

Angaston Kindergarten Newsletter

Term 3 Week 2 – 1st August 2023

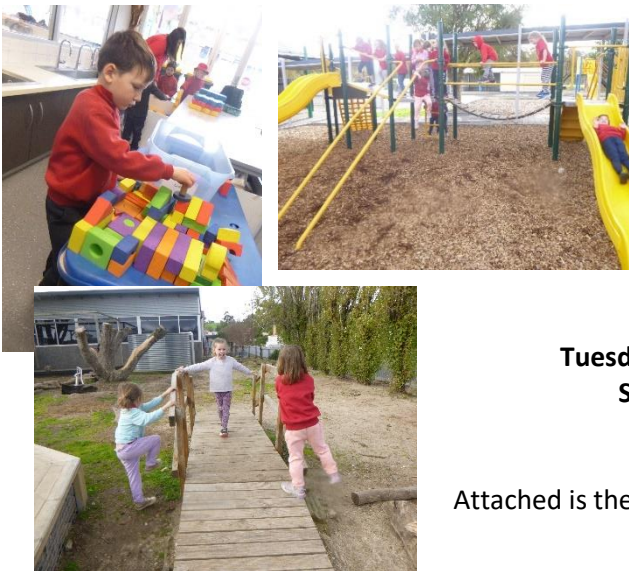
Welcome to Term 3

We would like to say a very big welcome to our mid-year intake children and families. This has been a new process and experience for all of us. We thank you for your patience and support during this transition period and look forward to a great term of learning in Term 3.

I am also pleased to let you know that along with the increased numbers of children we are now lucky enough to have the following increases in staffing:

Fiona - Wednesday & Thursday, *Wendy* - Monday to Friday, *Tracy* - Monday, *Amy* - Tuesday & Wednesday.

We are all very excited for another wonderful term of learning at Angaston Kindergarten.



Important Dates

Term 3 Wednesdays –

Blue Group: 26th July, 9th Aug, 23rd Aug, 6th Sept, 20th Sept

Red Group: 2nd Aug, 16th Aug, 30th Aug, 13th Sept, 27th Sept

Monday 7th Aug – Informal visits with Angaston Primary begin

Thursday 10th Aug - Scholastic Book Club orders due.

Friday 11th Aug – Picture plate orders due.

Thursday 17th Aug – CaFHS 4yr Health Checks

Tuesday 22nd Aug and 19th Sept – Governing Council Meetings 6.30pm

Saturday 16th September: Braossa Farmer's Market Breakfast Bar

Monday 4th Sept: Kindy Pupil Free Day NO KINDY

Friday 29th Sept: Last Day of Term

Attached is the calendar detailing these important dates, and more, just in case you missed the last one.

No hat no play

As per the centre Sun Protection Policy Term 3 is a “no hat no play” term. Please make sure that your child brings a labelled bucket or broad rim hat to kindy every day. Sunscreen will be applied at lunch time on days when the UV is over 3. If you have found any of the kindy spare hats at home, we would love to get them back for children who accidentally forget to bring their hats on their day.



Book Week

Book week (21st-25th Aug) is always a favourite part of term 3 for everyone. This year the blue group will be involved in a book week story sharing with the Reception class, while the red group will be involved in the book week parade at the school. This is a great opportunity for the children to get involved and dress up in their favourite character, author or costume. More information will come out soon but if your child would like to dress up it's a great idea to start thinking early.

Friendly Reminders

- Please remember to label your child's clothes, drink bottle, lunch box etc.
- With the wet weather still coming and going please pack spare clothes and gumboots

Curriculum Learning

Throughout term 2 some children have been exploring different artists, their painting styles, and the influences of their creative works. It has been wonderful to see the children engaging as artists and creating their own interpretations of Van Gogh and now Wassily Kandinsky.



With continued high interest in bugs, dinosaurs and animals the children have been curiously deepening their understanding of how to care for and look after living things. From the sharing of animals observed at the zoo, exploring a variety of small world plays and caring for our centre stick insects, the children's knowledge and curiosity has continued to grow. They are asking questions, using iPads to research answers, and finding joy in sharing their discoveries with their peers. Please see attached copy of our latest Statement of Intent that will guide our program for Term 3.



As part of our Child Protection Curriculum we have been exploring 'The right to be safe' and 'Relationships' including feelings, being safe, warning signs, identity and family and trust networks. We are now moving into the areas of 'Recognising and reporting abuse' and 'Protective strategies'. Within these areas, we will begin to explicitly teach privacy and the body, touching, recognising abuse, secrets and strategies for keeping safe. Below is a description of the content as taken from the Child Protection Curriculum. Also attached is a Keeping Safe parent and carer fact sheet to support you in empowering your children to protect themselves and keep themselves safe.



Focus Area 3: Recognising and reporting abuse

Topics: Privacy and the body; Touching; Recognising abuse; Secrets

- It is important that children use anatomical names for parts of the body, including sexual body parts, and understand that their whole body is private.
- Children need to understand that they have rights regarding their bodies and that they need to respect the rights of other children not to be touched. They need to be able to recognise the difference between appropriate and inappropriate touching, as well as the concept of necessary but uncomfortable touch. They learn about consent and strategies to tell someone 'no' or 'stop' if they feel unsafe are also explored.
- A range of developmentally appropriate situations are presented to children to help them identify forms of abuse and the difference between accidental and deliberate injury. Children explore a range of people who they may not know, but who may be able to help them if needed.
- Children develop an understanding that while many secrets can be fun and exciting, some secrets are unsafe to keep. The difference between OK and not OK secrets, together with the concept of threats, are explicitly taught so that children can identify unsafe secrets, or secrets they are not sure about, and seek help from a trusted adult.

Focus Area 4: Protective strategies

Topic: Strategies for keeping safe

- Young children are extremely vulnerable so it is important to provide them with strategies to help them keep safe. Children are given the opportunity to practise assertive communication and persistence and are introduced to a range of problem-solving strategies. Emergencies and trusted networks are reviewed from Focus Areas 1 and 2.

Playgroup

Unfortunately due to our mid-year intake we are unable to offer playgroup for the remainder of the 2023 school year. If you would like some information on other children's services and playgroups in Angaston and Barossa surrounds, please have a look on the Angaston Playgroup 2023 Facebook page where I have shared several other programs.

Reporting to families on children's learning.

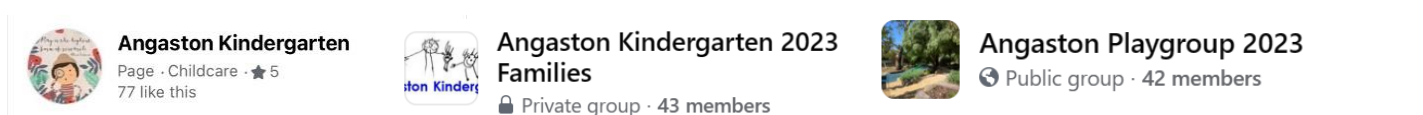
We hope you all enjoyed sharing in your child's learning through our new process of the pedagogical documentation where educators observe and support the learning, analyse the learning and plan for next steps moving forward. This work has been the result of new learning, hard work and dedication from educators who thoroughly enjoyed sharing your child's learning with you in a different way. As part of our Term 3 reporting to families we will once again be working on a piece of pedagogical documentation for each child. Along with this, you will be invited to meet with your child's educator to chat and share your thoughts about your child's learning. Thank you for the feedback provided on the last reporting documentation, if you haven't returned yours already, please do so. We look forward to sharing something similar with you throughout the term.

Child Youth Health 4yr Checks

On Thursday 17th August the CaFHS Nurse will be visiting to conduct 4 year old preschool checks. Due to recent changes in their service delivery most places have been taken by families who had expressed interest and missed out last time, however, if you would like to make an appointment for your child, let me know and I will try to accommodate you or put you on the list for next terms visit. Alternatively, you can also contact CaFHS on 1300 733 606 and they will make a local appointment for you.

Facebook Page

We encourage you to join our Facebook Pages as a way of keeping up-to-date on important information and sharing your children's learning at Kindy.



Monday 4th September 2023 – Pupil Free Day

On Monday 4th September the Centre will be closed for educators to attend a Portfolio training day where educators will engage with the DfE Early Years Leader, DfE Curriculum Lead team and educators from other sites across the Greater Gawler Portfolio to familiarise themselves with the updated Early Years Learning Framework and Curriculum supports. This will be a wonderful opportunity for educators to deepen their understanding, learn new things and network with other educators.

Informal visits to school

During Term 3 we will continue to engage with Angaston Primary School in informal transitions as we support the children to develop their knowledge and confidence engaging in a school context. This terms visits will include a Reception visit, a book week visit, a visit to the German room and playground and a visit to the Reception classes. Please see excursion consent paperwork attached to the email and return asap.

Department for Education Parent App

The first 5 years of a child's life are critical to their health, development, learning and wellbeing. However, they are also a major learning curve for parents too. This is when brain, physical, language, social, emotional, and cognitive development is fastest.

That's why we've created the Early Years SA app. The Department for Education in consultation with Child and Family Health Service (CaFHS), the Department of Human Services, Wellbeing SA, Parenting SA and SA Dental, with resources from organisations such as the Raising Children Network, has launched the app - a go to for trusted information about child health, learning, development and wellbeing from birth to 5 years.

For more information and to download the app please see the email for this link [Early years app \(education.sa.gov.au\)](https://www.education.sa.gov.au/early-years-app)



We are looking forward to another wonderful Term of learning!

2023 Angaston Kindergarten Calendar

Term 3

Week	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
1	24 July	25 July	26 July Blue Group Kindy Day	27 July	28 July
2	31 July	1 August	2 August Red Group Kindy Day	3 August	4 August
3	7 Aug On site Evacuation Receptions visiting 11am	8 Aug	9 Aug Blue Group Kindy Day	10 Aug On site Evacuation	11 Aug Receptions visiting 1.45pm Picture Plate orders due back
4	14 Aug	15 Aug	16 Aug Red Group Kindy Day	17 Aug CaFHS 4yr Checks	18 Aug
5	21 Aug Barossa Library book reading at kindy 11am	22 Aug School Oval – Book sharing 11am Governing Council Meeting 6.30pm	23 Aug Blue Group Kindy Day	24 Aug	25 Aug School Book week Parade 9am Barossa Library book reading at kindy 10.30am
6	28 Aug	29 Aug	30 Aug Red Group Kindy Day German Room and Playground Visit 9.15am DHS Workshop - My Child and Me 6pm-8.30pm	31 Aug	1 Sept
7	4 Sept PUPIL FREE DAY NO KINDY	5 Sept	6 Sept Blue Group Kindy Day German Room and Playground Visit 9.15am DHS Workshop - My Child and Me 6pm-8.30pm	7 Sept	8 Sept
8	11 Sept Off site Evacuation	12 Sept	13 Sept Red Group Kindy Day	14 Sept Off site Evacuation	15 Sept Barossa Farmer's Market Breakfast stall <u>Saturday 16th September</u> 8am-11am
9	18 Sept Visit to Reception Class 11am	19 Sept Governing Council Meeting 6.30pm	20 Sept Blue Group Kindy Day	21 Sept	22 Sept Visit to Reception Class 1.45pm
10	25 Sept	26 Sept	27 Sept Red Group Kindy Day	28 Sept	29 Sept End of Term 3 