**Barmera Kindergarten Newsletter**

**Week 1, Term 1, 2015**

Director: Amy Hunt  
Chairperson: Leanne Rathbone

**From the Director:**  
A big welcome to all our new families, I trust that you all had a wonderful Christmas and New Year and enjoyed time with family.

Starting kindy can be an exciting and daunting time for children and their families if you have any concerns about how your child is settling please do not hesitate to speak to staff, we are all here to support you and your child on this special journey. Information about separation and anxiety can also be found in our parent library which is located on the book shelf opposite the kitchen.

Independence is strongly encouraged at kindergarten, you can help by ensuring food containers, lunch boxes and drink bottles are manageable. Your child is able to take off and put on the shoes and clothes they wear to kindy. Your child carries their own bag and unpacks it in the morning.

**Volunteers:**
Volunteers play a vital role in our kindy program. Some of the ways you may like to volunteer include supporting Governing Council member, cooking, bush kindy, bus driver, if you are interested in helping in any of these roles your time would be greatly appreciated. All volunteers require a criminal history check so if you are keen in be involved please see staff so we can get the process started.

**Children’s belongings:**
Please ensure all your child’s belongings are clearly named and your child’s kindy bag is big enough to fit everything in.  
A reminder what to pack:  
- Hat  
- Water bottle  
- Lunch box – with at least one piece of fresh fruit or vegetable and a healthy lunch  
- Sunscreen  
- Library bag  
- A change of clothes

**Current Staffing Arrangements for Term 1:**
Monday: Amy, Julie, Sally, Angela, Katie  
Tuesday: Amy, Julie, Nadia, Sally, Angela  
Wednesday: Amy, Julie, Sally, Angela, Katie  
Thursday: Amy, Julie, Nadia, Sally, Angela  
Friday: Occasional Care 9-12 Paige, Angela, Katie

**IMPORTANT DATES:**

**Thursday February 12th**  
**Twilight kindy**  
Come along and enjoy some time at kindy with your child. A great way to meet staff and other families at the kindy.

**Monday February 23rd**  
**Pupil Free Day – No Kindy**  
All DECD sites across the Berri Barmera Partnerships will be attending training.

We offer a number of Off-Site programs at Barmera Kindergarten during Terms 1 & 2, the programs are as follows;  
**Tuesday:** WASP (Writing And Sensory Processing) at St Joseph’s Barmera  
**Wednesday:** CAMPING (Co-Ordination And Motor Planning) at Barmera Primary  
**Thursday:** Barmera Library visit for story and activity.

The days these programs are offered will change in Term 3 & 4 so all children have the opportunity to participate. WASP and CAMPING are each 5 week program and incur a $10 fee to cover transport. You will be notified when your child is participating in these programs and required to give permission to travel by mini bus. We walk to the library.