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# Newsletter

WEEK 4 TERM 4: 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2015



## Remember, no nuts at kindy please

Hi to you all,

it was good to share with the children in our 2<sup>nd</sup> Outdoor Week and spend some time in the scrub at the back of the school. They had fun exploring the dry creek bed, sliding down the bank, picking flowers and investigating the various paths across. Back at kindergarten cooking bread and sausages over the fire was another popular activity as was making 'smash pictures', using plants and flowers to colour white material and then applying a mordant to set the colour from the plant into the fabric. Some of you had an opportunity to make guesses about the mystery object and the answer to the puzzle is in the Learning Journal. It was great to see the way the children have become much more confident and interested in the natural surroundings this time and were quickly able to get busy making their discoveries. There have already been some anecdotes shared with the staff team about the children's responses at home but please share any interesting comments that your child has made about their time outdoors.

This week is our last Alioune Market Week for the year so it is your last chance to clear out some of your unwanted household items, children's clothes or toys. You may like to cook some tasty nibbles or some unwanted Christmas decorations. We have had a slow start to the market but I am sure it will pick up as the week progresses.

We have had the pre-entry children coming to kindy on Fridays this term and it has reinforced how much learning and development the fulltime children have done since the start of the year. There are still a few places left for 2016 so if you have friends or family with children due to start kindergarten next year make sure they book in quickly.

This will be a busy term as we enjoy many celebrations with the children, some of which will involve out of hours activities. Please keep an eye out for diary dates on the white board, emails and the newsletters. Don't forget to help your child to make a poster about the special events you celebrate in your family so that they can share this at group time. This is a great way for the children to build their communication skills as it gives them an outline which the teachers can help them with as they stand out the front. The children are also becoming very confident when they have their turn to be the organiser for the day which is really wonderful to see. Everyone is encouraged to show respect when they answer the organiser as he/she greets them by looking at them as they say good morning and all of the children do this very well.

*Cynthia Meredith*

## Diary Dates

**Alioune Market Week**

**all this week M-F 2<sup>nd</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> Nov**

**Family Portrait Day**

**Sunday Nov 8<sup>th</sup>**

**Dad's Night Thurs Nov 12<sup>th</sup> tea from 6pm**

**Hahndorf Farm Barn Excursions**

**Mon 16<sup>th</sup> Nov & Tues 17<sup>th</sup> Nov**

**Kindy Working Bee**

**Sat Nov 21<sup>st</sup> 8am 'til 12noon**

**Governing Council Dinner for Everyone**

**Wed Nov 18<sup>th</sup> 7 for 7:30pm**

**Belair Hotel**

**CYHS health checks for pre-schoolers**

**Tues Dec 1<sup>st</sup> make an appointment today**

## Regular Events

**Tuesday**

*Afternoon:*

HPS Mrs Waters' Reception Class

**Wednesdays**

*Morning:*

Funtastics / Shared fruit

*Afternoon:*

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

**Thursdays**

*Morning:*

Funtastics/ Shared fruit

**Fridays**

Playgroup 9:30am 'til 11ish

## Alioune Market Week Monday Nov 2<sup>nd</sup> -----Fri 6<sup>th</sup>

Apologies to everyone as the wrong date was noted in last time's newsletter, it should have said ..... Mon Nov 2<sup>nd</sup> ----Fri Nov 6<sup>th</sup>. This market will have a Christmas focus, for our regular support of Alioune our World Vision sponsor child who lives in Senegal. You may like to make something with your child for the stall or bring some not needed Christmas decorations or artefacts or other household items. Don't forget to invite your friends to come and have a look as we need some customers as well as items for sale. Baked goods are always well received.

## Family Portraits Day at Kindergarten Sunday November 8<sup>th</sup> -a great fund raiser. We need some more families to book in otherwise the day will be cancelled. Please ask families and friends it is a great offer but it needs to be publicised. Have a look at the large photo and frame that you will receive for \$15. Read on.....

This is a great opportunity to have a photograph with all the family and makes a wonderful chance to record your History. The deal is for \$15 you will receive a 10x13" (25 x33cm) framed portrait of your family. (The kindergarten receives all of this money and you will be given the option of buying more of the photos once they are processed.). Great for Christmas presents!

Appointment times are scheduled when you have paid and will be throughout the day. There must be two generations in each family portrait for the special offer and unless prearranged children can not appear in more than one family portrait but there are other combinations of family members which can be taken on the day. Professional Photographers of Australia are a South Australian company and have regularly offered this service to our kindergarten over many years. Please consider taking up this offer and inviting your friends to be part of it as well. Bookings can be made with the staff team today. Book early to avoid disappointment!

## Replacement of equipment which was stolen

At this time all of the equipment which was stolen in the recent holidays has been replaced. We are still awaiting the arrival of the replacement computers which will have a special 'comutrace' application added to them so that they will be traceable should they be stolen again. As you can imagine working with only one computer at kindergarten has been frustrating and has caused some delays with information and the usual daily tasks e.g. the newsletter. When all of the equipment has been installed DECD will reimburse the kindergarten for the full amount of the loss after Cynthia has completed all the necessary paperwork. DECD has updated the locking system and shortly there will be an alarm installed as well. the local Rotary Club has offered to donate the cost of new blinds for the windows at the back of the main room so that vision into the room will be difficult from the back of the kindy. Thankyou again for all of your support and words of encouragement and please pass on to your friends and relatives our thanks for their kind words. There have been numerous emails and phone calls from people offering support in many ways and this has been very uplifting.

## Annual Dad's Night (sessional children only)-Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> November 6pm

**A night of fun for all the family**, it begins with a sausage sizzle, volunteer cooks and servers are needed, tea at 6pm, come as soon as you can! **Sausages \$2.50—Sweetcorn 50c**. After tea the kindergarten children will be organised into small groups with their dads to work on a creative model using recycled materials. This is an annual event at the kindergarten and has been popular for many years. If your child's dad is unable to attend we suggest you bring grandpa or an uncle or friend. Mums always enjoy having a chat while the models are being constructed. *If you have any suitable materials please collect them and bring them to the kindy. Each group usually starts with a similar collection of materials and extra pieces to decorate are placed on a central table for special effects.*

## Governing Council Annual Dinner Wed November 18<sup>th</sup> attached invitation

We would really like to see as many parents as possible join us for this great night to connect.

## **Kindy Working Bee---note change of date-----Sat Nov 21<sup>st</sup>**

*The previous date clashed with the Credit Union Christmas Pageant so it was decided to change the working bee to the following Saturday so that you can enjoy the pageant with your family without the added obligation of the working bee. Please make every effort to attend as this is the last one before the onset of summer and there is a lot of tidying and weeding to do in the garden.*

## **Wine and Cheese Night----- Governing Council Meeting**

Thankyou to everyone who was able to join us for the Wine and Cheese Night, it was great to have you. If you were unable to come but would like a copy of the minutes please send an email to [Cynthia.Meredith444@schools.sa.edu.au](mailto:Cynthia.Meredith444@schools.sa.edu.au)

## **Kindergarten class photos are available now for purchase**

Please finalise your purchases in the next two weeks as Simon will be coming to pick them up shortly.

## **CYHS health checks for pre-schoolers—now Tuesday December 1<sup>st</sup>**

There will be health checks conducted by the CYHS nurse at the kindy which include a hearing test. If you would like your child to be included please speak with Tess to book an appointment time as soon as possible.

## **Staffing for 2016**

The staff team are very pleased that the staffing for 2016 has been confirmed. Congratulations to Louise who has won a permanent teacher position at Hawthorndene Kindergarten. There are no changes to the other positions, Cynthia (Director) and Tess (Early Childhood Worker).

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