



# Largs North Kindy News

July 2014

Dear Kindy families,

Welcome to Term 3, the year is flying by so quickly. It is hard to believe that in only 7 months the children from this year's Kindy group will be heading off to school, luckily we get to enjoy them for the next six months.

You will have noticed some big changes in our Kindy yard this term. Over the holidays LCS Landscaping have done a wonderful job of transforming our tired swings area into a more natural playscape, complete with water course. The swings have been retired for now but we have plans for a new swing area which will be developed early next year.

There will be two fundraisers this term, Kytons baked goods and the Kindy tea towels. Information about these will go out in your child's name pocket.

We have three new families joining us this term, please make them feel welcome in the friendly Largs North community way. Welcome Gracy, Monique and Tama to our Kindy family.

## **Working Bee – Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> August**

We will be holding a Working Bee on Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> August to give our outdoor learning environment a mini-makeover. We will be reurfing the remaining grassed area after a successful trial of the area closest to the verandah. We will also be planting, mulching, digging out the mud patch and having a general tidy up.

***We need lots of helpers for this day, please let Dannielle know if you will be coming along for catering purposes.***

## **Learning Project**

This term we will be investigating 'Animals' for our project work due to the huge interest in animals following our visit to the museum. We will investigate animal groups, animal characteristics and how this is influenced by habitats, and our favourite animals. This project will provide many opportunities to explore science, language, maths and geography learning.

We have arranged for the centre to have eggs from the Little Chick Company to hatch (please don't give the secret away as to what will hatch...we will be having conversations with the children about what animals might hatch from eggs) and Remabi Park will bring a collection of native animals for us to experience up close.

We are establishing curriculum boards to share the ongoing conversations and thinking about these big ideas throughout the term so be sure to 'read the walls' of our classroom to see what we have been exploring. We will be sharing our learning at Family Night.

## **Family Night – 28<sup>th</sup> August**

Each term we host a Family Night to share the children's learning from the term and celebrate learning community. This term we will be holding our **Family Night on Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> August** 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 *Animals*, have a play and enjoy a meal together.

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

### **Obstacle-a-Thon -19<sup>th</sup> August**

We will be holding an Obstacle-a-Thon on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> August at the Kindy. Children will be able to participate in, and complete as many laps as they can, of a huge obstacle course within the Kindy grounds. This is not a fundraiser, rather a challenge for children to be their own 'best' physical self. It will provide an opportunity to put some of the fundamental movement skills they developed through the Premier's beActive Challenge into action.

We will need lots of supporters on the day to help supervise the extensive and challenging course.

### **Photo Day (Take 2!) – 21<sup>st</sup> August**

As many of our children were off on holidays or unable to join us for photo day earlier in the year, we have invited Simon to come back and retake our group shot plus catch up with children whose families would like individual shots. He will be here first thing on Thursday, 21<sup>st</sup> August. If you would like your child to have individual photos on this day, please see a staff member so they can add your child's name to our list.

### **Learning Folders**

We hope you enjoyed taking the children's Learning Folders home over the holiday break. Please return them as soon as possible so we can continue to add to them over the next term. The folders are always located in our room so that the children (and families) can access them at all times. You are also most welcome to include stories of your own adventures together as a family.

### **Student Teacher**

Bianca Varano will be joining us for the first four weeks of this term as she completes her pre-service placement. Having a student teacher provides the team with opportunities to articulate our practice and philosophy, as well as see and hear about contemporary practice and research.

### **Governing Council – Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> July**

It is not too late to join our Governing Council; our next meeting is on Thursday, 31<sup>st</sup> July, 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](mailto:dl.5628.leaders@schools.sa.edu.au)

### **Emergency Contacts**

Are the Emergency Contacts on your child's enrolment form up to date? We have had a number of cases recently where we have not been able to contact parents because their details have changed. Please see Dannielle if you need to alter your details.

### **Volunteers – Responding to Abuse and Neglect Training**

All volunteers in school and Kindy settings are now required to undergo Criminal History Screening Checks. Another component of the requirements is that volunteers engage in a session titled 'Responding to Abuse and Neglect' which is mandatory reporting training.

Dannielle is currently negotiating with Largs Bay School for Kindy volunteers to attend one of the sessions being offered. If you are interested, please see Dannielle for dates.

We have another excursion coming up next term to the Festival Theatre for 'Grug and the Rainbow'. All volunteers will need to have both their CHS and the RAN Training to come along. As it is currently taking up to two months for the screenings to be completed, please ensure you have returned the forms to Dannielle as soon as possible.

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

Bev, Cheryl, Dannielle, Liz and Louise