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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 Inquiry Project has been a great way to build on our relationships with the children and families. The children have been engaged in various small group and turn taking experiences allowing them to form deeper relationships with each other.

We have had a strong focus on Belonging in the Community over the last few weeks and have participated in Clean Up our Schools Day, visited the School Sports Carnival and the Community Garden as well as had a visit from the Community Police Officer. Tonight is Dad's night and we look forward to meeting the children's dad's and getting to know them better. The children are really looking forward to this event!

Planning Partnerships

We have nearly received all of the Planning Partnership forms back and are finalising the term goals. As this is new it has taken a bit longer to implement than expected so we hope to use these planning partnership forms and term goals for the beginning of Term 2. If you haven't yet returned your form, can you please do so by the end of week 9. If you have any questions or 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.

Professional Development Workshop

We attended a fantastic workshop on Saturday 3rd March and came out motivated and excited about the future of planning and documenting of children's learning. "WOW" was definitely our word for the day and the following week! The training was focussed on documenting children's learning to make it more visible and how to include children's voice in planning and documentation. We were in awe of the work being done by other services and are planning on implementing some of these new ideas into our Kindy. One of the programs is called "Mindstretches" and enables the children to lead the program based on their ideas, interests and knowledge. Our role as educators is to document these ideas and support the children to extend on these further, using Thinking and Talking Floorbooks, Talking Tubs and 3D Mind Maps Learning Stories. It is hard to detail the excitement and passion that we felt on the day, so are hoping to organise a visit to Kensington Gardens Kindergarten next Term and invite along parents and Governing Council members to get more of an idea on how these new ideas look in practice. We will keep you posted on the new ideas we plan to implement next Term.

Art Gallery Exhibition and Auction

On Tuesday 3rd April at 2pm, we will be holding an Art Gallery Exhibition and Auction as well as a Family Easter Egg Hunt. We invite everyone to come and celebrate all of the fantastic work the children have been doing throughout the term. You will be able to bid on the artworks on display. The children

Diary Dates

Term 1

Week 8

20th March - Kindy Day
22nd March - Admin Day
Governing Council Meeting
9am
25th March - Working Bee
9am

Week 9

27th March - Kindy Day
29th March - Kindy Day

Week 10

3rd April - Kindy Day
Art Gallery Exhibition and
Auction/Family Easter Egg
Hunt 2pm
5th April - Admin Day

Holidays

3rd April - Last day of Kindy
24th April - Kindy resumes

have been busy painting portraits on canvas and they look great so please come along, bring some money and support the kindy and children.

Working Bee and Mothers Day Fundraiser

Just a reminder that the working bee is scheduled for Sunday 25th March at 9am. An email has been sent to those who offered to organise materials and hopefully we can finalise any last minute items at the Governing Council Meeting on Thursday 22nd March. However, I have just been informed that there will be a power disruption on that day from 8 – 4 so hopefully we can source battery powered tools where needed. We will also finalise the details for the Mothers Day Fundraiser to be held at the Murray Bridge Farmers Markets. A big thanks to Bec for organising this event. We will need other volunteers and will send out more details soon.

Thanks,
Cheryl, Karen & Michelle

These are the forms from the last newsletter in case you haven't returned them.

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Information for Families Return Slip

I, would prefer to receive correspondence from the Kindy via email.

My email address is:

Signed: Date: / / 2012

Any comments or suggestions regarding the kindy to home communication processes:

Governing Council Return Slip

Name:

Preferred times for Governing Council Meetings

- Mornings between 9 and 11am
- Afternoons between 1 and 4pm
- Nights between 5 and 7pm
- Other – please specify:

Any other comments or suggestions: