Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to term 2., with a special welcome to new occasional care children and their families. We have a very busy term ahead with a number of special events planned.

The Bright Futures Early Childhood Health Information session will be held this Wednesday May 6th from 11am -1pm. This service is provided by Mid West health, for families of under 4 year old children, all are welcome to attend. This will run concurrently with occasional care. Please see information later in the newsletter.

We have been delighted with the amount of parent and community involvement at the centre this year. Parents help to make the programs we offer rich and relevant to the children. After next week we will have had every kindergarten family attend a parent interview, we hope these have been helpful and we value your input in planning for your child’s learning. At the end of last term, Jackie Fiebig spent the day cooking Hot Cross Buns, this week Simone Keogh shared her Navy hats for us to play with, supporting our discussions with the children about ANZAC day, next week Jess Rosenzweig will be showing the children the fire truck, and we may even get to have a practice with the fire hose. The Natural resource board have offered to purchase trees and plants for us to plant around our outdoor play area and later in the term local Wirangu Aboriginal members will spend a day with children and families teaching us about their culture.

On June 4th we will honoured with a visit by the Chief Executive officer for DECD, Tony Harrison, together with the Chief Education officer, Jayne Johnston. We hope to plan a busy bee before then.

Wendy

Mya, Jacob, Oliver, Skyla and Isobel, playing “5 Navy hats in the uniform shop”
Welcome to our newest members of the community

Congratulations to Tara and Chad Guelfi on the birth of their daughter “Karri”

And

Congratulations to Kayla and Ben Window on the birth of their daughter “Quincy”

SCHOOL DENTAL SERVICE

All babies, children and young people under 18 years are welcome to attend the School Dental Service. Dental care is FREE for most school-aged children and ALL preschool children.

SA Dental Service participates in the Child Dental Benefits Schedule. A small fee may apply for children who are not eligible for the Child Dental Benefits Schedule.

To locate your local School Dental Clinic, or for more information about the Child Dental Benefits Schedule, please phone 8222 8222 or visit www.sadental.sa.gov.au

NEW RESOURCES

We have recently received some new resources to improve the children’s learning environment, using Xmas catalogue vouchers, and funds raised by families these include;

♦ new fishing rods which the children love to use in the boat.
♦ magnetic letters for children to explore, encouraging them to recognise letters and to form words.
♦ Mirror pebbles which can be used for sorting, stacking and making patterns.
♦ A pilots costume which has been very popular with many playing pilots in the home corner.
♦ New pieces for the mobile set, with the children making some amazing constructions this week.

GOVERNING COUNCIL MEETING

The next governing council meeting is to be held on Monday May 11th
The meeting will start early at 6.30pm so that we can complete the RAN (responding to abuse and neglect) training first. This will take approximately 1 hour. If anyone else would like to attend this RAN training for volunteers they are welcome.

All Welcome.

An enormous thankyou to the parents & community for their contribution with working on the gate & Collecting cans at the Streaky Bay races as well as our fantastic photo booth. We raised nearly $1300 for the weekend. Money raised will be used to purchase new wood chip for the playground and a storage cupboard/table for the parent entry area.

Playgroup

Activities planned for term 2
Playgroup is held every Friday 10am-12noon
All families welcome Please bring a piece of fruit to share and $1 per child.

Playgroup coordinators are Courtney Faulkner, Kathy Miller and Jess Davis

Week 1 Friday May 1st – Anzac Biscuits and free play
Week 2, May 8th – Mother’s day
Week 3, May 15th – Box Building
Week 4, May 22nd – Stain glass insects
Week 5, May 29th – Play dough
Week 6, June 5th – Rubbings
Week 7, June 12th - Paper Mache
Week 8, June 19th—Paper Mache
Week 9, June 26th – End of term party.
Living Fundraiser plants available for purchase

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**Flowers**
Snap Dragons
Alyssum
Aster
Petunias
Swan River Daisy

**OCCASIONAL CARE**

Families are reminded please to bring in health care cards to be sighted to maintain occasional care subsidy for fees. Please label all belongings, such as lunch boxes and water bottles. Thankyou

Thankyou to Dahlena Hammat who has volunteered to cover and catalogue our library books.

**NEEDED**

We would like a bottle warmer for the occasional care program. If anyone has a bottle warmer to sell or donate, please contact the us. Ph 86261160

**Streaky Bay Children’s Centre Can and Bottle Drive**

We will be having a can and bottle drive in Week 9 of this term and we would be grateful for your support. We will advertise closer to the date with all of the details but ask for you to start collecting now to make this as successful as possible.

Thankyou once again for your support.
Bright Futures is an informal and relaxed health check and information session focusing on children aged between 0-4 years.

The health check aims to:

- Provide parents with tools and support to enhance your child’s development
- Discuss your child’s development in consultation with health professionals
- Offer a snapshot of where your child is currently at
- Link you with local health service professionals

VENUE: Streaky Bay Kindergarten
DATE: Wednesday 6th May 2014
TIME: 11.00am – 1.00pm

Various health professionals will be available on the day for you to talk to.

Speech Pathologist
Occupational Therapist
Physiotherapist
Community Counsellor
Dietitian
Podiatrist

As well as answering particular questions or concerns, the health team can provide general information on child health and development.

For more information or to register, please contact
Isabel Cotton - Allied Health Assistant, Mid-West Community Health, Streaky Bay
Telephone: 86261 310, Email: isabel.cotton@health.sa.gov.au

SA Excellence in Public Education Awards
Share Celebrate Reward

Nominations are now open for the 2015 SA Excellence in Public Education Awards.

The Awards recognise and reward the outstanding contributions made by teachers, leaders and support staff from across the state.

Don’t miss your chance to nominate an outstanding education professional within DECD to recognise and reward their dedicated and inspirational contribution to young South Australians.

For more information and to nominate an employee at your school or preschool go to: www.decd.sa.gov.au/awards.

Like us on facebook and follow the progress of the Awards: www.facebook.com/SATeachingAwards.

Nominations close 5pm, 3 July 2015
Making friends at Occasional care.
Lily, Kiara and Luci

Reuben enjoyed making a transformer truck with the new mobilo.

Song time in the boat with the occasional care children.

Cooking Hot Cross Buns with Jackie Fiebig

Making friends at Occasional care.
Lily, Kiara and Luci

Cody and Storm cooking ANZAC biscuits

Anzac Day