

OUR FAMILY NEWSLETTER

SCHOOL DENTAL SERVICE



All babies, children and young people under 18 years are welcome to attend the School Dental Service. **Dental Care is FREE for most children.**

SA Dental Service participates in the *Child Dental Benefits Schedule*. A small fee may apply for children who are not eligible for the *Child Dental Benefits Schedule*.

All dental care provided is FREE for preschool children.

To locate your local School Dental Clinic, or for more information about the *Child Dental Benefits Schedule*, please visit www.sadental.sa.gov.au

FRUIT TIME

Please bring two pieces of fruit or vegetable named each day for fruit time – one piece for the morning and one piece for the afternoon. Any type of fresh fruit/vegetable is suitable. All children are seated to eat their fruit and supervised. They can be cut up and put in named containers that your child is able to undo. We encourage self-help skills and encourage your child to have a go at opening containers - but of course we will help them if needed. In the morning, please place one piece of fruit in the morning container and one into the afternoon container. We advise that with fruits that may spoil, for example watermelon/rock melon/strawberries are best placed into the morning fruit container to be consumed first.

HATS & SUNSCREEN

As you know it is compulsory for children to wear a hat at this time of the year. Please remember as our sun safe policy states, hats **MUST** be legionnaires or broad brimmed as the cancer council recommends. If your child does not come with a hat they will unfortunately be unable to play outside in the yard but are able to play under the verandah. Thank you for your help. If a hat is forgotten, a reminder note will be placed in your child's lunchbox.

We supply a 50 plus sunscreen and teach children how to apply it to their bodies at lunchtime, so there is no need to bring your own sunscreen unless your child has especially sensitive skin & will react to our sunscreen. Please don't forget to apply it to your child before they come to kindy.

LITERACY KITS

From week 2 the children will be able to borrow a literacy kit. These are located on the hooks in the kindy entrance. The literacy kits can be borrowed for one week before they need to be returned and another kit can then be borrowed. There is a book – also located in the entrance – to be filled out prior to taking one. When borrowing them check when you get it home to ensure everything listed is in the kit and ensure that all items are in on its return. If something is missing please let a staff member know.

CHILDREN'S SESSIONS

Group 2

- Tuesdays
- Thursdays and
- Odd week Fridays - 2nd Feb, 16th Feb, 2nd Mar, 16th Mar, 30th Mar (Good Friday), 13th Apr.

Group 1

- Mondays
- Wednesdays
- Even week Fridays - 9th Feb, 23rd Feb, 9th Mar (pupil free day), 23rd Mar, 6th Apr.



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CREATING A SUCCESSFUL LEARNING ENVIRONMENT

The first few weeks of Kindy are aimed towards settling in to new routines. We spend the first couple of weeks getting to know each other, addressing organisational matters and work through learning and behavioral goals.

Things that seem very straight forward like washing hands, putting on an art smock & painting, taking shoes & socks off to go in the sandpit or water course & then putting them back on etc. all take lots of practice. You could imagine lots of children each day - all new - learning the routines & rules at Kindy. They should be tired at night.

It has been wonderful to see the majority of children settling in very well with no worries or separation anxiety. There have been a couple of children that have a little bit of separation anxiety but this generally eases quickly once parents have gone. If there are any concerns or your child does not settle, we will contact you. Please feel free to contact us if you have any concerns.

From next week children will be able to borrow literacy kits from the front entrance. Don't forget to fill in the book in the front entrance with your child's name, date and kit number. They can be borrowed for one week at a time and are to be shared with a parent. When returning the literacy kit, please write the return date into the same book.

Please remember to NAME EVERYTHING, the lid and bottom of the container, shoes, tops, hats, fruit, drink bottles & fronts of lunchboxes. Please make it visible for your child to see easily.

Some of the containers are difficult for little fingers to open, so if you could check this with your child before sending them or practicing with your child to help them develop their self-help skills – it would be appreciated.

There is no need to sign your child into or out of kindy. The staff sign in children, do the roll in the morning & ensure all children are accounted for throughout the day. If your child is late we make sure they are added to the roll on arrival.

PROFESSIONAL KINDY PHOTOS

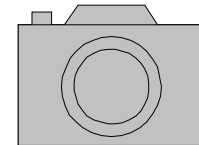
The dates for our Kindy photos are as follows:

Term 1, Week 8

Wednesday 21st March

Thursday 22nd March

The photographers will take 3 individual photos of your child and a group photo of all children and staff on the day. No money needs to be paid prior to the day. When photos come back they will be available for purchase individually or as a small album. Additional prints and enlargements can be ordered as well as a photo CD. Photos must be paid for before they can be taken (as per request of photographer). These can be viewed at drop off and pick up time.



NAMING EVERYTHING

Please name everything. We would appreciate all children's lunch boxes being named with permanent marker on the outside of their lunch box so we can see who it belongs to. The same with plastic containers please ensure that they are named both the bottom and the lid. Thank you.

**AGM Thursday 22nd
February at 9:10am
All welcome**



Pupil Free Days

All Kindergarten sites will have 4 pupil free days in 2018. Our sites dates have been approved from governing council for this year. This term there is one pupil free day on Friday 9th March (all local kindy's & schools). This means that there will be NO kindy this day as all staff from our site will be training all day together, off site. Next term there will be a pupil free day on either Tuesday 1st or Tuesday 8th May where all local kindy's will be doing reflective practice together (group 2). Term 3 will be Friday 31st August (group 2) and Monday 3rd September (group 1).