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Dates to remember ~

Annual General Meeting

Wednesday, February 21st

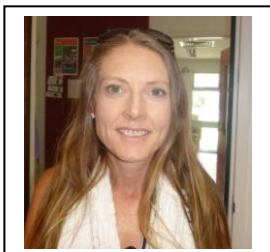
We need parents to help – opportunity to share your ideas and help make improvements for your children! More information will be available soon at sign in area.

February 16th -Chinses New Year

February 24th – Angaston Show

- **Good Friday** – March 30th
- **Easter Monday** – April 2nd
- **End of Term** – April 13th
- **Term 2 commences** – April 30th

Welcome to our new staff member Kin Watters.



Helpers welcome!

- Library Book lending for children
- Sharing skills, knowledge. Etc..
- We would love for you to share your occupation – especially numeracy based

NEWSLETTER #1

Term 1, 2018

Here we are back to start a new exciting year. We hope everyone had a safe and relaxing holiday. This year we have 49 Full Time children. Welcome to all our children and families.

Staffing for 2018 - We welcome

Sherryl Whitehead back .5 teacher,

Anna Clarke our Early Childhood worker .5

Sarah Walker Early Childhood worker .4

Robyn Knights Early Childhood worker .1 and support worker

Our new member ~ Kin Watters who will be our .5 teacher for terms 1 & 2 while Sabina Frahn is on Long Service Leave

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 has a number of garden projects we would love your help with if you are a keen gardener. We have started clearing the front garden ~ sorry it looks a sight at the moment but the grasses that were there created a concern with snakes. There are also spaces in the back we are improving for your children.



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

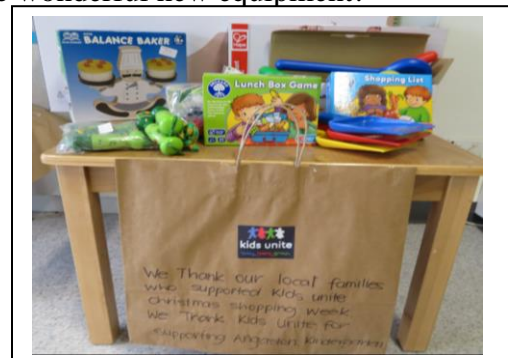
- ☆ Pick up and drop off times are very busy out on the street. Whilst we understand there is limited parking, please ensure that you **are considerate of others.**
- ☆ Kindy children will only be released into the care of **an adult** at the end of the day. Please respect the children's learning time 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 3 weeks of each Term. \$ 125.00. 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 ~ Lunch time at the end of the morning session is VERY BUSY. Ewe do not want to miss out catching up with you but would appreciate either the start of the day, the end of the day or you are welcome to give us a call to organize a time to chat. Thank you from all the staff!

THANK YOU!!!

Bubs N Up ~ Kids Unite for supporting our Kindy with vouchers.

We have some wonderful new equipment!

We are very grateful to Tom Feist for the wonderful work out the back of the centre extending our yard!



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 reapplied at lunch time if UV Level is 3 or more. URGENT – Please supply named sunscreen if your child is unable to use ours. 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

- *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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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 ~ 2018