

OUR FAMILY NEWSLETTER



NUMERACY AND LITERACY DEVELOPMENT AT HOME



The Department for Education & Child Development has a website for families – **Great Start** has plenty of ideas and activities that can help you make the most of everyday learning and events. www.greatstart.sa.edu.au/

Young children are born ready to learn, and they learn and grow every time you interact with them. You can make a difference in your child's learning and even in how their brain develops. This is especially important in the first five years of their life, and it is through the everyday things that you do with your child that helps them learn.

This website has plenty of ideas and activities that can help you make the most of everyday learning and events. Families are busy so the website has ideas for activities that you are already doing, ideas that may be new and will only take a few minutes as well as providing others that will take longer. The site has also included extra information for parents/caregivers if you want to learn more about the literacy and numeracy that your child will be developing and how this will link to learning in later life.

It is packed full of information and has 9 different headings – being active, celebrations, food, getting ready, growing, out and about, wordplay and working it out. This website would be well worth a visit.

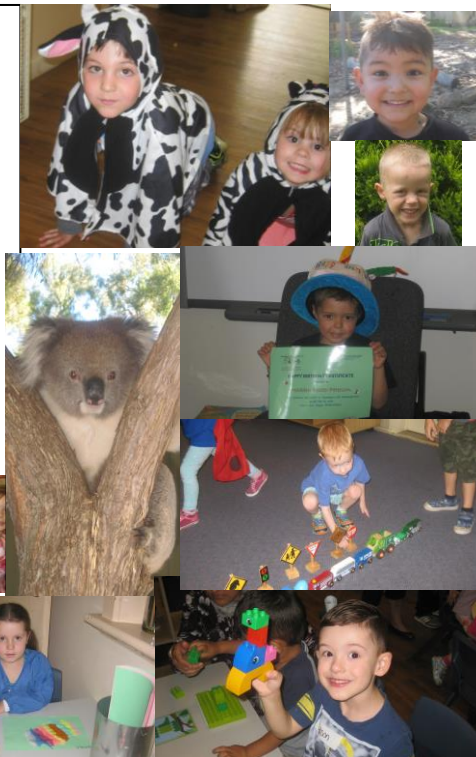
Family Board

If you would like to do a family board with your child please see a staff member to receive an A3 piece of coloured card. There is no time constraint and it can be as simple or detailed as you would like. We have a few on display – please put your child's name and photos past/present of your child and their family including pets if you would like. Your child will then stand in front of the group and share their family board.



Literacy Kits

There are many available for borrowing – one kit at a time for up to 1 week. Please sign kit out & sign it back in on its return. Each kit consists of a story, related activities and questions to ask your child about the story. These designed to be done with a parent/caregiver as an enjoyable learning experience. If anything is missing out of the kit please let a staff member know.



Open Night

We will be having an open night at kindy on Thursday 9th March between 5:30-6:30pm. Please feel free to pop in with your child to have a look at what they have been doing and enjoy a play with them. You will be able to look through your child's learning folder with them, look at their work displayed and through our floor book. Please do not feel that you need to stay for the entire time, but it is an opportunity outside of normal kindy hours for you to touch base with staff, ask questions, look around and share time with your child.



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'THE WAY IS TO A'

SETTING UP 'A' AND 'B' CHOICES AT KINDY

Our educators participated in some training and development regarding a program called 'the Way to A' run by Autism SA a couple of years ago. It was initially designed for children on the autism spectrum to show a black and white method of what is a good choice or a not so good choice. After children decide if they have made an A or a B choice, they then think about how to change a B choice (not good choice) and make it an A choice, if that has occurred. All educators are now wearing lanyards with A & B on them which can be used as a reminder with the children. This simple language with visuals is working very effectively. We are finding children are slowing down and thinking about the choices they make and reminding each other – it is even being talked about during stories. It would be wonderful if you could use this language at home with your children so that it is constantly being reinforced. Some children have already being using it at home.



Remember your hat

Please don't forget your hat for kindy. Ensure that it is kept in your child's bag all year round. Either legionnaire or broad brimmed hats are suitable but no cord attached – they are a safety hazard – and we will need to remove them.

Annual General Meeting

Our AGM was held on Thursday 16th February at 9am. We would like to thank all who were in attendance and those that were unable to make the meeting. We have filled all positions but always welcome feedback and parent input to make our kindy the best place it can be for you and your children. It was nice this year to have so many keen parents.

Our members are as follows:

Chairperson – Emily Wilkins

Vice Chairperson – Tahnee Eldridge

Secretary – Anna Burton

Treasurer – Tania Paterson

Committee members – Felicia Howe, Yvette Nicholas, Claire Hutchings, Keryn Carter and Alyce Andrew.

We are always looking for ways to improve and always love to hear positive feedback.



Next Governing Council Meeting - Thursday 16th March at 9:15am

Children writing their names on arrival

Please encourage your child to have-a-go at writing their name -using their name card to copy the letters - on arrival at kindy. We encourage children to use an upper case letter for the first letter of their name only. Please encourage them to write the rest in lower case.