Dear Parents and care givers

It is hard to believe that we have only 4 weeks left of term. We have enjoyed a very busy term and have thoroughly enjoyed getting to know our new children and families. Kindergarten children have built new friendships, learnt centre rules and routines and have engaged in some fantastic learning experiences.

Playgroup has had good attendances with new experiences provided every week by our playgroup leaders, Jess, Courtney and Kathy.

Bec and Toni have ensured occasional care children and their families feel welcome, focusing on developing relationships with children, ensuring they feel safe, secure & happy to engage in play. They have a wonderful photo display of children this term playing and learning in the 5 developmental learning areas.

Staff training: Staff were involved in KidsMatter training last year and will continue to implement aspects of this in our centre planning. Guiding principles of the KidsMatter framework reflect centre values and beliefs that foster belonging, connectedness, inclusion and participation within the Streaky Bay Children’s Centre Community.

Kate has begun numeracy training with other Far West Partnership teachers with Numeracy in Action coach Mike Chartres. Numeracy is the major focus for our Partnership for 2015.

Staff will join other schools and preschools in the Far West Partnership in Ceduna on March 25th. We will be working with Professor Martin Westwell on building learning dispositions, intellectual stretch and executive functions with children.

Wendy
Streaky Bay Races Fundraiser
On March 28th we have been asked by the Streaky Bay Race club to sell entrance tickets at the gate for the races and to collect the cans on Sunday morning after the races. This is a great fundraiser for the centre and we ask that all available families help out by working a roster for 1 hour.

Our fundraising committee will also be organising a photo booth on the day. They are asking for any props that can be loaned for silly or glamorous photos eg feather boas, hats etc. Please drop at the kindy if you have any props.

THANKYOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

TRANSITION VISIT
On Thursday Kerry Hill’s R/1 class came to visit. We enjoyed reconnecting with old friends and meeting new friends from School. We played together in all of our favourite play spaces and then discussed things that were the same or different between school and kindergarten. We discovered we both have fruit and mat time and swings and painting (although you can only paint sometimes at school). School children remembered the great times they had building and did some amazing block buildings. Karly Kaiser’s class will visit on Tuesday March 24th.

PLAYGROUP
Playgroup is held every Friday 10-12 noon. (except the last Friday of the term). Jess, Courtney and Kathy have a range of fun play experiences planned each week which families can engage in with their children. Playgroup is a fantastic opportunity for parents and children to meet other families with young children and to engage in fun play based activities.

All families welcome. Cost $1 per child. Please bring a piece of fruit to share.

"Play is the answer to how anything new comes about" Jean Piaget
**BOOKFAIR**
The Streaky Bay Children’s Centre Bookfair is available for families to purchase books, until Wednesday 1st April. Families are welcome to pay by cash or credit card.

**A fantastic Easter gift idea**

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**KINDERGARTEN FEES**
Thankyou to those families who have paid their centre fees.
- Reminder—Fees are due Thursday April 2nd.
- Parents are welcome to pay by cash, cheque or direct debit and may pay fees termly or annually.

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**OCCASIONAL CARE BOOKINGS**
Forms have been distributed for occasional care bookings for term 2. Please return your preferences by Monday 23rd March. Staff will ensure that bookings are made fairly and equitably and families will receive letters outlining the dates of their bookings before the end of term.

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**SPEECH PATHOLOGIST VISIT**
Speech Pathologist—Amy Maruischat will be visiting the centre this Tuesday, March 17th. Amy will be available to meet with kindergarten families whose children have speech and language programs. Please see Wendy to organise a time to meet with Amy.

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**Peanut Allergy Alert**
We currently have a child enrolled at the centre who has a SEVERE ALLERGY (is anaphylactic) TO PEANUTS. As this can be life-threatening to the child, if they come in contact with peanuts, we ask that parents refrain from sending peanuts or peanut products such as peanut butter or nut bars in your child’s lunches. Thankyou for your support in this matter.

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**Volunteer needed**
We are in need of a volunteer to cover, repair and catalogue books. If you are interested in this job please see Wendy.

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**Kindergarten Parent interviews**
Parent interviews will be held on Tuesday March 31st 3.30-5.30pm
And Wednesday April 1st 9am–4pm.
Parent interviews provide a great opportunity to share your child’s Interests and successes and to work together with staff to plan for your child’s learning.
Families will be given a form this week to book their preferred meeting time. Interviews will go for approx. 20mins each.

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**STUDENT FREE DAY**
The Streaky Bay Children’s Centre will have a student free day on Thursday April 2nd (the day before Easter)
This day is in Lieu of staff training in Ceduna on March 25th.
We apologize for any inconvenience this may cause families.