



# Adelaide Miethke Preschool

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Dear families,

Next week is week 10 our final week of Term 2. The term has certainly flown by and has been a very different term than we'd anticipated due to Covid-19. While there have been changes and challenges we have had a wonderful term of learning and the children have been resilient and grown in their independence.

The Department for Education has announced that we are able to welcome parents back on to school and preschool sites from next week with a few considerations.

For us this means

- Parents should walk their children into kindy and occasional care and MUST sign them in.
- The kindy sign on book will now be placed under the verandah near the main entrance.
- Parents must continue to physical distance, including at pick up and drop off times so we ask that you do not gather under the verandah or in the kindy for long periods.
- Please encourage your child's independence at drop off and pickup. Encourage them to carry their own bag and do their jobs on arrival independently. Please see below.
- Parents should come into kindy and occasional care to collect their child and MUST sign them out.
- We will farewell children as parents arrive to assist with physical distancing.
- Families are asked to collect their child and move off site as quickly as possible.
- Siblings are not able to play in the yard at drop off or pick up.
- It's important that children stay home if they are unwell.

## Continuing to Promote Independence

"By offering child[ren] activities that make them more independent, you allow them to gain confidence. While teaching them new skills you also help them to develop qualities such as patience, concentration, self-help, cooperation, self-discipline and self-trust".  
(First Discoveries, Why Child Independence is Important).

We would really like you to continue encouraging your child's independence when arriving at kindy. We'd like all the kindy children to continue to carrying their own belongings into kindy. They should put their drink bottle on top of their lockers, take their lunch box inside and wash their hands. The children have been doing these jobs and we really want to encourage them to continue this as they are very capable of managing these tasks independently. We feel it is really important for their confidence and wellbeing that we continue to encourage them to do these things they have already learnt.



## Kindy Fruit Snack

Please continue to pack a fruit snack for your child each day in a separate named container. This stays in your child's bag until fruit time.

## Kindy Staffing

Welcome to Heidi Rose who has joined our team working in a preschool support role with Group 2 children. Heidi is with us each Wednesday and Thursday.

## Occasional Care Staffing

Recently Jo Mills has taken on the Occasional Care ECW 2 role as lead educator. She has settled in quickly and we are delighted to have her at AMK. We are very pleased to announce that Orsola Lupoi is joining Jo as our second educator in the program. Orsola has been working in child care for sometime and has worked with us as a relief staff member some years ago. It is great to be starting Term 3 with our staffing in place, all sessions operating again and our numbers increasing.

## Governing Council

Our Governing Council will meet in Term 3 and we are looking for interested parents to join the group. If you'd like to join please let us know. We will hold 2 short meetings during the term to discuss a few items.



At this stage we are STILL waiting for the much anticipated arrival of Jess' baby.



Farewell to Gursifat, Marcus, Flynn, Dante, Huxley, Indy and Damian who are all beginning school mid-year. We wish you happy times at school!!

## Term 2- Dates to remember

Friday, 3 July	Term 2 ends
Monday, 20 July	Term 3 begins
Friday, 24 July	First Friday session for Group 2

## KINDY IS A NUT FREE ZONE



Please **DO NOT** send foods containing nuts.