Dear Families

Welcome to Week 10 and the final week of Term 2. Next term we will be welcoming families of children commencing in our Early Entry program this year predominantly in Group A on Monday and Wednesday afternoons. Early Entry can be offered to families of children from Non-English Speaking Backgrounds as well as children with additional needs. These children will be accessing one session a week and transitioning to Fulltime Preschool in 2016. Early Entry enrolments are subject to criteria and Centre capacity/staffing requirements.

SKOOLBAG APP

West Beach Kindergarten is going digital … To further commit to our Centre’s sustainability and better communicate with our families we will be implementing the Skoolbag app early in Term 3. This app enables you to receive newsletters/notices etc on your iPhone/android phone in real time. It is free for families to use. Skoolbag is already in use by many DECD Preschools and Schools including West Beach Primary School. Many thanks to Mike Walkden – Governing Council member who is assisting us in setting up the app. For those who do not have a digital device that accepts apps there will be paper copies of newsletters/notices available at the Kindergarten for you to take home. Stay tuned … more information on the app early Term 3.

NUDE FOOD DAY

To support our learning this term on landfill/recycling and sustainability (Learning Outcome 3: Children are connected with and contribute to their world) we are having a Nude Food Day for each group this week. This initiative was also recently successfully implemented by West Beach Primary School on their Nude Food Day on June 19. On Monday and Tuesday we will be checking and auditing our lunches to find examples of unsuitable packaging and making a display to guide you in your choices for your child’s snack and lunch. We aim to send NO PACKAGING to landfill (the rubbish dump) on our Nude Food Day(s) and hope that these days will educate us and help us to further reduce landfill for the rest of the year. Nude Food Day will be on Wednesday and Thursday this week. Also a reminder on sending child-sized portions for snacks/lunches to Kindergarten eg one snack item for snack time. We are noticing that some children are not eating all their snack(s) lunch items. All children have a bowlful of fruit/vegetables prior to farewell in the afternoon. To support our healthy eating policy we ask that you supply healthy food choices for snack and lunch.

WESTERN ADELAIDE SHORES PARTNERSHIP

On Wednesday 24 June our Kindergarten took part in our Partnership’s Inquiry Project on Children’s Engagement. Using the Respect/Reflect/Relate Research Tool our children were assessed on their levels of involvement in the program throughout the day. Each Preschool in the partnership
was assessed over a two week period. This week staff will be interviewing all the children to gain more data for assessment on children’s perceptions of being a powerful and engaged learner. The children’s survey is also being taken by all Preschools in the partnership. This term Staff have also undertaken a survey on characteristics and behaviors of children as powerful and engaged learners. Results of the research will be released later in the year and will form part of our overall Partnership review for the year.

**BIGGEST AFTERNOON TEA/ART SHOW**

Many thanks to all who attended this term’s community events – our Biggest Afternoon Tea which raised $221.45 for the Cancer Council. Also thanks to Tasty Bakehouse at 695 Burbridge Road West Beach for their generous donation of scones for our events. Our beautiful self-portraits are still on display in our Art Gallery in the Reading Room.

**WOOLWORTHS EARN & LEARN PROGRAM**

We are again taking part in the Earn & Learn Program from 15 July to 8 September. If you shop at Woolworths you can receive a sticker for every $10 spent and place this on a Sticker Sheet. Our collection box for Stickers is at Woolworths Harbortown. Last year our involvement enabled us to buy much needed construction resources so please support this fundraising opportunity.

**TERM 3 PROGRAM**

We shall provide a term 3 program overview at the beginning of the term. Our Term 2 program highlights will be documented in our Program Book which is available for you to look at at any time. However some important dates are listed below in our Diary Dates and details will be given closer to the time.

**Science Explorer Incursion** at the Kindergarten – Hands on learning and science experiments

**Dad’s Day** – choice of attending during morning or afternoon session by Dad/Grandparent/ Step-Dad/relative/caregiver

**Kindy Disco** – Community Event

**Site Closure Day**

**DIARY DATES**

**JULY**
- Wed 1 - Governing Council @730
- Wed 1 - NUDE FOOD DAY
- Thu 2 - NUDE FOOD DAY
- School holidays
  - Monday 6 July – Friday 17 July
  - Term 3 commences
  - Mon 20 July/Tues 21 July

**AUGUST**
- Wed 5 – Science Explorer Incursion
- Wed 5 - Governing Council @730
- Thu 6 - Science Explorer Incursion
- Tue 24 CAYHS Preschool Health Checks

**SEPTEMBER**
- Wed 2 - Governing Council Meeting @730
- Wed 2 - Dad’s Day
- Thu 3 - Dad’s Day
- Fri 18 - Kindy Disco 530 - 700
- Thu 24 - Site Closure Day

**School holidays**
- Monday 28 September - Friday 9 October
  - Term 4 commences
  - Mon 12 October/Tues 13 October

Regards West Beach Kindergarten Staff and Volunteer Team - Rosa, Bronwyn, Rhondda, Amanda, Ines, Sofie, Sue, Sara, Danielle and Yvonne

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