Six Things You Need To Know

One
The new National Standards mean that all preschool services across Australia will be offering the same high levels of service and teaching. This important step means we need to stop and look at our work, plan changes and work to make them happen.

In order for this to happen we are planning a staff workshop on Monday the 21st May. This day will be a pupil free day and no children will attend.

If your child usually has lunch care on this day you will not be charged.

Two
The new National Standards have seen a change to school start dates too. If your child turns 5 on or before April 30th 2014, they will start school in the January of 2014. Please enroll at school now, do not risk missing out on the school of your choice.

If you know friends, neighbours or family members who turn 4 on or before April 30th 2013, urge them to enroll at preschool now. They can start in January of 2013. Our local catchment policy gives priority to local families over families from out of the area.

Three
As the weather cools and Autumn races towards Winter we will make the most of our outdoor learning area. No burning sun to avoid means we can set up challenging and fun outdoor play and learning. Last term the children really enjoyed the circuit made from blue bubble plastic, stepping stones, tunnels, ladders, hopscotch and rockers. We can extend this physical skill development with the big foam climbing pieces.

Can your child hop, skip, balance on a thin log, swing themselves, jump with two legs together?

Big muscle co-ordination helps small muscle development necessary for tasks such as holding a pencil, tying shoelaces.

Four
This term it is not required that your child wear a hat. Of course children may wear one if you like. Our sunsmart policy supports protection from harmful UV rays and moderate absorption of natural sunlight/vitamin D.

Five
Fees can be paid by cash or cheque in the yellow envelopes and put in the locked letterbox inside the main doors. An internet transfer to BSB 105-137 Account Number 513207740. See Allyson for any other arrangement.

Six
Tell us about your child! Did they say something clever or funny in the holidays. Did they learn a new skill or see something new. We can use this information when planning activities.

Children will not remember you for the material things you gave them but for the feeling of being cherished.

On the Noticeboard:
Irish Dancing lessons
Dental Clinic at Modbury
Governing Council Agenda
Director’s Report
Food at Kindergarten Policy
Daily Timetable
Syllables, why do we teach
Thank you Maddison!

Welcome Back to Term 2 2012
Pooraka Community Kindergarten

Monday 23rd April 2012
This preschool is committed to continuous improvement. If you would like to make a suggestion or complaint we are interested in hearing from you.

Children and young people are at the centre of everything we do.

If you are new to Pooraka Kindy you will be learning something new each day about how we teach young children and why we run the service the way we do.

If you are wanting more information, you can
- ask a staff member to explain
- approach a governing council member (who is also a parent of a child attending this service)
- go to our website to read the parent information book
- ask a parent at drop off or pick up time, they were all new once and know how it feels.

We want your child's year with us to be successful and the best way to ensure this is to communicate with each other. Say hello, tell us your news.

We keep ventolin in our asthma first aid kit. We can only administer this in an emergency when an unexpected asthma attack occurs. The survey given out with this newsletter to new families includes a section of permissions to be ticked ☑️ or ☐️. In the event of an asthma emergency do you give your consent for ventolin to be given.

If you are not sure if you have given your consent in the past, just ask a staff member.

What will my child be learning this term?

The Early Years Learning Framework is a curriculum document created for use across Australia, in multiple early childhood services.

Here at Pooraka Kindy we are familiar with using a curriculum guide. This new one has an emphasis on play based learning with relationships at the front of any learning.

We are confident that our practices are soundly based in play. Children may select according to their interests (we work hard to make sure there's something for everyone), they can work with teachers or children or by themselves. Children can work at tables, on the floor, both inside and outside. Each activity will ask children to explore, listen and communicate, invent and make mistakes.

We use routines to let children feel comfortable and know what's coming next. We use healthy snacks and water to ensure growing brains get nourished.

We use support and challenges to build self esteem, confidence and risk taking. All learning needs a little risk taking because if you don't step outside your comfort zones you'll never do anything new.

We need your help to achieve this kind of deep interaction with the equipment and staff—we need children to attend every day.

Good habits of attendance will bring rewards in learning.

If your child is unwell, please give a phone call to staff. We know you'll return when your child is well enough to begin learning again. If you just can't make it because your family life is complicated, we understand. Talk to us about changing sessions if your schedule is not working.

Have you looked in your child's folder lately?