



**Dates to remember ~**

- **Annual General Meeting**  
Tuesday, February 23<sup>rd</sup> at 7pm
- **Good Friday** – March 25th
- **Easter Monday** – March 28th
- **End of Term** – April 15<sup>th</sup>
- **Term 2 commences** – May 2nd



Can you help us?

We are looking for helpers to support us with maintaining the grounds. There will be a Grounds Sub-Committee on our Governing Council.

Please see one of the staff if you are able to help!

# NEWSLETTER #1

## Term 1, 2017

Here we are back to start a new exciting year. We hope everyone had a safe and relaxing holiday. This year we have 51 Full Time children. Welcome to all our children and families.

Angaston Kindergarten is one of the Education Department services in the Barossa Partnership. Our focus this year is to develop **Powerful Learners in Numeracy**.

“Powerful learners are curious discoverers and experimenters who apply and expand their learning to new situations. They make meaning across, between and within their previous and new experiences. They believe that they can learn new things and continually build their confidence in their learning capabilities. They are willing and excited about new situations and new learning, even if solutions are not immediately evident”

**ANGASTON KINDERGARTEN** is involved in the **CHILDREN'S COMMUNITY GARDEN PROJECT** with the Angaston Primary School and community members

Please see Cathy if you are able to help. We welcome any workers, donations of bales of hay, rocks, gardeners and enthusiasm! It is important for the area to be prepared before the planting season.



\*We would like to acknowledge that Angaston Kindergarten is located on the traditional lands of the Peramangk people\*

Please remember our starting times are-

**Full Days from Mon -Thurs: 9am - 3:00pm**

**Morning Session ~ Mon -Thurs: 9am - 12**

Duty of care for staff begins at 9am when the doors open so please **do not leave your child unattended in the yard** prior to this. Please ensure that you have a **back up plan such as a friend or family member who can pick up your child at 3:00pm if you have inadvertently been held up elsewhere.**



**All children must be signed in and out by an adult each day they attend kindly.**

**REMINDERS**

- ☆ Pick up and drop off times are very busy out on the street. Whilst we understand there is limited parking, please ensure that you **are considerate of others.**
- ☆ Kindy children will only be released into the care of **an adult** at the end of the day. Please respect the children's learning time by entering quietly to collect your child.
- ☆ Please enter name and phone number on sign in sheet if your child is to be pick up by someone different. This avoids confusion at the end of the day.
- ☆ Phone calls: Parents have asked when it is best to ring to pass on messages to staff. Where possible, we would appreciate if you are able to ring prior to 9am before the doors open and prior to pick up time at 3:00pm. We do understand that there are times you cannot avoid ringing at other times and we will do our best to return your call if we miss it.
- ☆ Please put your **child's name** on their lunch container, drink bottle and any other items/clothes.
- ☆ As our kindy days are longer it would be a good idea to pack some extra fruit in your child's lunchbox. We remind children to have fruit and drinks during the morning session. Staff will remind children if they are hungry to sit and eat a piece of fruit in the afternoon.
- ☆ **Nut Awareness Policy** – Please do not bring in any items with nut in them, we will place these into your child's notice pocket to be taken home. Some packaged items have a warning on them –This product may contain nuts- We ask that you avoid bringing in any item wit this warning. Thank you.]
- ☆ We would appreciate **FEES** being paid within the first 4 weeks of each Term. \$ 120.00. This money is used to cover materials, equipment used by the children as well as ongoing costs – phone, cleaners, rubbish, electricity, water rates and so on.
- ☆ We need your help ~ due to the number of children we are finding it difficult to fit their lunches into the fridge - we ask that their food be sent in a named plastic container rather than lunch bags.

Reporting on your child's progress this Term ~

We will be sharing their Individual Learning Plan based on the information you provided in the enrolment package regarding their strengths, areas to develop, interests and our observations so far. You will also receive a report on your child's progress based on the 5 learning outcomes in the Early Years Learning Framework – our curriculum. **Please return this signed to staff member.** In Term 2 we will organize to meet with you to discuss your child's progress ~ share expectations.

The weather is heating up, therefore, all children will be required to wear their kindergarten hat whilst playing outside. **Please remember to place sunscreen on your child on the mornings they attend kindergarten.** Sunscreen is available at the kindergarten if you forget.

The sun-smart policy recommends that children wear tops with sleeves on them. **Please avoid sending your child in shoestring tops and dresses or tank tops.** Staff will change them into a kindy shirt to protect their sensitive skin.

We often provide lots of water play activities on hot days.

Please pack spare clothes with your child's name on so your child can change if they get too wet.



### **A BIG THANK YOU**

- *Kristen for helping the children select Library Books and organizing resources in 2016. We always appreciate helpers. There are many ways you can contribute ~ tidying after session, dishes, wiping tables, taking washing, sharing skills,...*

### **Our Care for Kindy outlines Other ways to help ~**

- Governing Council member
- Gardening ~ helping tidy, trim, weed, planting...
- Fundraisers to fund improvements to the learning environment and equipment
- Tidying Kindy inside or outside
- Donations ~ For making table

Parents and guardians who volunteer at our preschool service to support their child's learning no longer require a relevant history screening if they attend when their child is present.

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# **Annual General Meeting**

Wednesday ~ February 22nd at 7pm at the Kindy

Each year we encourage our families to become involved in the Kindy to help us provide a quality learning program for your children. There are many ways you can be involved in the Kindy – one way is to become a member of our Governing Council. The council meets twice a term in the evening to support the improvement of grounds, fundraising to purchase equipment and materials for the children, helping with decisions and ensuring the financial viability of the Kindy. We would really appreciate your support aiming to have 13 members with some dads as this provides a fathers perspective!

The Council membership – Chairperson, Vice Chairperson, Treasurer, Secretary, Fundraising coordinator, Grounds sub-committee coordinator and general members, the Director and staff. Hope to see you there. Please **RETURN SLIP BELOW** to let us know if you are able to come to the ~

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Name	Nominating to be on the Governing Council ~ 2017