Adelaide Miethke Preschool

Newsletter - August/September 2021

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Dear families,

What a busy start to term it has been especially with the lock-down across week 1 & 2. It was great that we could get back to kindy so quickly. We had some very positive feedback about the Learning At Home program that we sent out. It was also great to receive so many photos of the children working at home. We have displayed many of these in the kindy for the children to see.

Thankfully, we were to go ahead with Dancify this term and both groups had 5 dance lessons as planned. Unfortunately, we were not able to have our dance showcase for families but have taken some video of the children's final session and hope to be able to send this out to families soon.

Book Week last week was great fun. The children loved making Lizzie masks and meeting Lizzie. When she visited she brought us a number of the short listed books which we read. We voted for our favourite book and did a number of activities related to the books. There is more information in the children's portfolios.

Covid-19 restrictions

The children really are managing the drop-offs at the gate very well. It's great to see how independent they are becoming with the morning routine in particular. Occasional Care families are able to come on site to drop their children as they are much younger and were finding drop-offs at the gate very challenging. There are also a few children who need a little more support and we are working with their families on a day-to-day basis. We know that pick-ups are a bit more challenging and that you are having to wait while staff help children get their things together.

Also, a big thankyou for continuing to wear your masks to the gate and doing the QR code sign on each time.

Fees Term 3

If you haven't yet paid your term 3 fees they are now due. We have many still outstanding. The term fee is $200. Payment can be made by direct debit.

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Hat and sunscreen

As the weather is warming up please remember to pack your child's hat each day. Children must wear hats outside when the UV rating is 3 or above.

Please also remember to apply sunscreen each morning and we will do it prior to afternoon play. If your child has specific sunscreen please check with us that not run out & still in date.

Portfolios

We will be sending home the children's learning portfolios again in week 8 (next week). We hope this will help you know more about what we have been teaching at preschool. If you have any questions please don't hesitate to get in contact with your child's key teacher.

Parent Opinion Survey

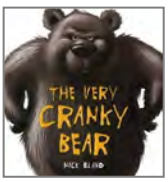
In term 3 every year we send home our Parent Opinion Survey to all families. This is a Department survey that is sent out by all preschools to their communities. We use these results in our Annual Review and helps us to make continual improvements. We will be sending home a paper survey with the portfolios and I will also email a link next week to the on-line survey which may be easier to complete. We'd love it if you could take a some time to complete the survey.

Program: Week 6 - 10

As parents are not able to come on site I will email the program to families with this email for information. If you have any questions you are welcome to email us at any time.

Focus Stories:

Our focus stories for week 6 - 10 are *The Very Cranky Bear* by Nick Bland and Iggy Peck Architect by Andrea Beaty.



Keeping Safe : Child Protection Curriculum

Focus Area 2: Relationships (Trust and Networks)

As part of our child protection curriculum we will be talking with the children about TRUST and which adults they could trust in a range of situations. Children will identify people in their circle of relationships whom they trust to share with. Over time (into the early years of school) identifying adults who the child can talk with who will take action to keep them safe.

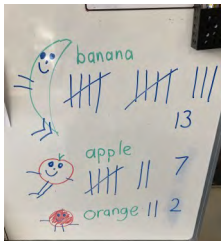
Staff will discuss in group times, share stories and ideas and work individually with each child to help them identify adults who they know and can talk to. Some of this work will be presented in the children's portfolios by the end of Term.

Dates to remember

Fri 10 Sept	Suzanne at Inner West Partnership Leaders Day
Tues 14 Sept	CAYHS Screening
Wed 15 Sept	CAYHS Screening
Fri 16 Sept	Group 2 Final Friday Kindy session
Tues 21 Sept	Paul Newman (Education Director) Site visit
Fri 24 Sept	Term 3 ends
Mon 11 Oct	Term 4 begins
Tues 2 Nov	Excursion, Adelaide Botanic Gardens - Little Sprouts
Thurs 4 Nov	Excursion, Adelaide Botanic Gardens - Little Sprouts
Thurs 18 Nov	CLOSURE DAY (GROUP 2) NO KINDY
Tues 7 Dec	Group 1– Final Kindy Session. Pick-up 1pm Performer, Party Lunch, Final Group Time. Farewell
Thurs 9 Dec	Group 2– Final Kindy Session. Pick-up 1pm Performer, Party Lunch, Final Group Time. Farewell

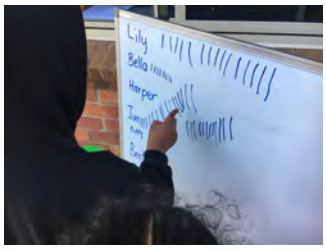
Other things we've been up too…

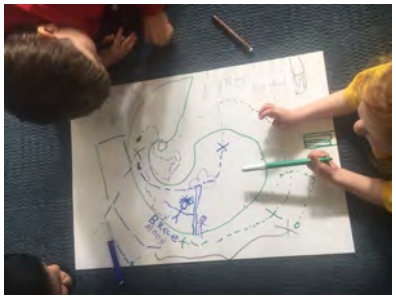
Numeracy:
Learning about tally's and recording how many children had these fruits for snack time.



Doing our daily accurate count to find out how many children are here. Recording the number and finding it on the number chart.

Making a tally to record how many goals each person scored playing basketball. Counting - estimating most, least, more, less - reading your name - making 1 mark for each goal scored.





Map making:
We have done lots and lots of map making both in planned group times and in play. Maps have included - How do you get to kindy? Treasure maps. Focus stories - Going on a Bear Hunt and Rosie's walk.

Block building:
We have some amazing builders at kindy who are designing really complex buildings.
Building in this way helps children to develop socially as they negotiate and plan together.

Paint the Westside REaD

Our PTWR message for September is 'Messy play together everyday helps our brain to grow'. We plan for the children to have lots of different types of sensory play at kindy to support their learning.

Don't forget to bring you borrowing bag each week so your child can swap their library book.

Student Teacher
This term we have Olivia Vial working with us. Olivia is a student teacher from Uni SA who is in her final year of her Bachelor of Education : Early Childhood studies. Olivia has already settled in & is making really good connections with both staff and children.

Term 4 - Excursions, Events & Celebrations

We have a number of special things planned for Term 4 such as an excursion to the Little Sprouts Kitchen Garden.
On the last kindy day of the year we will have a special party lunch and performer for the children. We hope that we will be able to invite parents on-site for our last group time where we farewell the children and present portfolios. There will be more about this in Term 4 but please note if all goes to plan

- Parents should arrive at noon for our final group time.
- The session will finish at 1pm.

Enrolments for 2022

We have begun offering places for next year.
If you know of a child who can start kindy next year but is not yet registered please let the family know to contact us immediately.

Keeping everyone healthy at preschool

This term we have had unprecedented levels of staff illness. We understand that when working closely with young children we are likely to pick up the odd cold or cough. However, we need families to help keep everyone well by keeping children who are sick at home. You are reminded that we will call families if children appear unwell and families will be expected to collect their children promptly.
There are a few non-negotiables about children's health that everyone should follow:

- **Children MUST be kept at home for 24 hours following any vomiting episodes.**
- **Children who have a temperature, cough, runny nose, sore stomach, sneezing or complain they feel unwell MUST stay home.**
- **Children SHOULD not attend preschool if they are given Panadol or Nurofen in the morning because they are feeling unwell. These medications can mask pain and fever.**

Families should also consider Covid-19 safety precautions and seek medical advice if their children are unwell.