



Largs North Kindy News

April/May 2014

Dear Kindy Families,

Welcome to Term 2, we hope you had a wonderful break from the Kindy routine and enjoyed the long weekends which occurred throughout the holidays.

This term is set to be a busy one with lots of learning planned.

RAN Training for Volunteers 5th May

Monday, 5th May we are offering Responding to Abuse and Neglect Training for our volunteers. This is essential training if you plan to come along on our excursions or volunteer in the centre. Our kindy is combining with North Haven and Le Fevre Kindergartens to offer the session, which will be held at Le Fevre Kindergarten, 14 HUGHES ST, Birkenhead next Monday night from 7 p.m.

Many thanks to Liam's dad, Nick Ratsch, who will be facilitating this training.

If you have not yet collected a Police Check form from the staff please do so as soon as possible so it can be processed. The kindergarten will pay all costs for this check.

Art Gallery and Museum Excursion – 11th June

Please save the date for our excursion to the Art Gallery and Museum. We will be participating in a workshop called "Me, Myself, I" at the gallery and explore the museum. We have booked for two groups so that every child has the option to come along. More details will follow closer to the date.

If you would like to come along with your child on the day we will need you to have undertaken a Criminal History Check and the RAN Training outlined above.

'Girls Night Out' Movie Night – 21st May

The fundraising sub-committee is excited to announce this year's first fundraiser, a 'girl's night out'. The movie night will be held at the Odeon Theatre at Semaphore with the movie 'Chef' as the feature. This is a great night to spend time with mums, sisters, friends and neighbours. We encourage you to share this widely with your network of friends and family. Please see the attached flyer for details.

'Lift the Lip' Dental Screening

In May we will be visited by the dental hygienists from Le Fevre School Dental Service for screening of the children's teeth. They will be here on Monday, 19th May and Thursday 29th May. They lift the top lip to look at the top front teeth for signs of early decay.

A permission form is attached to this newsletter to return to the Kindy.

Learning Project

This term we will be investigating 'Ourselves' for our project work. We will investigate our physical selves, our bodies and theorise about how our bodies work. We also will explore the concept of identity and how we each fit into the world of our families, our cultural background and our community.

We are establishing a curriculum board to share the ongoing conversations and thinking about these big ideas throughout the term. We will be sharing our learning at Family Night.

Hundred Languages of Children Exhibition

The Hundred Languages of Children Exhibition is currently showing at the SA Water Building on Victoria Square, Monday – Friday from 10a.m. to 6p.m.

The travelling exhibition recounts experience from infant-toddler centres and preschools in the city of Reggio Emilia, Italy. The Hundred Languages of Children is a beautiful and intriguing display of children's theories illustrated through photographs, words, paintings, drawings and sculptures.

Visiting the exhibition will give you an insight into the introduction of project work into our kindergarten this term.

Family Night – 17th June

A lovely time was had by all who made it to our first Family Night of the year.

Each term we host a Family Night to share the children's learning from the term and celebrate our learning community. This term we will be holding our Family Night on Tuesday, 17th June from 5:30p.m. until 7:00 p.m. Please add this date to your calendar and join us for an insight into our learning project on *Ourselves*, have a play and enjoy a meal together.

Families are asked to bring a plate of savoury food to share.

Governing Council

It is not too late to join our Governing Council; our next meeting is on Thursday, 8th May, 7:15 p.m. for a 7:30 p.m. start. We hope to see you here.

Kindy Email Address

We know that it is sometimes easier to send an email to the Kindy staff than to catch us on the phone. Our email address is dl.5628.leaders@schools.sa.edu.au

Premier's beActive Challenge

We will be participating in the Premier's beActive Challenge this year and will be visited on Tuesday mornings, starting next week, by two students who will work with the children on fundamental movement skills and basic physical skills, including ball games, running, jumping, eye-hand coordination and being confident.

A bonus for our participation is \$500 worth of sporting equipment relating to the program will be gifted to our centre.

Session Times

Thank you to the families who returned their session times forms, we have now finalised the times as follows:

Mornings - 9:00 – 12 midday

Afternoons - 12:15 p.m. – 3:15 p.m. Children attending in the afternoon session will need to have had lunch at home before coming to Kindy

A **full day** will consist of two sessions, which will equate to 9:00 a.m. – 3:15 p.m. with a 15 minute break for lunch between the sessions.

Thank you all for your help in making this decision for our community.

A special 'Thank You' to Randal Webb for all of his hard work around our Kindy yard last term. We would also like to thank the families who cared for Rosie and Chickadee over the holiday period.

Our new 'Chicken Roster' is out on the table, if you are available to come and release the chickens in the morning and return them to roost in the afternoon on a Saturday or Sunday, please add your name to the roster.

We hope this newsletter finds you all well and enjoying the beautiful autumn days.

Bev, Cheryl, Dannielle, Liz and Louise