Hello everyone!

Week 6 is here already with children and families well settled in and engaging in the program. A big Thank you to the parents and grandparents who were able to participate in our Clean Up Australia Day excursion. Children walked to the beach practicing their safety road rules and participated in 3 activities 1. Beach combing- collecting, matching and recording items they found on the beach stimulating great conversations, questions and inquiries 2. Sand building creations and 3. Cleaning up West Beach using our Clean Up Australia day gloves and bags as we sorted the rubbish from the recyclable materials- Great job everyone!

**Nude Food Day**

To continue our focus on learning about sustainable practices for our environment- recycling, reusing and reducing, we will be having a Nude Food Day on 23rd, 24th March. We will be asking you to pack a NO WRAP lunch box. Leading up to that day we will be putting Lunch Box Alerts and acknowledging attempts to reduce wrappings, an important part of preschool curriculum and learning for life!
**Star Helper of the Day**

As part of our daily program and oral language/social skills program each child will get the opportunity to be the ‘Star Helper of the Day’. Part of the role of the Star Helper is to guide the group at mat time with 5L’s for listening, Our Kindy Promise and the ‘Kaurna Greeting’ which acknowledges the First Australians.

**Harmony Day**

Harmony Day celebrations are in the week 8 beginning on 21st March. This year’s main message is ‘Our diversity is our strength’ promoting inclusion, respect and a sense of belonging.

We have been displaying the children’s ‘About Me’ poster as they share their stories and are already making connections stimulating questions about families, cultural backgrounds, traditions and interests- stop and have a look with your child!

**Philosophy Statement**

We will be presenting and discussing the West Beach Kindergarten Philosophy Statement at Governing Council Meeting this Thursday night. We have added the 6 values parents have identified as the most important through the survey provided. They are as follows:

- Respect,
- Teamwork,
- Confidence,
- Communication,
- Problem Solving and
- Creativity

**Alternative Parking**

To reduce the sometimes congested drop off and pick up a reminder that you can park behind the kindergarten on Gray St. It is a short walk through the reserve and adjacent walk way on the west side of the kindergarten.

**Reminders**

To support children’s independence please continue to encourage your child to sort their own snacks/lunch and kindy bags in the morning so they are able to identify their own - Thank you

**Playgroup**

Our Parent Run Playgroup runs every Friday from 9:30-11:30 0-5yr olds welcome. It’s a great way to connect with local families and develop new friendships. First visit is free!

**Regards**

**West Beach Kindergarten staff**

Rosa, Bronwyn, Rhondda, Amanda, Ines, Sofie, Sue, Sara and Alena
Clean Up Australia Day at West Beach!

Magic minute-Relaxation exercise

Collecting, matching and recording items on the beach

Clean up rubbish

Sand sculptures

-Thank you for your participation and support-