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Our Kindergarten Values are:

Manners Sharing Fun Kindness Friends Respect Listening Self Confidence

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Term 1 Inquiry Topic

The Belonging topic is off to a great start with many experiences relating to families, our kindy family and discussions on our community happening. The children have been really engaged in the activities and we are getting to know more about each other. We would still like to display family photos around the preschool so if you have some family photos to share could you please bring them in. If you only have them in digital format, we can print some at the Kindergarten for you. Also if anyone would like to come in and share anything (stories, special talents, old photos etc) with the children that would be fantastic!

Planning Partnerships

In addition to the Term Inquiry Project we will begin to plan for individual term goals for each of the children. As the people who know your child best, we would like to invite you to be part of the planning process for what we should be working on with your child this term. We will be sending home a Planning Partnerships Form for you to fill in and return to us ASAP. If you would like to come in and have a chat about the planning form and your child's term goal, please feel free to talk to Cheryl to organise a time. As this is very new we would love to receive feedback as to your thoughts, so that we can continue to work towards higher quality learning for your children.

Recipe Books

The Coomandook Kindergarten recipe books have arrived and they look great. They are available for purchase for \$15. Order forms will be send home in the children's communication folders but if you require more please ask staff. A big thank you to all who contributed!

Pancake Day

Next Tuesday, 21st February is Pancake Day and to celebrate we are holding a Grandparents and Special Friends Pancake Afternoon tea at 2pm. Please spread the word as we would love to meet many of the special people in the children's lives. It would be great if you could let us know if your child has someone coming so we can make enough yummy pancakes!

Governing Council

The first Governing Council meeting for the year will be next Thursday, 23rd February at 9am. Thank you to everyone who has volunteered to be Governing Council Members, your support is greatly appreciated. All are welcome to attend.

Diary Dates

Term 1

Week 3

14th Feb - Kindy Day

16th Feb - Kindy Day

Week 4

21st Feb - Kindy Day

Pancake Afternoon Tea 2pm

23rd Feb - Admin Day

Governing Council Meeting

9am

Week 5

28th Feb - Kindy Day

1st March - Kindy Day

Week 6

6th March - Kindy Day

8th March - Admin Day

Kindy Fees for 2012

Thank you to the families who have already paid this terms Kindy Fees. A reminder that the fee envelopes were sent home at the beginning of term and are due back to Kindy by 21st February 2012 (Week 4).

Sun Smart Policy

As the hot weather continues, I would just like to remind families of some important information from the policy. The policy is in place from the beginning of September to the end of April or when the UVR level is greater than 3. Appropriate clothing is to be worn, no singlets or midriff tops allowed. Also a reminder that thongs are not appropriate footwear as they can restrict the children's movements, particularly during physical experiences such as climbing.

Relaxation for children

This term we are incorporating a rest and relaxation time into our curriculum. After lunch the children find their cushion and lay for a while as they listen to relaxing music. After resting we then engage in some animal stretching exercises. This relaxation time promotes healthy development for the mind and body and helps children develop a strong sense of wellbeing.

Thanks,
Cheryl, Karen & Michelle