Tell Your Friends and Neighbours !

Next year there will be a change to the way children start kindergarten.

If your child’s birthday is before the 1st May, then they may start pre-school at the beginning of the year.

If their birthday is after May 1st they will have to wait until the following year and start kindergarten in January.

Children will still receive one year of kindergarten before starting school. This new arrangement will make all Australian schools and preschools the same.

For more information, see the noticeboard inside for a Fact Sheet.

Working Bee

There is a waiting list for enrolments at this kindergarten.

We anticipate a great number of children starting at the beginning of 2013. If you have a child starting next year or you know someone who does, please make a preliminary enrolment and get your place on the waiting list.

All the preschools in the northern area region have agreed on a priority of access policy. Local families do have priority over others and when the preschools are full, a set of criteria come into effect to prioritise who gets in first.

It is great that so many families want to use kindergartens, we’ll do our best to deliver it.

Learning Assessments at Home…..

The staff have been talking about what assessment looks like for kindergarten kids.

When children start kindy we check to see if children have an understanding of basic concepts and specific skills such as naming colours. This is no longer appropriate when we think about the new national curriculum which does not require these skills/concepts be taught.

We think parents can be our partners in collecting this knowledge data. On the back of this newsletter is an easy checklist, work with your child if your child started kindergarten this term.

Hot Tips

- Syllables are hot items at the moment. Identifying the small parts of words is a first skill in language learning.

One syllable = fish

Two syllables = ze/bra

Three Syllables = um/bre/la

Four syllables = hel/i/cop/ter

Five syllables = Allyson has a prize for the first person to deliver a five syllable word suitable for use in preschool.

- Irish Dancing! See the noticeboard for an invitation to classes.

- There is a new dental clinic at Modbury. See the noticeboard for details.

- Enrol at School NOW!

- Book the working bee into your calendar. Sunday the 1st April, 9—11 am.

- Check the addresses and phone numbers on the slip attached. Recently we have found phone numbers which don’t work. It is important we can contact your in an emergency.

- Public Holiday Monday 12th March. Lunch care families were charged for this day (sorry) - we can organize a credit or a refund. Talk to Allyson if you use Monday lunch care.
Yes, my child started kindergarten in January of 2012. My child's name is

When you ask your child to name these colours, write what they say.

Say to your child
“Tell me about these things?”
Note what they say.

Ask your child
“What are the names of these shapes?”

Ask your child
“Touch each dot and count them”
Write what your child says.

Give your child a pen and ask them to write their name or some letters they know.

Maybe your child is already reading letters and knows the sounds of letters. Check off the ones they can name and sound e.g. “That one is en” and it sounds like nnnn”.

Check if your child can answer these questions....
Q: Where is Mum?
Q: What is a spoon used for?
Q: Show me something that's not a toy?
Q: What if the sun stopped shining?