Dear Families,

Welcome to the start of term 2.

A BIG Thank you to the families who supported our ‘End of Term Clean Up’ last term. We really appreciate your help to maintain our high cleaning standard. We would also like to thank all families for the time they provided last term for discussions on their children’s learning. Your information has been used to direct term 2 learning plans. This term, we have the pleasure to introduce Louise Hughes, who will be providing support to a few children each Tuesday morning. Louise is an experienced educator who has worked with us in the past.

Helen will continue to work each Tuesday to provide Julie with some administration time. Kathy Lavithias will work with us for the next two Friday mornings.

During our first ‘Student Free’ Day, which was held this Wednesday, staff attended a Professional Development day at Salisbury Heights Preschool. The focus of the day was to develop staff awareness for the DECD Preschool Numeracy Indicators. Did you know: a ‘number’ is a quantity or amount of items, ‘digits’ (0-9) are the symbols we use to create numerals, ‘numerals’ are the written symbol that represents ‘how many’. How often do we refer to numerals or digits as numbers??
**Student Swap with Salisbury Park Primary**

Over the years we have developed a number of Partnership Programs with Salisbury Park Primary School, which support learning & development for children, staff & families. This term, each Thursday afternoon, children will have the opportunity to be involved in a ‘Student Swap’. Starting next week, visits will rotate between Emma White & Melissa Field’s Reception classes. At 1.20pm 5 kindy children will be walked over to the school by a kindy staff member. They will stay in the class for 45 minutes and be involved in classroom activities. 5 Reception students will spend this time at the kindy. At 2pm a staff member will return the students to school & kindy. This ‘swap’ provides our children with an opportunity to develop awareness for what school is really like. They experience a new environment, with different children, teachers & routines. Children visit the school with their kindy friends, which supports their ability to manage these changes. Having the opportunity for a number of informal visits, also helps to eliminate any initial fears about school, supports the building of new relationships, & confidence in the school environment. All children starting school in 2017 will have the opportunity to visit the classroom over the next 3 terms. The ‘Swap’ day will change each term to ensure access for all. Children who will not enrol at SPPS, will have the opportunity to be part of the ‘swap’, with the ‘older’ children being the first to visit.

If you do not wish your child to be involved, please let staff know.

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**Kindy Policy Reviews**

Accompanying this newsletter is a copy of a draft ‘Kindergarten Attendance’ Policy. Please take some time to read this new proposed centre policy. We are seeking family feedback, to ensure the information is clear and relevant for all families. We value your input and have provided a space by the sign in book for any comments or feedback you may wish to provide.

You have also received a copy of our updated ‘Grievance’ Policy & Procedure, which was recently updated to meet changes in the DECD practice & procedure.

**Family Book**

This term we are planning to offer our ‘Family Book’ out for borrowing. Thank you to the families who have already provided a page for this book. If you still haven’t had a chance to complete a page, we would really love your input as soon as possible. This book provides an opportunity to share what is important in your family. Pages also share cultural information, providing an opportunity to learn and celebrate individual traditions & culture.

**Can You Help?** We are looking for family support with our Library Book borrowing. If you would like to help children to borrow books on Tuesday or Thursday anytime during the session that suits you, please let us know. Thank you

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**Any changes to your contact details??**

The beginning of term is a great opportunity to notify us of any recent changes to your contact details. Remember current details are needed in case of emergency or in the event that your child becomes unwell while at kindy.

Please also review details of your child’s emergency contacts.

Thank you

**Sun Smart Policy**

Our policy states that hats do not need to be worn outside during terms 2 & 3. Please be aware of any days where the UV is above 3 and provide hats as needed. 

Thanks

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**Salisbury Park Kindergarten Playgroup**

Friday 1.00-2.30pm

Children aged 0-5 yrs. are welcome to attend with family supervision. 

Cost $2.00 + SA Playgroup Ass. Fee.

*A Place to Belong, where Learning is Fun*