Welcome
To Week 10 … and we wish everyone a safe and enjoyable schools holidays which are starting at the end of next week (Week 11). Terms 2 and 3 are 10 week terms and Term 4 is a 9 week term.

A special welcome to new families in Group B who have recently joined our Kindergarten Community – Madhav, Sam and Taj. A special congratulations to Kavleen’s family (Group A) as they welcome a baby brother into their family. Our current enrolments are Group A 28 Group B 27

Nude Food Day wrap-up …

A big thankyou to all our families as our Nude Food Days were a resounding success.

Children are showing greater awareness of what constitutes rubbish and what can be reused in their lunchboxes as well as pride and excitement when they bring a Gold Star lunch to Kindy. Please continue to support our commitment to sustainability by using reusable containers for your child’s lunches and snacks. We will repeat our Nude Food Days each term.

Official results

Group A 22 Gold Stars (no wrappers) ! 7 Silver (paper or foil wrappers) NO PLASTIC WRAP!!!

Group B 21 Gold Stars and remaining had wrappers.

Upcoming events …

We have a very busy start to Term 2 so please note our Diary Dates. In week 1 we have our Community Event – Mum’s Day and all the Mums will be receiving their invitations by the end
of term. We are inviting all Mums as well as Grandmas to attend a special in-session (230 – 400) Biggest Afternoon Tea as well as the Opening of our Art Show. Our Biggest Afternoon Tea is also a fundraiser for the Cancer Council and we ask for a small donation on the day to assist in raising money for this worthwhile charity. Donations can be receipted and are tax deductible if you wish.

**Botanic Gardens Excursions – Little Sprouts Kitchen Garden** – once again we will be calling for Family Helpers. More details closer to the date on our permission slips but we will be leaving mid-morning and returning mid-afternoon.

Our First ever **Masters BBQ** will be held at our local Masters Sunday 15 May and will provide both fundraising and promotional opportunities for our Kindy. We will be asking for Family Helpers. So if you enjoy cooking a snag on the BBQ please put your name on our roster which will be on display next term – (2 – 3 hour shifts).

**Governing Council …**

Our Governing Council needs your support. We need additional new members to enable us to approve policy updates and exciting improvements and upgrades to the Kindy such as the Nature Play upgrade to the playground (major works earmarked for Term 2 holidays) and our storage area upgrade. Please speak to Rosa/Bronwyn or any Governing Council Members if you are interested in joining.

Governing Council Members

Group A – Mike Walkden (Chair) Kath Moore, Louis Fischer, Julie Lowe, Michelle Tregoweth, Nilofer Birader

Group B – Jo Ness, Zhanna Petku, Terri Pearce, Lauren Bahr, Nicole Barnett, Joe and Pina Garreffa,

**Some Housekeeping…**

- End of session reminder – Please assist us in allowing children to be farewelled from the mat at the end of session. This aids in supervision of children at this busy time.
- Birthday celebration reminder – We ask that parents do not supply treats for their child to share on their birthday in line with our Healthy Eating Policy. Children’s birthdays are acknowledged by the creation and wearing of a birthday crown/badge and a birthday song at Group Time.
- Portion control – please check your child’s snack and lunch containers to monitor your child’s portions. Whilst we encourage children to eat their snacks/lunch we also encourage them to monitor their own eating and wellbeing and eat until they feel full and not to finish if they have had enough.
- It has been noted by some staff that some parents are sometimes crossing the road to Kindy on the diagonal. The fact that our Kindy is situated near a curved corner means that the safest way to access crossing the road is to cross straight across the road. An alternative parking area is in Gray St adjacent to the park where you can walk along a short path that continues.
• Please check your child’s hair for signs of head lice particularly if your child is itching their head. Head lice can often be found at the nape and behind the ears at the hairline. Please treat your child with head lice treatment prior to returning to Kindy and advise Staff. We have recurring episodes of head lice at the Kindy including affecting Staff. To minimize the spread of head lice please also remember to provide your own child’s hat each day. If a child does not have a hat we will put a reminder slip in the Parent Pocket.

Regards

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Numeracy Group A- some snapshots Term 1
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