



Week 4, Term 2, 2017

Future dates to watch...

Pre School Opening times

8.30-3.15 Mon– Thurs

8.30-11.30 Fri

IPP

8.45—3.15 Mon / Tues

8.45—12.45 Weds (odd weeks)

Friday 27th May

National Sorry Day

Sorry Walk– KPPS Oval 10.30am

27th May– 3rd June

National Reconciliation Week

Tuesday 6th June, 10am-12pm

Bush Playgroup @ Lions Picnic

Reserve, Lincoln Highway

Thursday 22nd June, 7pm

Governing Council Meeting

Thursday 29th June

International Mud Day

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Dear Families

It has been a busy start to the term. I would firstly like to say thank you for the support the families, staff and children have shown me in my new role as Acting Director while Pam is on long service leave. I am enjoying learning more about the Community Team and their role whilst still being involved in the Preschool.

This term the Centre theme is 'Connecting with and engaging in nature'. Preschool staff are observing some great connections between home and preschool with children sharing natural objects found at home with staff and their peers. During group time children are encouraged to describe the elements of the objects, ask questions and sort them into different categories.

We have a knowledgeable Governing Council committee who met last Thursday night. They are not only supportive, but also challenge our thinking and practices to benefit the Centre and children's learning journey. Their input into the Centre is greatly appreciated.

Staff are working more collaboratively with each other to gain greater flow throughout the Centre. This includes Preschool children being involved in Community Programs and staff supporting each other through sharing knowledge, experiences and expertise.

I would like to thank and congratulate Sonia for organising a very successful National Families Week event at the Foreshore on Sunday. Thank you to Maddi and Jane who helped set up/pack up and Carly and Leona for running a playgroup session. I hope that if you attended you enjoyed a lovely sunny day as a family.

Hannah Carson

Acting Director

Friday marks the beginning of National Reconciliation Week with National Sorry Day. The theme this year is "Let's take the next step".

Children will be involved in various discussions and activities around reconciliation.

Carly has been working with other agencies to organise a Sorry Walk which will take place on Friday at 10:30 on the Kirton Point Primary School oval. All families are welcome to join the Preschool, Occasional Care children, Port Lincoln Children's Centre children and Kirton Point Primary School children as they walk around the oval.

On Thursday the 1st of June the Preschool and Occasional Care children will be involved in a variety of cultural activities including cooking on a camp fire to acknowledge National Reconciliation Week.

**National
Reconciliation
Week 2017**

27 May to 3 June

**let's take
the next
steps**

On Sunday 21st May, we co-ordinated a local National Families Week event. We were joined by 15 other agencies, local community groups and services. The event included information stalls, games and activities, live music, bouncy castle and bubble soccer. Families were able to access information from local services about what they offer and enjoy a day out on the Foreshore.

The event was funded by Kirton Point Children's Centre

(Community Development), Uniting Care Wesley Country SA (Family and Relationship Service), Centacare Family Services and Port Lincoln City Council. Next year we hope to seek some grant funding to keep the event free or low cost as much as possible. We are looking for feedback from families about the event through our online survey:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/X2YBQVH>

Thank you to everyone who supported the event. We estimate there to have been up to 500 people come down over the course of the day – our biggest and most successful event so far!



National Families Week

Port Lincoln Foreshore 2017

Governing Council Met on Thursday 18th May.

The following items were discussed:

- Kindy Jumpers
- Tree / branch safety
- Budget
- Healthy Eating policy
- Image policy
- Kindy practice: A & B Choices, 5 point scale.
- Playgroup themes

Next meeting 22nd June, all welcome.

Black Polar Fleece zip up
Kindy Jumpers with the
centre logo will be available
very soon!

Lost Property: Please check the lost property table for items such as clothing & water bottles

Paintings: Your child's art work has been filed in alphabetical order in the red box in the foyer. Please check this as it will be cleaned out at the end of the term.

Payment of Fees:

Fees for Term 2 are due at the end of this week. We encourage families to make payments in the following ways: using cash, cheque, EFTPOS or electronic funds transfer online.

2017 Public Education Awards

The awards program is an important way to acknowledge the talented and dedicated people working in public education and the extraordinary impact they have on the lives of children and young people in South Australia. Nominations are open until 31st May.

www.decd.sa.gov.au/awards

Marte Meo

On Thursday the 11th of May our staff attended a full day Marte Meo seminar.

Marte Meo is about using every day opportunities to support children's social and emotional development.

The key elements of Marte Meo are:

- positive leading- telling the child what you want them to do, naming your own initiative, using leading or cooperative tones.
- following - waiting, confirming and naming. Following gives children space and time to further develop their own initiatives/ ideas. This supports children developing a solution model and a strong sense of self.
- Linking - linking children up to see each other and being involved in each others worlds
- sharing of a "good face"/ "best face" supports children to know they are enjoyable to be with and this builds confidence and a strong sense of self.

Our Centre priority this year is to ensure the social and emotional needs of all children are met through Marte Meo. You may notice staff being video recorded as a training tool to reflect on our interactions with children.

If you have any further questions about Marte Meo please speak to a staff member.

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Kids Cafe

This term our new Kids Café program commenced. On Monday and Wednesday mornings, preschool children have the opportunity to serve healthy snacks and interact with community members, including their families, in a drop in café set up in our Community Room. This helps students in developing social skills, expanding vocabulary and connecting to community and the world around them. It is also an opportunity for families and community members to meet staff and learn about what happens here in our busy centre. Students have a rostered time to participate. Please check with Preschool staff for more information.