A BIG Welcome to the start of the 2016 Kindy year. We look forward to working with you to support your child's learning and development. We ask that you please take the time to read our newsletters as they are important sources of information and one of the ways that we will keep you informed of what is happening at kindy. We are lucky to have continuity with our staff team again this year. Julie, Peta & Judy will work each Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday & Friday. Jo Goodes will continue in her support role, with her hours depending on children's support needs. Unfortunately Judy will not start the term with us, as she has been unwell, she should return in week 2. In her absence, Louise & Sofie will be working for her. As you are aware we have had an increase to our days of operation due to an increase in our enrolments. We now have space for a few more children until we are full. As staff, we pride ourselves on our ability to build positive relationships and engage in respectful communication with children and families. This was again acknowledged in feedback from families in 2015. We believe a ‘team’ approach to your child’s education achieves the best learning outcomes. Initial information has been sought from all families on enrolment on what you see as your child’s strengths, needs and interests. If you haven’t had a chance to provide this information please do so as soon as possible. Your feedback and staff observation, will build an initial ‘Individual Learning Plan’ for your child. In first term we aim for children to become familiar with the centre rules & routines and establish positive relationships with staff & peers. Please look through our Centre Program (separate note) for more information on our learning focus. By working together we believe all children will reach their full potential and continue to have fun in learning.

Kindergarten Session Times
😊 Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday 8.45am - 2.45pm
😊 Friday 8.45 - 11.45am
😊 Friday Playgroup 1.00 - 2.30pm
😊 Friday 12.30 - 4.00pm
Staff Non-Contact time
What to bring
♦ Bag & hat
♦ Lunch & drink
♦ Spare Clothes

School Term Dates
1st February - 15th April  1
2nd May - 8th July  2
25th July - 30th Sept  3
17th October - 16th December  4
P.T.O
Volunteering At Kindy

If you are interested in helping out in any way at kindy please speak to a staff member. There have been recent changes to who requires a Criminal History Screening prior to volunteering. Parents who volunteer at special events and Governing Council members, no longer need a screening.

Annual General Meeting

We are looking for new members for our 2016 Governing Council. We will be seeking nominations from parents to be elected at our AGM held at kindy on Thursday 25th February at 7pm. The role of a Governing Council member is to support the smooth operation of the centre. We would love your support. More information and nomination forms will be provided soon. Thank you to the parents who have already expressed interest in joining this parent committee.

Kindy Library Books

All children are invited to borrow a library book from the kindy. We ask families to provide children with a 'library bag' clearly labeled with their name. Book borrowing is offered each week on Tuesday and Thursday. Books are returned in their library bags into the black box outside the children's bathroom. Children will need your support to be a regular book borrower!

Policy Reminders

Sun Smart Policy—Copy provided with this newsletter. All children are required to wear a hat when playing outside during term 1 & 4. Hats can be stored in children’s bags or on the 'hat rack' on the verandah. Please support your child by providing a hat for them. We also ask that you apply sunblock to your child before arrival at kindy. This is then re-applied by staff at lunch time.

Nut Free Kindy

Please consider the health needs of all children and do not send any products that contain nuts. E.g. Peanut butter, Nutela & Nut based muesli bars.

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Thank you for your support.

Kindy Fees

Fees for children in their eligible year of kindy are $100 a term and are due by Friday 26th February. A fee invoice is provided in your child’s 'notice pocket’. We ask you to make part or full payment by the due date. Fees can be paid by cash in the envelopes provided, then placed in the fees box by the entrance door. Or by bank transfer, with details on the invoice. Please speak to Julie if you have any concerns regarding fee payment.

Donations of toilet paper, plain flour, oil or tissues are always welcome. Thank you.