Week 2, Term 1, 2016

Director: Amy Hunt
Chairperson: Erica Dodd

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. What a great first week we had, all the children settled in really well and have quickly begun learning routines and developing friendships.
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 an 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 becoming a Governing Council member, cooking, bush kindy, bus drivers. 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 – including socks and even a spare pair of shoes

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

This year Amy won’t be at kindy on Fridays as she will be working within the Partnership in Literacy, Numeracy Results Plus Role, Julie will backfill Amy’s position. This has resulted in the kindy having another teaching position, this has been filled by Melanie Cant who will be working on Mondays. Melanie joins our team after working at Renmark Kindy and Renmark Junior Primary.

Twilight Kindy
We are seeking expressions of interest to attend a Twilight Kindy session on Thursday February 25th 5:30-6:30. This provides a great opportunity (especially for working parents) to come along and enjoy some time at kindy with your child and meet staff and other families at kindy.
If you are interested in attending please write you name on the Twilight kindy sheet on the whiteboard.

Important Reminder
Have you connected to Konnective?
On the back of this newsletter is information on how to get connected. This will be a very important tool to receive brief messages and keep up-to-date on what is happening at kindy. We encourage both parents and anyone else who regularly picks up your child to join. Remember this is a closed site and members have to be accepted, so please include your child’s name when you first register.
This year we will use this app to inform families of the week that’s been and what our intentions are for the following week. So it’s important to join so you are informed about our learning program.