Welcome Back to Kindy and Hello New Friends

Spot the Differences?

You will have noticed by now the changes at the entrance. It looks ok but the real difference is the safety of children. Now the front yard acts like a slow point, children will not be able to slip through accidentally. It also makes it easier for staff to supervise children at play and to know when visitors are entering the kindergarten yard.

Tell your child about other ways adults help keep them safe.

If your child tries to stand on the gate bottom rung—please ask them to get off!!

Another wonderful addition to our facilities is the interactive television which replaces the interactive whiteboard.

This excellent tool is easier for children to use and gives a much improved picture quality. Hop on and have a turn with your child. For some children just learning how to touch, drag and drop and navigate around a page will be enough; for others the interactive website www.poissonrouge and www.starfall are fabulous free sites to explore. Try them at home too.

But that’s not all….Stay tuned for an exciting event to celebrate the successes of this year’s learning and facilities improvements, with a new look. DECD marketing have helped us create a new logo to use on our street sign and letterheads. It is all part of continuous improvement to be the kindergarten of choice for our local families.

Don’t forget the end of year family event which is usually held in the last week of term. After we negotiate with local schools and centres we will choose the best day and let you know. This is always a beautiful family evening where your children are the stars!!

Hot tips for this term

- **Children must wear hats this term when playing outdoors.**
- **Hats are easily misplaced**—use texta to write your child’s name on the inside.
- **Our sun policy/hot weather policy** is on the noticeboard for you to read, or go to our website for the policy fact sheet.

Continuous Improvement—Staff Training Day

We have planned for a staff training day when the kindergarten will not be open for children.

The kindergarten will be closed on Friday the 9th of November. This day was chosen to minimize any disruption to families.

Thank you for your support as we continue to improve our service and facilities to create excellent learning opportunities for your child.

The national quality framework has helped us review our work and we use these closure days to implement the changes we need.


Take home the brochure in your notice pocket and read further about this work.

“The South Australian Government has identified early childhood as one of its seven key areas for action, with a commitment to every chance for every child.”

For your child.
Once again I would like to remind everyone that regular attendance is what we like to see. Missing kindergarten is bad for kids because it interrupts making relationships with children and teachers. Missing kindergarten sends a message that kindy is not important. Missing kindergarten sets up bad habits which are hard to break when starting school.

If you need to attend appointments during kindy time, talk to Allyson and see if a swap can be made. Try booking a lunch session as well as your regular session to increase your time available to attend appointments on your own. We want to help!

"Better late than never"

**Come to Kindy Everyday!**

**Numeracy**

We’ve got a terrific book to give away, Early childhood literacy and numeracy: Building good practice. If you would like to learn more about what mathematics learning looks like for children this is your book. The easy to read information comes with ideas cards for you to use at home.

Learning always starts at home!

**Borrow from the parent section of the library—a book called “Mathemagicians”. You’ll be amazed at the cool things in mathematics.**

**Literacy**

At home and at kindy, children are introduced to signs and print. Children learn they can get information by asking questions or reading books. Talking is a way of telling others what we are feeling or thinking.

Early childhood is a time of immense literacy learning. Use the literacy activity cards to reflect on how much you teach your child when you talk together.

If you haven’t got a library bag, ask one of the teachers to help you get started on borrowing library books. Reading together is one of the easiest and most effective way to develop strong literacy skills such as how to turn a page or which is the front of a book. This sounds so simple but this is where literacy starts.

Learning starts at home!
Inside Story Headline

This story can fit 150-200 words.

One benefit of using your newsletter as a promotional tool is that you can reuse content from other marketing materials, such as press releases, market studies, and reports.

While your main goal of distributing a newsletter might be to sell your product or service, the key to a successful newsletter is making it useful to your readers.

A great way to add useful content to your newsletter is to develop and write your own articles, or include a calendar of upcoming events or a special offer that promotes a new product.

You can also research articles or find “filler” articles by accessing the World Wide Web. You can write about a variety of topics but try to keep your articles short.

Much of the content you put in your newsletter can also be used for your Web site. Microsoft Publisher offers a simple way to convert your newsletter to a Web publication. So, when you’re finished writing your newsletter, convert it to a Web site and post it.

Inside Story Headline

This story can fit 100-150 words.

If the newsletter is distributed internally, you might comment upon new procedures or improvements to the business. Sales figures or earnings will show how your business is growing.

Some newsletters include a column that is updated every issue, for instance, an advice column, a book review, a letter from the president, or an editorial. You can also profile new employees or top customers or vendors.

Inside Story Headline

This story can fit 75-125 words.

Selecting pictures or graphics is an important part of adding content to your newsletter.

Think about your article and ask yourself if the picture supports or enhances the message you’re trying to convey. Avoid selecting images that appear to be out of context.

Microsoft Publisher includes thousands of clip art images from which you can choose and import into your newsletter. There are also several tools you can use to draw shapes and symbols.

Once you have chosen an image, place it close to the article. Be sure to place the caption of the image near the image.

Caption describing picture or graphic.
Back Page Story Headline

This story can fit 175-225 words.

If your newsletter is folded and mailed, this story will appear on the back. So, it’s a good idea to make it easy to read at a glance.

A question and answer session is a good way to quickly capture the attention of readers. You can either compile questions that you’ve received since the last edition or you can summarize some generic questions that are frequently asked about your organization.

A listing of names and titles of managers in your organization is a good way to give your newsletter a personal touch. If your organization is small, you may want to list the names of all employees.

If you have any prices of standard products or services, you can include a listing of those here. You may want to refer your readers to any other forms of communication that you’ve created for your organization.

You can also use this space to remind readers to mark their calendars for a regular event, such as a breakfast meeting for vendors every third Tuesday of the month, or a biannual charity auction.

If space is available, this is a good place to insert a clip art image or some other graphic.