**Diary Dates**

9th September  Southern Yorke Partnership Meeting For Jane at Minlaton

11th September  Pupil Free Day All staff attending workshop at Ardrossan with Mike Armitage [ Catering by us for morning tea and lunch]

25th September  Last day of Term Early finish at 1:45.

24th October Southern Yorke Partnership Meeting [Jane]

4th November Gym Jams

19th November Southern Yorke Partnership Meeting [Jane]

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Hello everyone. I would like to thank my staff again for doing a wonderful job in my absence. I had a wonderful time in Tasmania it is a lovely spot to see. Thankyou to Kim Black who took my place and Pam Jarrett who filled in for Kim.

**Mark Armitage Conference on our Pupil Free Day 11th Sept**

Wow! The GC and Fundraising Committee will now be catering for 120 people for this conference at the Oval. Thankyou to those who have volunteered to donte and help. It should be a great day for staff and their professional learning too!!!

**Amazing Literacy Race**

We had a lovely day at the school joining in with The Amazing Literacy race. The children were excellent and involved and really enjoyed the activities. It finished off with an excellent BBQ put on by the P and F. Thankyou to Olivia Colliver for helping us on the day too.

**Photo Day**

The photographer was very happy with all the photos on Wednesday and everyone was able to be in the Kindy photo. These photos will be delivered in a few weeks for viewing and if you like them money is to be collected before purchasing. We will let you know when they come available for viewing.

**Surveys**

This is the very last chance to fill out the surveys for DECDs and give to me or go online. Please fill out and return to me by Monday

**What have we been doing?**

We have been

- Cooking quiches and muffins
- Amazing Literacy race
- An art afternoon doing bubble and marble painting
• Library visits [Please return any overdue books next week.]
• Shape exploration
• Small Group activities with a focus on Maths and Literacy
• Science experiments
• Creating a worm farm and painting bins for recycling
• Maths games on the smartboard.
• Gym Jams
• Wipe Out waste performance

Thankyou to
• Olivia for helping out at the Literacy race
• The Lawrie family for donating an old sink
• Everyone who has kindly volunteered to donate or help at the conference next week.

Some Reminders
• Please return Assessment books and Journals ASAP
• Surveys completed online or returned by Monday 8th Sept

Eligible Children for Kindy 2015
If your child will be turning 4 before April 30th 2015 they will be able to enrol in Kindy for next year. To help develop a Pre-entry Program I would like to have all children enrolled before the end of term. Please ask for enrolment forms ASAP to complete and return. Please note that all OC children will need to have a new enrolment form. If you know others in the community who would like to enrol please ask them to come to the Kindy to pick up the forms. We are excited about meeting the new group for next year.

DECD Strategic Plan 2014 -2017
Newsletter article for schools and preschools

New plan to guide our preschools
Helping young South Australians to achieve their best and to be healthy and safe are the priorities of our department’s new strategic plan.

The Department for Education and Child Development’s Strategic Plan 2014-2017 outlines how we will make our public education system even stronger over the next four years.

The plan identifies six priority areas that seek to improve learning achievement, health and wellbeing, child safety, community engagement and timely access to services.

Our Chief Executive Tony Harrison says: “Our immediate priority is to lift the standard of service provided within our organisation and to the community.

“We will strive for excellence, to earn trust, to build and strengthen relationships – especially with children and young people, their parents, carers and the community.

“We will involve communities in decisions that affect them. Above all, we will listen,” Mr Harrison says.

Our preschool looks forward to working with you as we bring this new plan to life.

For more information, visit www.decd.sa.gov.au/strategicplan.
The School Dental Service is a Child Dental Benefits Schedule provider. All babies, children and young people under 18 years are welcome to attend.

Dental care is FREE for most children. Children who do not qualify for the Child Dental Benefits Schedule can also attend – a small fee will apply for each course of general dental care provided.

All dental care provided is FREE for preschool children.

To locate your local School Dental Clinic, or for more information about the Child Dental Benefits Schedule, visit www.sadental.sa.gov.au

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**Survey**

University Of WA would like parents to help with a survey which has been given approval by DECDs. Please see Jane if you would like more information or ring number below.

Remember when you believed in anything and everything?

Researchers from the University of Western Australia are investigating children’s ability to detect and avoid potentially harmful social interactions. We are looking to see how this develops in children, and when children outgrow this vulnerability.

We are looking for parents of Preschool/Kindergarten children across Australia to complete an online survey (15 – 20 minutes). Participants will go into a draw to win one of 10 $50 gift certificates to Coles/Myers. To participate go to:

http://tinyurl.com/childsqvq4

Or for more information please contact Rebecca Seward at (08) 6488 4652

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Regards,

Jane, Kim, Kali, Wendy, Kristin and Belinda.