End of Year Concert

The traditional end of year concert is a great event—children entertain their families with the songs learned through the year. We thank everyone who has helped make 2012 a success and celebrate a year of learning and care.

This year it will be held on Wednesday the 12th December, at 6.30 here at the kindergarten. Bring Your Own chair and camera.

Children present their families with a gift and we all enjoy an ice-block treat. Don’t miss it!

Hot Weather and Sun Policy

Part of the recent closure day was used to create a policy which would give guidance to staff and families when considering how to assist children to be safe in summer weather conditions. It built on the previous sunsafe policy and includes further clarification for application of sunscreen and includes a 35 degree limit on outdoor play. To read the policy go to www.poorakakgn.sa.edu.au. Or read it on our noticeboard.

Well Done to all the families who attended the Child and Youth health screenings last week.

If you are concerned about your child’s development you can contact Child and Youth health for a clinic where you can make an appointment. 1300733606

Basketball for 3-8 year olds. Check out the invitation from Get Active Sports Mawson Lakes.

On the noticeboard.
Last Day of Term

The last kindy day of term is **Thursday the 13th December**

We would like to clear the kindergarten building of furniture on Friday the 14th to make way for new floor coverings. If your child attends on this Friday morning would you please swap this session for another of your choosing in the next few weeks.

We do not want to inconvenience anyone and hope that this swap will be suitable to everyone concerned. Please talk to Allyson or Rachel to work out an alternative session.

Thanks

What does learning look like at kindy?

**Rhyming**—one of the milestones for literacy success is the ability to recognize (hear) a rhyming speech sound. You can help at home by reading stories out loud because many children's books include rhyming words at the end of sentences. Most songs and poems will rhyme too. If you like playing games, try making up rapping rhymes for fun.... “If you want me to rhyme then give me some time”. Taylor Swift songs rhyme if you’re not up to it yourself.

**Following Instructions and Responding to Questions**— Toddlers have learned to follow simple instructions and questions such as “give it to mum” or “what’s that?”. By the time your child started kindergarten they had acquired sophisticated language skills. Following 4 part instructions is a target for starting school—it sounds like this “Please get the red car and put it in the biggest box” (actually this is 5). Complex questions at age 4/5 level require an answer which may involve abstract ideas or predicted events.

Both these items are measured and taught by teachers at Pooraka kindy. The results are in your child’s folder.

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**Tommy the Tortoise has a holiday too!**

Tommy the tortoise has a ‘go anywhere’ aquarium which means he can stay at your place for the holidays. Your family can enjoy an unusual pet without the responsibility of a lifetime commitment. (Tortoises live a long time !)

Talk to a staff member if you are interested in learning more about having Tommy at your house for the holidays.