Laughter, excitement and fun ...

Time flies when you are having fun! Well done to all of our children, the transition to kindergarten is a special time for children and we are proud of the way each child has immersed themselves in our kindergarten. Children seem to be bouncing through the door with a great sense of enthusiasm and participation in kindergarten life with a great sense of curiosity and excitement. We would like to thank all of the staff at our centre, their continuous dedication, care and commitment to our centre makes it a very special place.

*We would like to acknowledge that Kapunda Kindergarten is located on the traditional lands of the Ngadjuri people*
Thank you to all of our families for working with us to make your child’s transition to kindergarten a success. Working with families is an important part of our role as educators and one that we all treasure. Thank you for supporting staff and children in sharing your weekend adventures! We have had a glowing response and can't wait to hear about more about your family times... They are on display inside the kindy.

A big thank you to all of the families who have helped us in the daily running of our kindergarten. We have certainly appreciated your help and understanding in implementing changes, including providing your child with their own drink bottle and a container for fruit & snack, and a container for lunch.

"Being is about recognising the significance of here and now in children’s lives. It is about the present and children knowing themselves, building relationships with others, engaging with life’s joys and complexities and meeting challenges in everyday life" (Belonging, Being and Becoming, The Early Years Learning Framework for Australia, pg. 7). Learning to be at kindergarten is a significant time in children’s lives. We have been working with children to build positive friendships and relationships with children and educators. Children are learning to follow the daily routine and adapt when circumstances need to change.

Thank you to those who were able to attend the kindy AGM and Governing Council Meeting. We welcome our new members and thank those who are continuing on in 2015! We look forward to working with these people in the decision making about our kindy.

From discussions in our first Governing Council Meeting, some of the changes that kindy families and children will notice in the next coming weeks include:

**BREAKFAST PROGRAM**

- **As of Week 5** we will no longer be providing a 'breakfast program'. Your child will be able access their fruit and snack at any time during the day, and can eat at the 'eating' table. This table will be available throughout the day, as staff implement changes to the kindy daily routine and provide opportunities for children to access their fruit & snack anytime between 9-12:30. This decision was based around promoting independence and self-help skills, and children recognising their own bodies needs, as well as allergies and financial reasons. Please speak to a staff member if you have any questions.
During this hot weather staff are working tirelessly to ensure that children’s wellbeing is at the centre of all that we do. We are spending longer periods inside to avoid the extreme UV rating and have been planning experiences that provide children with time to cool down. However, we do need your help with making it easier for children to apply sunscreen!

**SUNSCREEN**

- Can you please provide staff with a *labelled container of roll-on sunscreen* for your child. This will be stored at the kindy for staff to help children re-apply before lunch. Many children are applying sunscreen and rubbing it in their eyes, which is very distressing for them. If you do not have any at home the local Kapunda Chemplus is providing discount vouchers to enable families to purchase containers of roll-on sunscreen at a reduced cost. Discount voucher attached to newsletter.

**Things to remember …**

Please make sure your child has:

- Roll-on sunscreen with their name on it *(give to a staff member as they cannot be left in children's bags due to allergies)*
  
  *(Continue to put sunscreen on your child before coming to kindy)*

  - A container for snack
  - A container for lunch
  - A drink bottle with water only

- *Spare clothes* (especially as we will be playing with water in warmer weather)

- *Pick up and drop off times are very busy out on the street.* Whilst we understand there is limited parking, please ensure that you **DO NOT** park in the no standing zone *(indicated by a yellow line).* This is our only emergency entrance point, and it also makes it hard for other cars to turn around.

**REMINIDER**

Kindy Belonging Tree….

Could you please send a family photo for your child to talk about, and place on our special 'belonging' tree. Please see a staff member if you need to bring in a picture on USB and we can print a photo.
HELP PLEASE!

Can you help at the end of kindy session if you arrive early to collect your child....
To enable staff to undertake planning and preparation for the next day, we would appreciate if you could help to:

- Clean paint brushes
- Wipe down tables
- Sweep outside

Thank you
Many hands make light work!

Portfolios

During the term, staff will place pieces of work in your child's portfolios. In the next two weeks you will find one about the beginning of your child's learning journey at kindy. Feel free to access these at any time and share the excitement with your child. They are located inside the kindy in a basket above the wooden blocks.

DIARY DATES

- Market - Janet will contact families to seek help with providing cake or sandwiches) for the market
- Health Checks - Week 9 - Janet will make contact with parents of those concerned
- Obstacle-a-thon - End of Term 1 - More information to come......

20% OFF VOUCHER

Present this voucher at the Kapunda Chemplus counter to receive 20% off your purchase of Chemplus Sunscreen 50+ Roll On 75ml

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