



Week 9, Term 1, 2017

Future dates to watch...

Preschool Opening times

8.30-3.15 Mon – Thurs

8.30-11.30 Fri

IPP

8.45 - 3.15 Mon / Tues

8.45 - 12.45 Wed

Thursday 30th March: Movie night
6pm @ KPCC—Finding Dory.

Thursday 6th April - Let's Read at
Dickens Park (see ad)

Thursday 13th April: Term 1 last day

Monday 1st May: Term 2 begins for
Galda Group

Wednesday 3rd May: Term 2 begins
for Mili Group

Thursday 11th May: Student Free
Day

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Dear Families

With only 2 weeks left until the end of the first term it is heart warming to consider the success of the programs at KPCC. Preschool children have experienced different methods of signing in, learnt to follow the daily schedule made friendships and have learned about safe play at kindy. Recent visitors have included the DECD Chief Executive Officer Rick Persse and some local police officers who promoted the concept of safety in our community.

Children who may have been identified with a speech, language or behaviour concern have been supported by an additional worker spending some time with them to develop skills in this area. Please see me if you would like more details regarding this support.

Preschool children's Learning Folders will contain a Term 1 report - these will be sent home with your child in Week 11. Teachers will inform you regarding interviews to set learning goals for Term 2.

Sonia is to be congratulated for planning the diverse range of new community programs including **Intergenerational Playgroup** at Matthew Flinders Home which has provided benefits for both the elderly residents and the young children and families who have attended. **Bush Playgroup** held on the first Tuesday of each month, has also been very successful - the visit to Shelly Beach and the learning about marine life from Shelley Harrison was incredible.

Jump n Jive, with Maddi, has provided 2-4 yr olds with opportunities to develop their movement skills, and the **Walking Group** is gaining popularity. The **Toileting, Sleep and Child First Aid** workshops were very informative for parents and can be repeated if there is a demand. **Fresh Food is Fun** (a cooking program promoting healthy, low cost foods for the family), and **Time to Shine** (supporting women to explore and discover more about themselves) are positively supporting parents in their role. Misty has been amazing in leading the **NDIS Parent Discussion Group** which will move to a Monday evening next term to cater for working parents who are accessing the National Disability Insurance Scheme.

We farewell and thank Brigetta for contribution to the preschool whilst doing her placement.

Pam Stanley

Director

Preschool student's Immunisation Records are now Overdue. Please present them ASAP.

Have you lost
your kindy
t-shirt?

A Size 6 shirt has
been found.

Please see Jane.

Please name all
of your
belongings.

Governing Council News

Our 2017 Governing Council met on Thursday 23rd March and discussed:

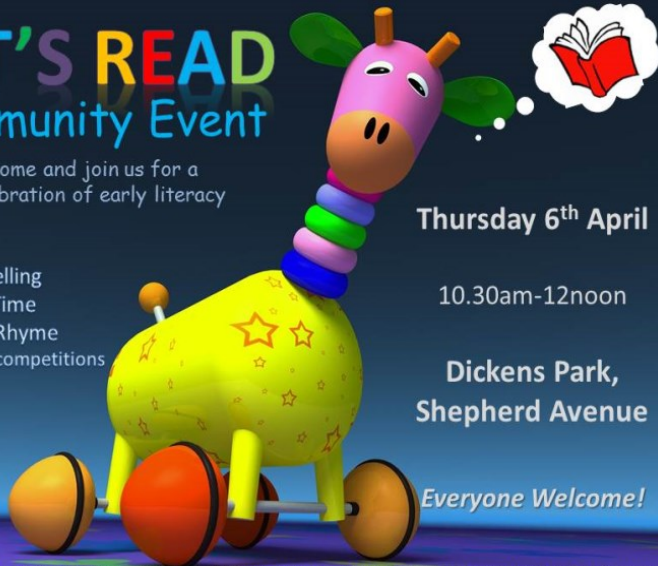
- Spotlight on practice - Keeping safe at Kindy
- Kindy jumpers - these will be available soon for the cooler weather
- Storage cupboards for Community Room
- Solar panels
- Student free day - KPCC closed -staff attending Marte Meo training
- Welcome packs – information for Governing Council members
- New programs for Term 2
- Anaphylaxis and Sun protection policy reviews

Next Meeting Thursday 18th May @ 7pm

LET'S READ Community Event

Come and join us for a
celebration of early literacy

Story-telling
Story-Time
Songs & Rhyme
Plus prizes and competitions



Thursday 6th April

10.30am-12noon

Dickens Park,
Shepherd Avenue

Everyone Welcome!

This event is brought to you by Kirton Point Children's Centre, City of Port Lincoln Library, Uniting Care Wesley Country SA & the Let's Read Initiative.

FUSSY EATING WORKSHOP

Is your child a **fussy eater**? Do they taste food then spit it out?
Throw it across the room? Flat out refuse to try new foods?
This information session may be of use to you!

Friday 19th May, 1:30 - 2:30pm
Kirton Point Children's Centre

Presented by Kelly Taylor, Dietitian
Fresh Eye Nutrition

This workshop will discuss:

- Common meal time problems
- Managing meal time behaviours
- Strategies to assist in problem feeding
- Children's nutrition



This workshop is aimed at children 1 - 5 years

CRECHE AVAILABLE
RSVP by Friday 10th May to
Madeleine (Occupational Therapist) on 8682 5969

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for Early Childhood
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Kindy T-shirts with the
Centre logo are available to
purchase for \$25.00 each



URGENT & OVERDUE Immunisation Records required

Parents are now required to present their Preschool aged child's immunisation record when commencing Kindy. If you have not yet done this, please bring it in to Jane at the front desk **as soon as possible.**

Parents are reminded that if there is an occurrence of an infectious vaccine preventable disease, a child whose record is not on file or who is recorded as non-immunised will be excluded from attending Preschool according to the SA Health exclusion period guidelines.

Payment of Fees:

Fees are now Overdue for Term 1. Payments can be made using cash, cheque, EFTPOS, electronic funds transfer online and Centrepay debit payments. Please see Jane.

SERVICE MESSAGE FOR FAMILIES: The **National Quality Framework** is changing

The Australian, state and territory governments have agreed to changes to the National Quality Framework (NQF). The NQF aims to drive continuous improvement and consistency in Australian early childhood education and care services to provide children with quality experiences.

The changes support children's developmental and learning outcomes and their health, safety and well being. They provide greater assurance to parents that children are receiving quality care, irrespective of service type.

Services are assessed against the National Quality Standard and families are encouraged to talk to their service about their ratings and the role of quality and continuous improvement in education and care. Kirton Point Children's Centre are rated as Exceeding in all seven areas.

Changes to the Education and Care Services National Law and National Regulations will commence from 1st October 2017. The revised National Quality Standard will come into effect on 1st February 2018.

Visit [ACECQA's webpage](#) for a summary of key changes.

What is Marte Meo?

Marte Meo was developed by Maria Aarts from The Netherlands in the 1970s, and she has travelled around the world to share her ideas.

The Marte Meo Program supports the social and emotional development of children, by filming the child with their parent or caregiver. Marte Meo can support parents and caregivers in a step by step way how to support their children with social and emotional development.

One way that we can support children is by “waiting”. When they are playing, we can sit alongside them, and watch (or follow) what they are doing, without giving them our ideas. “Waiting” can really support children to learn that they have good ideas and to find their own solutions. Each time they find their own solution, which builds their “solution model”, they learn, “I am a person who can find my own solutions”. It gives them confidence to try to find a solution. “Waiting” can be more difficult than it sounds. You could give “waiting” a try, and see if you find it comfortable or uncomfortable.

So what can we say while we are waiting? If your child doesn’t “name” what he/she is doing, then we can name. Naming is saying exactly what the child is doing – what is the action that they are doing. Some examples of naming are:

“you’ve put the blocks together”

“You’ve picked up the ball”

“you’ve stuck your finger in the play doh”

Try not to guess what your child is doing, but rather say exactly what you can see. Then we wait, we give them time for their next idea.

If your child names their own action or initiative, then we can “confirm” what they have said. For example, if they say “I hit the balloon in the air”, you can say “oh, you hit the balloon in the air”. We can use their words. Then we wait, and give them time for their next idea.

We are working as a whole centre to learn about Marte Meo to support children’s social and emotional development. We are taking some films of staff in pre-school, where they practice the Marte Meo ideas with the children. We took the opportunity to film with randomly selected children who were already playing together. For parent information, the films will be deleted when they are no longer required for our learning.

Corinne and Hannah (pictured) are supporting the children’s play skills. They are supporting the children to see, and be involved in the ideas of the other children.

If you would like to know more about Marte Meo, Jodi (Family Services Coordinator) can give you more information.

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Keep your kids smiling

Dental care is FREE for all babies, children not yet at school and most other children under 18 at School Dental Service clinics.

Your local clinic is located at:

Port Lincoln Community Dental Clinic, 39 Oxford Terrace, PORT LINCOLN

All babies, children and young people under 18 are welcome. First dental

Check-ups are recommended from 12-18 months.

SA Dental Service participates in the Child Dental Benefits Schedule.

Please call 8683 2700 to make an appointment. www.sahealth.sa.gov.au/

