Dear Parents,

This week we will celebrate book week. This is an annual event, with this years theme being “Books light up our world”. We look forward to celebrating book week with families this Tuesday, at 10.30 am. Families are invited to come in and enjoy morning tea and a story with their children. We have made cupcakes to share for morning tea and ask that families make a donation towards finding a cure for childhood cancer. Children are invited to dress up as their favourite story book character for the day.

I have attached to this newsletter an article outlining the importance of reading to children. Families are welcome to borrow books from our library at any time. Please see a staff member if you need help with this. We look forward to seeing you at our morning tea on Tuesday.

We were excited with the enthusiasm and engagement of the children on national tree day. We thank our parent helper Cassy Walker as well as Louise and Tayla from the NRM board for their help on the day and their donation of funds for the trees. We value involvement in centre activities from our parent body and the community. We planted over 20 native trees and shrubs in the 2 yards and we have more shrubs to plant when we purchase some planter pots.

Staff have recently held meetings with the SBAS to plan for transition. It is important that we work in collaboration with the school, the SBCC and families. Children going to school in 2016 will have a number of visits to school next term and children beginning kindergarten in 2016 will have the opportunity to attend pre entry visits over 4 weeks. Transition is a process during which children internalise the process of leaving their previous setting and establishing their identity in a new setting.

Families will receive more information later.

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Important events:

- **Aug 25th** – BOOK-Week Celebrations at the Streaky Bay Children’s Centre. 10.30am. Families are invited for morning tea and to share a story with their child.
- **Aug 31st** – Governing council meeting 7pm.
- **Sept 1st** - Kindergarten photos 9am.
- **Sept 1st** – Louise Mortimer from the Natural resource management board will talk to the children about different eco systems for national sea week.
- **Sept 3rd** – Kindergarten excursion to the dentist.
- **Sept 5th–Sept 16th** – 9am. Kindergarten Photos.
- **Sept Sept 15th** – Kindergarten children visit the school.
- **Sept 16th**– Enrolment meeting for children beginning school in 2016.
- **Sept 17th** – Child and Youth Health Services checks for 4 year old children who have not yet had their CYFHS checks.

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Planting trees for national tree day.
Jackson, Reuben, Ashley and Jack, working together to solve the problem about how to move the wheelbarrow that is heavy and stuck in the pile of soil.
KINDERGARTEN PHOTOS
September 1st. 9 A.m. Please return photo
money in envelopes provided on or before
the day.

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2016. Please inform the centre if you are aware of any families who have children who turn 4 years of
age before May 1st 2016.

Families we are aware of, who have children eligible to be enrolled at Kindergarten in 2016, will be
sent a letter next week, inviting them to attend an enrolment meeting on Wednesday September 16th
at either 10am or 7pm.

Please RSVP which session you can attend.

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attend 1/2 a day week as we feel this is a very important part of the transition process.

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the staff and centre before they attend preschool.

Occasional care.

Children are wired for hands-on, full-contact, self-selected, interaction
with the world—we call this PLAY

Staff training and development
On our student free day recently staff familiarised
ourselves with the new preschool literacy and numer-
acy indicators. In our Professional learning staff build
their knowledge in mathematics and literacy to
support children to have the learning dispositions to
be confident and capable learners.
This year staff learning has been chiefly focussed on
numeracy and the importance of creating learning
environments that promote intellectual challenge and
growth mindsets.
On Friday 4 staff travelled to Ceduna to complete our
First Aide training.

Centre Improvement

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using a grant from the Streaky
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**Educational benefits of reading books to babies and young children**

Reading aloud to children from birth provides huge educational benefits as well as enormous enjoyment. Children who are read to early and regularly quickly acquire the skill of listening and desire to hear stories. They understand the pleasure of hearing stories and develop the ability to concentrate and relax.

**Learning to read**

Learning to read is a little like learning a foreign language, we need to remember to establish the native language of books, with songs, grammar, rhyme, and repetitions of sounds. The foundations of learning to read are laid down from the moment a child first hears the sounds of people talking, tunes of songs and the rhythms and repetitions of rhymes and stories.

**Learning words through conversation and books.**

Words are essential in building the thought connections in the brain. The more language a child experiences through books and conversations the more advantaged socially and educationally the child will be for the rest of their life. (Not passively in front of television). Television doesn’t talk to children it talks at them, and they can’t talk back. It doesn’t’ develop children’s ability to speak.

**Bonding with your child by reading**

The time spent reading together provides an opportunity to give them your focussed attention, your care and love. It provides an opportunity to close off the rest of the world, relax and connect in a positive way with your child. Parents can develop a bond with their child and show their love for them by giving children time; it may be as little as 15 minutes a day to read aloud to them.

**Reading aloud to children**

Reading aloud to children early in life greatly increases the development of their speaking skills. Reading encourages us to engage in conversations with children when they can speak and encourages responses about the stories, pictures, words, values and ideas. Children are exposed to things they may never see or hear in everyday life, they have the opportunity to see things in many different variations. They need to hear it, feel it, see it and smell it before they understand the word.

**For preschool age children, Parents and caregivers can:**

- Take time to read to your child using different types of stories eg fiction and non fiction.
- Emphasize and talk about key characters of stories and films. Ask your child questions to deepen their understanding.
- Provide props and play materials so your child can role play characters and events from stories and films.
- Help your child notice print in books and its relationship to speaking. Use names of letters and show how groups of letters make words.
- Help your child notice print in the environment e.g. road signs for directions and signs for identifying shops.
Our term 3 fundraiser for the Streaky Bay Children’s Centre will be a Father’s Day raffle.

We ask that families donate items for the Father’s Day hamper, such as fishing tackle, garden tools, echo holder, chocolates, BBQ tools, nuts, drink bottle, etc. All families will have received a book of 10 tickets at $2 each to sell. Please tickets to the centre by Sept 3rd.

We will sell raffle tickets on Sept 4th in front of Foodland and ask families to help by placing their name on the roster if they can help out.

Thankyou for your support.

We have 3 Christmas toy catalogues available for parents to purchase quality toys for Christmas. Please see staff if you have not received your catalogues. Orders can be made online or by completing order forms and returning to the SBCC. The centre will receive 20% commission to use to purchase toys and resources for the centre. Please return orders by 

Thankyou for your support.

A large range of SBCC t-shirts and windcheaters have arrived in a variety of colours and sizes all with the centre logo.

T-shirts $10 each in sizes 2, 4 & 6
Long sleeve t-shirts $15 each sizes 2, 4 & 6
Hooded windcheaters $27 each sizes 4 & 6

PICTURE PLATES
Application forms and details will be distributed shortly for anyone who would like their child to make a picture plate. Quality melamine plates with your child’s artwork, a keepsake that can be used everyday and last forever.

Facilitated by Susie Bowden and Samantha Tonkin
(Ngukurr Yadarim Children and Family Centre, Ceduna)
To register your interest please contact Wendy Carcuro Ph: 8626 1160

The relationship between children and their caregivers plays a key role in promoting their growth and development at all stages.

This eight week program supports parents as they learn to be stronger, wiser and kinder with their children.

Parents are provided with easy to understand information about the importance and benefits of secure attachment for their children.

8 week course
Dates: Friday 16th October - Friday 4th November
Time: 1:00pm - 3:00pm
Streaky Bay Children’s Centre
Cost: Free. Crèche provided for children 0-4 years

Circle of Security Parenting
A Relationship Based Parenting Program
Mums, Dads, Family and Friends are invited

To a Book week morning tea and to share a book with their child

at

The Streaky Bay Children’s Centre

on

**Tuesday August 25th at 10.30am.**

The theme for book week this year is

“**Books light up our world**”

Children are invited to dress up as their favourite story book character on the day.

Children have made their own books and we have many favourite story books you can share with your child.

We ask that families make a donation for the cupcakes at morning tea to help raise awareness and funds to find a cure for childhood cancer.

We hope you can come