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Our Kindergarten Values are:

Manners Sharing Fun Kindness Friends Respect Listening Self Confidence

## Newsletter No. 5 – 29th March 2012

### Term 1 Inquiry Topic

Wow, I can't believe it is nearly the end of Term 1. Throughout this term we have engaged in a variety of experiences investigating belonging to a family, belonging at the kindy and belonging in our community. Over the past couple of weeks we have been looking into the indigenous heritage of the Coomandook region. We talked about the local tribe, the Ngargad People, and how hard it would have been for them to find water in this once harsh dry land. We have also been reading some dreamtime stories. The inquiry topic has been very successful in helping build relationships between both children, staff and families.

### Art Gallery Exhibition and Auction

To conclude the term we are holding an Art Gallery Exhibition and Auction as well as a Family Easter Egg Hunt, on Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> April at 2pm. We have been busy collating a variety of the children's works of art and we invite everyone to come and celebrate the children's creativity. You will be able to bid on the artworks on display so please come along, bring some money and support the kindy and children. Afternoon tea will be provided, thanks to the cooking efforts of the children.

### Planning Partnerships

Thank you to all who have returned the planning partnership forms. I have send out a new copy to those that are yet to return them and also to the new children. If you could please return these next Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> April, that would be great. 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.

### Term 2

We will be starting Term 2 a little differently. We will be working with the children to set up the room together to include their voice in the way the environment is set up. This will form the basis for our first Thinking and Talking Floorbook. We will be engaging in discussions about this process before we start including the tools we may need as well as safety aspects. Throughout Term 2 we really encourage parents to let us know about any topics that your child may be interested in or wondering about. For example your child may have been to the beach and found something unusual, such as a sea sponge; or you may be renovating at home and your child has been interested in the floor plans. Please feel free to bring in these items or let us know through a phone call or your child's communication book. These topics will form the basis for our program.

## Diary Dates

### Term 1

#### Week 10

3<sup>rd</sup> April - Kindy Day

Art Gallery Exhibition and  
Auction/Family Easter Egg  
Hunt 2pm

5<sup>th</sup> April - Admin Day

### Holidays

3<sup>rd</sup> April - Last day of Kindy

24<sup>th</sup> April - Kindy resumes

### Term 2

#### Week 1

24<sup>th</sup> April - Kindy Day

26<sup>th</sup> April - Kindy Day

#### Week 1

1<sup>st</sup> May - Kindy Day

3<sup>rd</sup> May - Admin Day

A gigantic THANK YOU goes out to all of the families who came to help at the working bee. Everyone put in such a big effort and worked really hard. It was amazing to see all of the work come together after lunch and see the amazing transformation take place! I am happy to announce that the grass has begun to sprout. It will look great when it is all grown and the garden beds are filled with flowers!

### Library Visits

Children continue to visit the library on Tuesday afternoons. This time gives the children opportunities to become familiar with the library, to explore and choose books and DVD's of interest to them, engage in story time with the Librarian as well as make connections with the school. Can you please send in a named library bag for your child every Tuesday and return books from the previous week. If you have any overdue books could you please return them next week? If there are any problems with overdue library books please contact the library on 85733196.

Thanks and have a fantastic holiday,  
Cheryl, Karen & Michelle