



Adelaide Miethke Preschool

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Dear families,

We've had a lovely few weeks of kindy. The children are doing really, really well upon arrival at kindy with saying goodbye to you and with managing their bags, drink bottles, lunchboxes and hand washing. We are noticing that their independence is really improving and we hope to continue this when social distancing is relaxed.

Covid-19

We continue to maintain our higher levels of cleaning. The department is funding a mid-day clean of surfaces, door handles, tables, basins and playground. Our regular evening cleaners have additional time allocated and staff are cleaning toys, books and dress ups and other play spaces. Social distancing will continue for now for parents and we are having very few visitors coming on site. Regular hand washing is a priority.

We thank you for your support with these measures and do understand that it is much harder to chat with families about their children's learning. If you have any questions about how your child is doing or just want to touch base please email your child's key educator and we can arrange a time to talk.

Fruit Snack



Please remember to pack a fruit snack for your child each day. This needs to be packed in a separate named container as it stays in your child's bag until fruit time. Lunches are placed in the fridge. If your child

will not eat fruit you are could consider packing cheese or vegetables such as cucumber, tomato, celery or carrot. Please remember to cut grapes, tomatoes and carrots as these can be a choking hazard. A guide to chopping fruit and vegetables is available on our website.

Immunisations

The Education Standards Board now requires us to collect a formal Immunisation Record for each child. Additionally, the 'blue book' is no longer considered satisfactory. We are required to collect from families an up-to-date formal immunisation record for their child **before the end of this term**. There is an expected vaccination for all 4 year old children that should be shown. Instructions on how to download the Immunisation Record from are shown over the page.

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

Reporting children's learning

This term we have been focusing our teaching on Story-telling based around the stories 'We're Going on a Bear Hunt' and 'Wombat Stew'. In the next week or so each child will receive a learning snap shot about some of the work we have been doing.

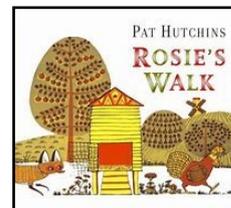
Carol and Alka have also been documenting the children's involvement in painting and art experiences.



There are also other learning snapshots being sent home throughout the term as we report on individual learning.

Each fortnight staff meet to plan our program. We use our term goals, daily observations and learning snapshots to guide and plan the directions our next program.

Focus Stories for Term 2



The focus stories for our the second half of this term are **Rosie's Walk** by Pat Hutchins and **The Three Billy Goats Gruff**. In line with our Child Protection Curriculum we will be modifying the end of this story. If you are reading this story with your child you can talk about less aggressive ways of dealing with the troll.

Additional Friday Sessions - 600 hours

Group 2 will have their additional Friday sessions next term. All Group 2 children are able to attend. A note will be sent home in the next week or so that you must return so we know how many children will be attending and can get our staffing in place.

The extra sessions will run Friday, Week 1 - 5

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

KINDY IS A NUT FEE ZONE



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

Immunisations

We can no longer accept copies of the blue CAYHS book as evidence of a child's immunisation record. We must now collect the official 'Immunisation History Statement'. At enrolment many families used the blue book as evidence or their child had not yet had their 4 year old immunisations.

We will be contacting all families who have not provide a copy of their child's 'Immunisation History Statement' to do this before the end of term. You can provide a paper copy or email it to us.

Steps to access the Immunisation Record:

- log on to Mygov, go to Medicare (it needs to be linked to your account),
- go to the tab along the top called 'Histories and Statements'
- go to the drop down that says 'Immunisation History Statement'
- go down to the box and select your child's name
- click 'open/save PDF'
- click the printer image in the top right hand corner of screen and print.

OR

- Click the forward button and email it to - Suzanne.Dawson531@schools.sa.edu.au

You can also -

- call the Australian Immunisation Register on 1800 653 809 (8am-5pm Monday to Friday) and request a copy be mailed to you (this can take up to 10 business days)
- ask your vaccination provider to print a copy for you
- request a copy at a Services Australia Service Centre.

Spare Clothes

Please remember to pack an set of spare clothes for your child each day. Please include underwear, top and pants. If your child is changed into spare clothes from kindy please return them asap.

Please remember to name your child’s clothing especially jumpers and beanies that they may take off.

Families in Need

Times are particularly tough for many families at the moment. Families who need extra time to pay kindy fees are asked to contact me to discuss.

Our staff work closely with the Children’s Centres in our partnership and they have recently given us a number of **food hampers** to support families in need. Hampers contain non-perishable food items such as pasta, long-life milk and Weet-Bix. If you would like a hamper please let me know and I will get one to you.



Farwell to Jess

As you know Jess has now gone on maternity leave. She was able to visit both groups of children to say goodbye in week 4. We presented her with a beautiful book that the children made with lots of ideas about why she will be a good mummy, what she should name her baby and how she should look after the baby.

We also presented her this beautiful gift basket of pressies from you all and a plant from the staff.

We will certainly let you know when her baby is born. We can’t wait!



Keeping Safe: Child Protection Curriculum (KS:CPC)

You will have seen information in our 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 of go to the KS:CPC website: <http://tiny.cc/KSCPC-ParentCarerInfo>.

This term we have been focusing on Area 1 - The right to be safe and Area 2 - Relationships.

- We have completed risk-benefit assessments with the children for many play spaces so that the children are clear on our expectations during play and talked about how we feel when things go wrong and right in the play and how we solve problems with each other if they happen. We are focusing very much on ‘safe play’.
- We have discussed who children can ask for help in a range of situations and who in addition to their family members they can trust. We are also covering the concepts of fair and unfair as part of participating in a group at preschool.