack Box & Lunch Box**

Please pack snack and lunch in separate containers. Place snack on the trolley and lunch in the fridge. This helps your child to be independent and ensures they have enough food left to eat at lunch.

**Annual General Meeting**

Our AGM will be held on Monday 15 February 7pm at the Kindy. Everyone is welcome. If you are interested in helping make decisions about the Kindy or have a passion for Fundraising we encourage you to come along. We will be nominating and electing people for all positions on Governing Council. **WE NEED PARENTS ON GOVERNING COUNCIL!** The more people the better!
Materials and Services Charge

Materials and Services Charge is $95 per term. We would appreciate payment of these fees by the end of Term. Fees can be paid by cash into the fees box located near the kitchen or electronically.

Acct Name: Kapunda Kindergarten  
BSB: 105-055  
Account number: 035022740  
Reference: Your Child’s Name

Please speak to Rebecca or Sarah if you would like to organise a payment plan.

Saying Goodbye

Remember you are welcome to stay and play

😊 Plan with your child when you will say goodbye, e.g. after doing an activity together
😊 It is important to say goodbye and let your child know what will happen at the end of Kindy e.g. who will be picking them up.
😊 It can be tricky to say goodbye, however saying goodbye will provide your child with trust and security. Leaving without saying goodbye can be very upsetting for children. Staff are very happy to assist with a goodbye routine.
😊 We welcome phone calls throughout the day to check how your child is going.

What Did You Do on the Weekend?

During Week 1 staff will place a sheet of paper titled 'What did you do on the Weekend?' in your communication pocket.

We ask that when time allows, you and your child share a great learning opportunity by writing/drawing/including photographs (if possible) about your weekend. It can be anything big or small, such as ‘going for a bike-ride’ or finding a ladybird.

Staff will talk with your child about their life experience during the week, and it will help guide our Kindy program. Please chat to a staff member if you have any questions. These sheets will also be available on the family bench throughout the Term for you and your child to respond.

We would like to acknowledge that Kapunda Kindergarten is located on the traditional lands of the Ngadjuri people.

Barossa United Junior Soccer Club

‘COME & TRY’
SOCCKER SESSIONS
For boys and girls interested in trying a fun and exciting sport in a friendly confidence-promoting club

Wed Feb 3rd & Wed Feb 10th

6 – 6.45pm

FREE! AGES 4 – 7 FREE!

BAROSSA UNITED JUNIOR SOCCER GROUNDS
Penrice Rd, Nuriootpa
(entrance between High School oval & Tourist Park)

Info: Vicky Ireland 0422 048 546

Please note: PARENTS/CAREGIVERS MUST STAY WITH THEIR CHILDREN

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Is your child at school or starting next year? Would you like $500 to help pay for uniforms, books, excursions or a laptop?

To be eligible you need to:
- have a Health Care or a Pensioner Concession Card
- have a child at school now or starting next year
- have some form of household income, for example, your partner or yourself may have casual, part-time, full-time or seasonal employment.

Saver Plus can match your savings for school costs, dollar for dollar, up to $500. Saver Plus is looking for new participants so enquire about signing up today!

To find out more, phone or SMS your name and postcode to 1300 010 355, or email saverplus@bal.org.au