



Government of South Australia

Department for Education and  
Child Development

# Newsletter

WEEK 9 TERM 3: 21<sup>st</sup> September 2015



## Remember, no nuts at kindy please

Hi Everyone,

the term has raced by and now we are in our last week. The children joined in well with our Dancify program and learnt many different steps to perform three dances. The staff team were pleased to see how well they concentrated and remembered the steps which made up the pattern of the dance. Patterns are important in many aspects of life and particularly learning in literacy and numeracy and as children use their bodies to create patterns in movement this increases their body and spatial awareness. Erin the teacher commented that the children at Hawthorndene Kindergarten were the best she had taught.

We have also had a similar comment from the photographer who has just emailed me to say *'We really enjoyed photographing your happy and very polite children last week. They were by far the most well-mannered children we have photographed all year - a real pleasure to work with.'* The teachers were pleased with how smoothly everything happened on the photos days. The photos will be available for viewing in week 1 of next term.

The other big event recently was Alioune Market Week and once again Kylie (Remi's mum) coordinated this taking left over items to a charity shop. We raised just over \$150 towards our sponsorship of Alioune. The children shared some more facts about Africa and on Thursday we had some special visitors who shared stories about personal experiences living in countries in Africa.

Recently I sent out an email to ask you to respond to the annual survey for preschools either on line {instructions at the end of the newsletter} or ask the staff for a hard copy. Please could you complete it by Thursday so that it can be compiled at central office.

I hope you will all have an enjoyable break from the routines of kindergarten and be able to spend some time with your children over the spring break which starts at the end of the week and I look forward to hearing about your adventures when kindy starts again next term,

*Cynthia Meredith*

## Diary Dates

**Talk and Play**

**Wed Sept 23<sup>rd</sup>**

**from 11am**

**Thurs Sept 24<sup>th</sup>**

**from 11am**

**Term 4 commences**

**Mon Oct 12<sup>th</sup>**

## Regular Events

**Tuesday**

*Afternoon:*

*HPS Mrs Waters' Reception Class  
visit*

**Wednesdays**

*Morning:*

*Funtastics/ Shared fruit*

*Afternoon:*

*HPS Ms Manna's + Mrs Miles'  
Reception Classes visit*

**Thursdays**

*Morning:*

*Funtastics/ Shared fruit*

**Fridays**

*No Playgroup this week*

## Nature Play presentation---Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> September 7pm

For anyone who missed the presentation Cynthia gave about her recent study trip looking at Nature Kindergartens in Ireland, Scotland and Norway there will be another chance to see the photos and talk about nature play this week on Thursday September 24<sup>th</sup> at 7pm. If you know of anyone else who has an interest in the way children learn outdoors please let them know about the presentation. Coffee and cake will be served as well. Please let us know if you would like to come.

### This week's activities

Our celebration of the learning for this term is another 'talk and play' on

**Wednesday September 23<sup>rd</sup> or  
Thursday September 24<sup>th</sup>.**

We invite you to come (if you are not able to attend perhaps you could arrange for another family member or neighbour) and share your child's favourite learning space at kindergarten.

We would like you to come from 11am and have a play with your child in their favourite play space. We will have a party lunch so we ask you to bring some special shared food for the lunch.

After eating together we hope you will do some clean up jobs with your child and then we can watch a couple of special science demonstration videos of Dr Deane Hutton and a Science video of the Magic School Bus.

**The children will be bringing home their work books on this day so that they can share it with family members in the holidays. Please send it back to kindy the first day of next term.**

### Lost Property

There is a large amount of unclaimed lost property, your child's favourite jumper, hat or socks might be there, please check the items as soon as possible. The staff team have displayed them on a table near the spot names. This could be your lucky day! Any unclaimed items will be sent to a charity shop at the end of the term.

**Please share any concerns or comments with us!  
Cynthia, Louise and Tess.**

# Instruction Sheet for Survey Participation

## Hawthornedene Kindergarten

Log in to the system as instructed below, using one of the following codes:

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[PS08466406](#) [PS08466407](#) [PS08466408](#) [PS08466409](#) [PS08466410](#)

### Login Instructions

1. Access the site by typing in this address:

[www.decdsurveys.sa.edu.au/online](http://www.decdsurveys.sa.edu.au/online)

2. Click the login button at the top of the page



3. Enter one of the codes specified above in the USERNAME box. Enter it again in the PASSWORD box, ensuring it is in UPPER CASE. Click the grey login button.

[Login](#)

**Note:** all the characters after "PS" in the username/password are NUMBERS - do not enter the letter "O" instead of the number zero.

4. Click the SURVEYS button



5. A list of surveys will appear. Only click on the survey entitled "DECD Parent Survey for Preschools 2015"

**Note:** If you do not see the DECD Parent Survey for Preschools 2015 anywhere in the list you are not logged in properly. Go back to Step 2 and follow the directions there.

6. If you see the dialog box below, click on the button which has been circled.

You have already completed this survey. Click the Edit icon next to the response you wish to edit.

[Click here](#) to take the survey again.

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**Note:** If you see already completed responses in the survey, close the window and log back in using a different login code.

7. Follow the on screen directions to record your responses and to complete the survey.

8. Press the NEXT button each time you complete a page.

[Next](#)

9. You can go back to a previous page by pressing the BACK button.

[Back](#)

10. Please ensure you complete the survey within 30 minutes or your session will "Time out" and some or all of your responses will be lost.

11. Once you reach the last page, press the FINISH button and that page will close.

[Finish](#)