Hello Everyone!

Welcome to mid-term. The term started well and many thanks to all our Helpers who attended our Botanic Gardens excursions in Week 3. The excursions were a wonderful opportunity for the children to continue their learning about the environment and sustainability and we are eagerly watching and watering our ‘Secret Seeds’ back at the Kindy (as well as our current crop of vegetables) to see what type of vegetables they will grow. Our excursion consisted of visiting the Lil Sprouts Kitchen Garden and participating in four guided activities – Worm farm, seed planting, insect exploration and herb identification. We then enjoyed a short walk in the Botanic Gardens and a lovely picnic lunch.

School Transition

Schools are already commencing their transition programs and we are having visits from many teachers from government and non-government schools to aid the children in their school transition and continuity of learning. We also had visits this week from Reception/Year 1 classes from our main feeder school West Beach Primary School. This was an opportunity for previous students to revisit our Kindy as well as our Kindy children to meet and interact with some of their future school mates.
Our Partnership is also hosting a Kindy to Reception Parent Talk Building independence for the journey from Kindy to Reception and beyond. An invitation to attend was placed in your Parent Pocket. The evening is designed to inform parents on key thinking and strategies for transitioning to school and supporting your child to be a confident and engaged learner. There will be presentations from Reception Teachers, Directors and Principals as well as a Q and A panel. All attendees will receive a take-home resource pack. Rosa and Bronwyn will be be presenting on behalf of the Preschool sector and we have compiled a video from interviewing Kindy children on their perspective about School Transition. We hope to see you there. Register online now http://shorestart-communitylearning.eventbrite.com.au

Rainbow Disco Donation

The results of our survey were compiled and the $500 donation will be sent to the Women and Children’s Hospital. Thankyou for your support.

Lunch boxes and other reminders

Please check that your child is able to independently open and close their lunch/snack box containers and drink bottles. Some lids are tricky even for adults to open. Also continue to send food in as little wrapping as possible to support our commitment to reducing landfill at the Kindy. Please continue to label clearly all containers, water bottles (on the top/side is best so children can read their name) and also clothing etc. Toward the end of the term we will display all our lost property and then donate any remaining to charity. For sun safety please apply sunscreen prior to Kindy (children reapply after lunch) and pack a hat and ensure your child’s shoulders are covered with a short-sleeved top. Sensible sandals are best as children are able to easily remove and put these back on for sandpit play but are also able to run their morning circuit training and climb trees.

Christmas Concerts/Farewells

The children will be making their invitations in the next few weeks so please keep those dates free if you are able to attend (extended family members welcome too). We will also be asking families to provide a small plate of food to share. More details will be on the invitation.

Quotes from West Beach Kindergarten children re school transition

What do you think you will learn at school?

How to be kind ... how to be nice ... how to take care of each other ...

Regards

West Beach Kindergarten Staff Team and volunteer

Rosa, Bronwyn, Rhondda, Amanda, Ines, Sofie, Danielle, Alena, Sara and Sue