



Flagstaff Oval Kindergarten Update

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I found this snippet in my diary and wanted to share it with you. Often parents worry about what their child is doing at kindy and if they will be safe. This article highlights the importance of giving children the freedom within boundaries to explore and challenge themselves across all areas of development including socially, in order to become aware of their own skills and abilities through a realistic framework. "One of our jobs as adults is to let children attempt to do more on their own. We let them fail and we bolster them by encouraging them to try again. We model language that is supportive that lets children know it is okay to fail, and that it is important to try again. 'How might it work next time?' 'What might we have to look out for?' The trick is to watch the child, know when a child can succeed with a bit of extra effort and let them have a go, or when what they are trying is too hard and that they are likely to give up and need a bit of extra help or guidance." Early Childhood Australia.

Learning stories. As the term progresses, you will receive reflections on learning and learning stories in your child's pocket from time to time. At the back of them will be a feedback sheet for you to fill out with your child after you have read the story together. Please return the feedback sheet to the basket provided on the kitchen bench and keep the copy of the learning story. We will place a coloured copy of the story in your child's folder along with the returned feedback sheet after we have used it to support our ongoing programming.

Family Stories. If you haven't yet done one for your child can you please do one ASAP as the children are enjoying sharing their own stories. Staff will be doing their own soon also.

Toilet paper and tissues. Each term we ask families to donate toilet paper and tissues to keep us going. This cuts some of the operational costs and allows for more money to be spent on the children. We appreciate any donations of these items.

Immunisations. You will find in your pockets a letter from DECD about the policy for immunisations across all education centres. The new directive asks that staff are made aware of every child's immunisation status for our records. Staff will then be asked to exclude children who are not immunised if a preventable disease is present at the site. Therefore we are asking that every child brings in their immunisation record for their confidential file before the end of this term. For further information please go to the website www.decd.sa.gov.a

Entrance during kindy sessions. Please note that we lock the gates after exercises in the morning and Unlock them prior to the end of the day. If you come to kindy and the gate is locked please ring the bell on the front door and a staff member will help you.

Essentials4women is an organisation that we support every year. It is specially designed for homeless women of who many not have access to sanitary products. Each year we ask families to kindly donate items into the designated bin by the whiteboard and each term they are collected and donated to a specific centre to support women in need.

We need: Boxes for construction, strawberries and other seedlings for out garden. Tissues and toilet paper.

Warmest Regards:

Meegan, Sue, Kerry, Ruth, Rosalie, Krysten, Monica, Sue L, Toni and Pamela.

Issues or concerns.

Please make sure that if you have any concerns or issues arise that you make a time to chat with myself or a member of staff. We are here to help your child to be the best they can be and to do that we need to work together.

No Nuts !

We have children that are allergic.

Diary Dates:

Parent afternoon tea: Tue 21st/Wed 22nd
Feb at 3.30pm all welcome.

Flagstaff Hill R-7 visit: Tue 21st Feb

CAFHS Checks: Wed 22nd March