The term is off to a fantastic start, with happy, settled children, who are eager to play, learn and make new friends. Children continue to develop an understanding for the centre rules, routines and expectations. Thank you to families for encouraging children to independently organise their lunch, bags and hats on arrival. Most children already appear to be very happy and confident as they start their kindy day. Staff have noticed that some children become quite tired in the afternoon, as they adjust to the full day. Tired children are encouraged to engage with quiet activities or take a rest on the lounge. Supporting children with a regular bedtime will also support their needs.

Judy returns this week, after an extended period of sickness. Judy has really been missed, with the staff getting a clear idea of the significant role Judy plays in our team when she is not here!!

Helen Cousin's will replace Julie each Tuesday, to provide her with some time to complete the significant administration tasks associated with her role. Helen is a very experienced educator and we are lucky to have her contributions on a regular basis. Please introduce yourself to Helen when you get the chance.

Sophie Yacoumis will also work each Friday morning, to support staff & children when our attendance rates are higher. Our term 1 program focus is exploring the word ‘Belong’. We will be discussing what it means to belong, where do children belong and how does it feel to belong or not! Our aim is for children to develop awareness for where and with whom they belong. A sense of belonging is the basis for positive relationships and defining our identity.

Regular Volunteers We are very fortunate to have some regular long term volunteers at our site. Nata Marciano became familiar with the kindy, while bringing her 3 granddaughters here. Once they had all moved onto school, Nata began volunteering her time with us. She supports staff and children with many different jobs including covering & repairing books, laminating signs & posters, helping staff supervise lunch time, tying shoelaces etc, etc. Nata is commencing her 6th year supporting us. Please introduce yourself to her when you get the opportunity.

Don Hockley started volunteering with us last year. He has taken on the role of gardener/grounds person, which was previously a paid position. Don is also a Grand-parent, with 5 grand-children attending here over the years. Don is our regular ‘fix-it’ person, who has fantastic maintenance skills in many areas. He is passionate about gardening and spends many, many hours here behind the scenes. As Nata & Don don't have children attending our centre, they are both required to have current Criminal History Screenings. We are fortunate to have such caring individuals who are prepared to donate their time on a regular basis to support us.
Head Lice at Kindy

Unfortunately we have discovered head lice at kindy with us. These annoying little critters are attracted to lovely clean hair and are transferred by direct head contact. From time to time, they are an unfortunate part of kindy and school life. We seek your support to check your child’s head, especially if you notice them scratching. Head lice often appear in the areas of the back of the neck and above the ears. You are looking for ‘match tip’ size browny coloured insects. They can be quick to move when they know you are looking for them! Sometimes it is easier to spot their eggs, which are tiny white flecks about 1cm from scalp. They may resemble ‘dandruff’ but are stuck to the hair shaft. Wet combing with hair conditioner and a fine tooth comb is an effective way to remove them. With a repeat treatment about a week later essential. Please see staff for more information.

Small Group Teacher’s Staff have begun to notify families of their child’s group teacher. Children are also sharing this information with families, which is great to know! A reminder that this teacher should be your first point of contact to share information and they are responsible for the assessment and reporting of your child. It has been great to see the level of communication between staff and families at this early stage of the year. Thank you for your patience and understanding, when staff are busy with other parents. You may find it helpful to share written information on the sign in sheet, especially for pick up details. Later this term, we offer interviews for all families to share relevant information which supports the learning & wellbeing of individual children.

Library Books are changed on Tuesday or Thursday. Please support your child and return library books into the black crate outside the children’s bathroom.

Kindy Annual General Meeting

When: Thursday 25th February
Where: Ay Kindy
What Time: 7.00pm
Who: Interested Family Members

Are you interested in being a 2016 Governing Council Member?
This is your opportunity to be involved in the ‘behind the scenes’ operations at kindy.
Please return your nomination form this week
We need your support and value your input.
Thank you to the parents who have already expressed an interest in joining our parent committee.

During this meeting, Julie will present the 2015 Annual Report. Information will be provided on the areas staff have initially identified for improvement in 2016, along with DECD Facility Improvements scheduled for this year. Nominations for our parent committee will be taken, with all positions vacant including Chairperson, Vice Chairperson, Secretary, Treasurer, Fund Raising & Playgroup Coordinator & General Members

Donations Thank you to the many families who have generously donated plain flour, toilet paper, tissues and even fruit. Every donation helps to keep our running costs down and allows us to spend more of our money to directly benefit the children.

Kindy Fees Again thank you to the families who have already paid this terms kindy fees. A reminder that fees are due by Friday 26th February. Please speak to Julie if you have

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