



Adelaide Miethke Preschool

Newsletter - February, 2020

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Dear families,

The year has gotten off to a flying start with the children now starting to settle in to the routines of the day and meeting some new friends.

We look forward to seeing as many families as possible at our **TWILIGHT KINDY** this Tuesday, 18 February. Please see the flyer sent home previously or contact the staff for more information.

We are looking for parents to join our Governing Council this year. We meet twice per term to plan events, do a small amount of fundraising and to oversee some of the kindy operations. If you'd like to be involved please let us know and come along to our AGM. If you can't make it to the AGM you can still be involved just let us know!

Group 2 - CLOSURE DAY

Thursday, 26 March.

This is a professional learning day for all preschools in our partnership.
There will be no kindy.

Term 1 - Dates to remember	
Tues, 18 February	TWILIGHT KINDY & AGM - From 5pm
Wed, 26 February	Jess absent (Mandy relief)
Thurs, 27 February	State-wide Leaders Days (Suzanne) (Mandy relief)
Fri, 28 February	Literacy Leader Day (Suzanne, Jess & Monica)
Mon, 11 March	Public Holiday - Adelaide Cup
Thurs, 26 March	CLOSURE DAY - Group 2 Staff Professional Learning Day
Friday, 12 April	Term 1 ends

Reporting children's learning

In previous years we have used an app to report to parents about children's learning and the program. This year we are taking a different approach as we have committed to being involved in project this year focusing on Pedagogical Documentation.

We will be working with two facilitators (Anthony Semann and Alma Fleet) to really consider what learning is taking place and how we best record and report children's learning to you their families.

The staff will be involved in a number of professional learning days over the year with the other preschools in our Partnership as well as two coaching conversations each term with Anthony and Alma.

The children all have a learning portfolio that we will add to over the year. It will contain observations, photos, drawings, paintings and other pieces. The portfolios are kept on the shelf in the reading corner and you are welcome to have a look at them at any time.



From time to time we will be emailing you observations of your child. These will be in the form of a '*LEARNING SNAP SHOT*'.

We will also be posting some more general posts to our Facebook page so you might like to LIKE OUR PAGE so you see these posts. We will never post images that identify children on our Facebook page.

The program will be documented fortnightly and put on display on the notice board for you to refer to.

✂ Please cut off this slip and return

Child's name : _____

Email contact information:

- I am receiving emails from the preschool Yes / No
If NO, please add email address _____
- If you would like to add a second email address please write below

School start details: My child is starting school in Term 3, 2020

Yes / No

Keeping Safe: Child Protection Curriculum (KS:CPC)

You will have seen information in your handbook about the Keeping Safe: Child Protection Curriculum. All of our teachers are trained in delivering the KS:CPC curriculum. The KS:CPC teaches children and young people to recognise abuse, tell a trusted adult, understand what is appropriate and inappropriate touching and ways of keeping themselves safe.

For Ages 3–5, the following topics are covered:

The right to be safe	Relationships	Recognising and reporting abuse	Protective strategies
Feelings Being safe Warning signs	Rights and responsibilities Identity and relationships Trust and networks	Privacy and the body Recognising abuse Secrets	Strategies for keeping safe

This term our focus topic is 'The right to be safe'. Please speak with one of the staff if you would like more information or go to the KS:CPC website: <http://tiny.cc/KSCPC-ParentCarerInfo>.

Additional Friday Sessions - 600 hours

As mentioned at enrolment each group will have 5 extra Friday sessions to make up their 600 hours of preschool. We understand that it may not be possible for all children to attend these extra sessions due to other commitments but we encourage you to attend if possible.

The extra sessions will run on -

Group 1 (Monday & Tuesday)

Term 2 - Friday, Week 1- 5

Dates: May 1, 8, 15, 22 and 29

Group 2 (Wednesday & Thursday)

Term 3 - Friday, Week 1 - 5

Dates: July 24 and 31, August 7, 14 and 21

There will be more information at the end of term for Group 1 families and a note to ask you to confirm if your child will be attending so we can plan our staffing for these 5 sessions.



We encourage you to like our **Facebook** page. We will be posting about the learning that's happening at kindy and also sending out reminders and sharing links to community events or other information. We have already posted a number of times this year.

No identifiable images of children will be posted.



Paint the Westside ReAD

Preschools in our Partnership are part of the Paint the Westside ReAD project. Each month we promote a literacy message from our mascot Lizzie the Literacy Lizard. This will be a core element of our literacy program in both the Occasional Care and kindergarten.

Library borrowing is each Tuesday and Thursday.

Please complete and return slip to preschool.