Welcome!

To all our new West Beach Kindergarten families as we eagerly look forward to working together in 2016.

**Digital Communication…West Beach Kindergarten Skoolbag App**

We are asking all parents/caregivers to install our Skoolbag App as it will be our main source of communication with our families. All future Newsletters, excursions notices, alerts with be done through the Skoolbag App. We will still have available a number of paper newsletters on display at the front entrance of the kindergarten on the Parent Information notice board but please continue to check your Information Pockets daily for other notes which must be signed etc. This also supports the site’s commitment to sustainability by using less paper/ink in the kindergarten.

How to install….just search for our school name West Beach Kindergarten in either the Apple App Store, Windows Phone and Windows Store or Google Play Store. For Windows Phone and Windows Store search for Skoolbag install the app and find our ‘school’. Note it must be a Windows 8.1 device.

Please let a staff member know if you unable to access Skoolbag and wish to have a hard copies of the Newsletter and other notices.

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**DIARY DATES**

**Thursday 11th Feb**
- Twilight Picnic/AGM
  - 5:30-7:00 (bring picnic tea)

**Monday 15th Feb**
- Child and Youth Health Screening for Group A eligible children - notice in Information Pockets

**Tuesday/Wednesday 1st/2nd March**
- ‘Clean Up Australia Day’ excursion - details still come

**Thursday 3rd March**
- CLOSURE DAY - Pupil Free Day

**Monday 14th March**
- PUBLIC HOLIDAY (Adelaide Cup)

**Monday 28th March**
- PUBLIC HOLIDAY (Easter)

**Wednesday/Thursday 13th/14th April**
- LAST DAY OF TERM

**TERM 2 COMMENCES**
- Monday/Tuesday 2nd/3rd May
Some Housekeeping…

Sun Safety-
In alignment with the Cancer Council Sun Smart policy we will be checking UV levels each day, anything over the recommended Level 3 rating sun hats will be worn therefore could you please have a named sun hat in your child’s bag at all times. We do have spare kindy hats in case of emergencies. Also please remember to sunscreen your child before they come to kindergarten, staff will then re-apply after lunch.

Please name all of your child’s items eg. water bottle, hat, shoes, clothes with a spare set in their kindy bag in case of emergencies. Please see our Sun Safe policy as display on Parent Information shelf or our website www.westbchkgm.sa.edu.au

Session times-
Session times continue to be 8:30 START
3:45-4:00 PICK UP
Staff roster is 8:15 – 4:15 thus it is necessary that we comply with work regulations as staff attempt to clean up and set up ready for the next day during that time. Prompt pick up at the end of session will be much appreciated.

Nut Aware Zone-
We currently have 2 children enrolled with anaphylactic reactions to nuts so to ensure their safety we are a Nut Aware Zone asking all families not to bring any foods with nuts or traces of nuts in their snack/lunch boxes-

Thank you

Star Helper!

As part of our daily program and oral language/social skills program each child will get the opportunity to be the ‘Star Helper’. Part of the role of the ‘Star of the Day’ is to stand in front of group and guide the 5L’s for listening and Kaurna Greeting which acknowledges the First Australians.

‘This land belongs to all of us. It first belonged to the Kaurna people. We thank the Kaurna people for sharing their land. We will help to take care of the land together- Nina Marni’

Twilight Picnic/AGM

You are all invited to our Kindy Family Picnic. It’s a great way to meet other families and staff members. We will then have an informal AGM where interested parents will be able to participate in our Governing Council and have input in their child’s kindergarten and community-

check Diary Dates
Healthy Food Policy

As part of our Healthy Food Policy we aim to promote and program for healthy food choices by... taste testing foods harvested and grown in our ‘kindy garden’, promote the Wipe Out Waste program (reducing food wrapping) and encouraging Nude Food helping to reduce rubbish in landfill.

Here a few recommendations for snacks/lunches at kindy.

✅ FRUIT, VEGETABLES, WRAPS, SANDWICHES, CHEESE, CRACKERS, HEALTHY MUFFINS, PASTA/RICE DISHES (unable to be heated at kindy), QUICHE/FRITATTA, YOGURT, DIPS, WATER

❎ CHOCOLATE, CAKES, LOLLIES, HIGH SUGAR MUSELI BARS, ROLL UPS, MILK, FRUIT JUICE, CORDIAL

Staffing Update

Group A Mon/Wed staffing –

Group B Tues/Thurs-
Co-Director, Rosa Pryor. Teacher, Rhonnda Smith. Early Childhood Workers Amanda Pretty, Ines Samic, Sofie Yankou

Current Enrolments
Group A- 29
Group B- 26

We look forward to an exciting Term 1

Regards

West Beach Kindergarten staff
Rosa, Bronwyn, Rhondda, Amanda, Ines, Sofie, Sue, Alena, Sara and Yvonne