**Diary Dates**

25th Feb – Con Karvouniaris Regional Assistant Director Visiting

28th / 29th Feb – Leaders at Wallaroo for Jane. [Callie-Ann Schahinger in]

5th – 7th March – NQ5 assessment [TBC]

29th March – 1st April – Easter

13th March – Governing Council Meeting 6:00pm Tea for 6.30 meeting at the Top Hotel

11th April end of term

The term has started well with 17 children attending Kindy and about 25 enrolled in OC.

**What have we been doing?**

- We have visited the Library
- We have focused on locomotion and scoop ball activities in PE
- We have made Fruity People and pancakes
- We have read E-books OOM-Bah and Cat and played a Maths Game using the new board.
- We have tried to draw our new fish
- We have focused on what helps to keep us healthy
- We have met Connie Confidence [See attached sheet]
- We are looking at The Right to be Safe as part of the Child Protection Curriculum.

**Audit**

We had a good report for our Annual audit. Special Thanks to Marie who has been a wonderful treasurer and also to Andrea Kundt at the Area School.

**AGM**

Thankyou to all those who attended the AGM last week. I would like to thank last years Governing Councilors for their wonderful commitment in helping our Kindy improve and grow. Congratulations and thanks go to the new members who I am sure will continue this work.

Our new Governing Council is:

Chairperson - Julie Stacey [in her second year]

Vice Chairman - Marie Gorden

Secretary - Kathryn Cameron [In her 2nd year]

Treasurer – Katie Lawrie

OC Rep – Michelle Wheare

OH&S Rep Belinda Chapman

Staff Reps - Jane Klaebe and Kali Sims

Playgroup Rep – Kelly Hicks

Others - Meagan Elsworthy, Maryann Mcleod.

**Fundraising Committee**

Michelle Wheare, Marie Gorden, Maryann Mcleod and Katie Lawrie are part of the Fundraising Committee who will meet twice a term usually before GC meetings to decide on ways to raise funds to help finance projects in the Kindy. Last year the fabulous committee helped with many fundraisers including a Market day and helped purchase the new Smartboard.

If anyone would like join them and help out in some way please see Jane ASAP.

In the last few weeks we have received over $300 worth of PE gear and some free Games from Modern Teaching Aids due to the great response from Parents in buying from the Toy catalogues at the end of the year. Thanks to Julie for co-ordinating the fundraiser. We are having lots of fun with all the new gear.

**Occasional Care**

Please take note of the new times for OC

Thursday Session 1 8:45 – 11:30

Session 2 12noon – 2:45

Please also be aware that Michelle and Belinda need to have the 30min break for lunch. To assist in this process we are asking you to use the beginning 10min of the session to drop your child off and collect within the last 10min of the session. This also allows time for quick discussions if necessary. If you happen to be early please remain with your child until the staff are available. At each session you do need to sign in and have contact with Michelle or Belinda so they know your child is in their care.. Thankyou for your help.

At the end of last year Michelle sent out a survey to OC parents asking for feedback. Thanks to all who returned them and it seems everyone is reasonably happy with how things are going. However a few parents were seeking more feedback about their child or a time to discuss any issues as they arise. Both Michelle and Belinda are very happy to arrange a time for discussions after their sessions on a Thursday. Please do not hesitate to make an appointment if needed.

**Kindy Tops and Hats for Sale**

We have various coloured Kindy tops [$20] and pink or navy hats [$10] for sale. Please come in and ask the staff to show you.

Don’t forget to keep collecting those bottles and Cans to donate to the Kindy.
Healthy Foods
Thankyou to all who are sending great fruit and healthy food for your child. The attached sheet for your information was from the Advertiser a few weeks ago and it is hoped it may help with some ideas.

Reminder: Please send a hat everyday

Early Years Framework
Included in this Newsletter are the 5 outcomes of learning which forms the Framework that all preschools use in planning their program. We hope this information is useful and helps in understanding some of the things we do. There is also a copy of the planned activities for the term which includes the topic of Water.

Its Talking Time at Kindy
We are trialling some new ideas to help with developing oral language skills at the Kindy We need each child to talk about the topic with family so they can tell us their stories at Kindy. To help us we just need a few prompts so we can encourage your child to give more details. Please return sheet when completed.

NQS
Even though we have not confirmed the dates we are expecting the Assessment team March 5th – 7th.

Regards,
Jane, Kali, Michelle and Belinda