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## **AUGUST 2017 NEWSETTER**



### **Important Calendar Dates**

#### **Patch Theatre**

*Wednesday, August 16 11:45 – 2:45pm*

#### **Education Minister's Visit**

*Wednesday, August 16 10.00a.m.*

#### **An evening with West Torrens Concert Band**

*Tuesday, 29<sup>th</sup> August 7:30-8:30pm*

#### **Governing Council**

*Thursday, August 17 at 7.00 p.m.*

*Thursday, September 21 at 7.00p.m.*

#### **Beach Kindy**

*Wednesday, August 30*

*Thursday, September 7*

*Tuesday, September 12*

*Wednesday, September 20*

*Thursday, September 28*

#### **LAST DAY of TERM 3**

*Thursday, September 28*

#### **Thank you**

We now have enough parents for nearly all the Beach Kindy Visits. Thank you to those parents who have generously offered their time to support this very valuable learning experience for the children.

#### **Survey**

Dear Families, the DECD annual Parent Survey was emailed on August 2. If you still require a hard copy, please ask staff. Thank you to those families who have already completed the survey, we appreciate your input.

#### **Toys and Make-up**

Apart from the few children who require a special toy from home to make the transition to kindergarten a little easier each day, we would like to request that toys (and make up) please remain at home, in the interests of the children's wellbeing.

#### **UniSA Students**

We have two, final year Education students at the site from Monday 21<sup>st</sup> August for five weeks.

Gohar and Tori will be observing, planning and developing relationships with children and families, alongside the staff team.

#### **Fees**

Fees for Term 3 will be issued by Monday 21<sup>st</sup> August. Thank you to families that have already paid.

#### **Curriculum News**

This term our Project Inquiry is based on deepening our understanding of our senses: seeing, hearing, touching, smelling and tasting. Children have talked about what they know about their senses – smell, sight, taste, hearing, and touch. We would really love to have family members come in to share their interests and talents in the area of the senses, such as cooking with the children, playing an instrument etc.

We have planned some experiences around sensory explorations such as:

- Our excursion to see 'Yo Diddle Diddle'
- Listening to a recording of 'Peter and the Wolf' to learn about various instruments of the orchestra and how they portray the characters personalities, movements and feelings
- Using a mortar and pestle to grind citrus and herbs, then possibly cooking with these later on
- An evening visit to see and hear the West Torrens Concert Band at a rehearsal (see details further on in this newsletter)
- Various tactile experiences – water, sand, clay, finger paint

The children's interests also influence activities and some of these have been:

- The discovery of light in the blacked out cubby, building on the children's interest in using torches in the dark during Family Night
- Children requesting the glue guns to be creative with natural items etc. This also provides children with an opportunity to risk assess - do not touch the nozzle or the hot glue.

### **Book Week Book Swap**

Book Week this year is in the week beginning Monday August 21<sup>st</sup>. Whilst we'd like to think that every week at Kindy is Book Week as we are strong advocates for reading with children, we are going to mark the event this year with a Book Swap. An open suitcase will be placed by the entrance gate. Please place any good quality children's books that are in good condition in it that you would like to swap during the week for some other titles.

### **West Torrens Concert Band**

We have managed to organise for any families that are able to, to come and watch the West Torrens Concert Band rehearse on the evening of Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> August, as Louise is a playing member of the band. Rehearsal begins at 7:30pm. Families can stay until 8:30pm when the band will be packing up to have their AGM. Unfortunately, like any other excursion, we are unable to accommodate siblings, either younger or older as there just won't be enough room to do so. You will need to transport your own child(ren) in order to access this experience, however if you are able to car pool (enough space and car seats) then we would encourage families who know each other to do so. All staff will be in attendance, but your child(ren) are your responsibility during the evening. We ask that you please arrive at the Findon Community Centre (222 Findon Road, Findon), by 7:15pm, so that everyone can be seated and ready for the rehearsal to begin at 7:30pm. A list will be placed on the sign in table for you to put your names on if you are coming, just so we can have an indication of the numbers of people attending for the purpose of setting up. We will be talking with the children about appropriate listening behaviour during this experience and it would be great if you could also do this if you plan to attend.

### **Toy Catalogue Fundraiser**

Two catalogues will soon be sent home. These catalogues will have items that may be of interest for Christmas and for families and grandparents to purchase for future events. The centre receives up to 25% in credit to purchase resources in the future. You may have noticed our new trampoline; this was purchased using funds generated through the fabulous efforts of the Fundraising Committee and Kindy community.

### **Weather**

We appreciate all weather conditions as this is vital for our environment. We welcome families to bring or dress child(ren) in gumboots and a raincoat/waterproof jacket with a hood allowing them to celebrate the wonder that comes with the wet while staying warm and dry.