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Welcome everyone

What's new this year?

Have you seen the new wooden stage in the children's garden, the entrance to the fairy garden and the wooden herb planter boxes. They were erected at the end of last year ready for 2014. We will add more plants to the garden once summer has finished.

We have a literacy room out under the veranda where children accompanied by their parents can borrow resources. It will be open from week 2.

SUNSMART

With summer well upon us please ensure your child comes dressed in appropriate clothing to play outdoors and put sunscreen on before coming to Kindy. It is now far too dangerous to be out in the sun's harmful summer rays without protection.

Roll On Sun Cream for Sale

We have cost saving roll on sun creams for families to purchase at Kindy as we can buy them in bulk. They cost \$5.00 and are low allergy PABA free.

As part of our Sun smart policy and in accordance with The Cancer Council S.A all children must wear their legionnaire Kindy hat outside during summer. During times when the temperature is into high 30's and 40 degree day's play outside will only be permitted earlier in the day and under shady areas of the yard.

REMINDERS

-We have a **sign in** and **sign out sheet** under the veranda by the outdoor blue parent notice board as you come in. Please fill this in when you arrive and pick up at Kindy

-All children need to bring a clearly named bag (**please write your child's name on the outside of the bag**) that they can manage themselves to put their belongings into.

-Please provide a **spare set of clothes in a plastic bag** in your child's bag so when they get wet during water play activities they have clothes to change into.

- Please put an **ice pack** in your child's lunch box to keep their food fresh and safe for eating.

-Provide **two pieces of fruit** or veg for your child at Kindy for snack time.

-Please discourage your child from bringing toys from home.

-Please **check your notice pocket** after each Kindy session.

- **No thongs** at Kindy as they are not safe for climbing in.

-**Please adhere to the Kindy Healthy eating policy** regarding children's packed lunches- no nuts or nut products, no chocolate covered bars, treats, chip, lollies. If you are putting in sandwiches please consider a savoury filling option. 100's & 1000's/sprinkles, honey, jam would be a last resort option as they are extremely high in sugar which can hype children's behaviour giving them a sugar spike making concentration difficult for them.

-Please **label all of your child's belongings** including clothes, lunch containers, lids, water bottles, bags.

½Keep your **child's info up to date on their enrolment form** e.g. school choice, phone numbers, address, emergency contacts, special needs by putting it in writing to us.
Thankyou

STAFFING FOR THIS YEAR

Kerry: Tues & Wed Director
 Annette: Full time Teacher, Assistant Director
 Julie: Mon& Tues Teacher
 Jaz : Wed & Thurs Teacher
 Karen: Mon & Tues Early Childhood Worker
 Tonia: Wed & Thurs Early Childhood Worker
 Chris: lunch care support.

Continue to support your Kindy by bringing your children everyday. We are very fortunate to be able to have a centre that enables us to keep numbers to a minimum so that we can offer smaller group sizes and more individual attention to your children, however for this to continue we still need to show the department that all of our children attend full time. Your child's regular attendance does affect the data that the department checks regularly. Regular attendance enables us to keep full time staff; irregular attendance greatly effects our staffing. So please support your Kindy and attend regularly. If your child is sick or away on holidays, please phone and let us know as Kerry will document this for data collection. DATA COLLECTION is sent in to the Dept. this week and next week. (Weeks 2 & 3)

DIARY DATES TO REMEMBER

Wk 3 Tuesday 11th and Wed 12th Feb Kindy Photos. Simon a Kindy/school photographer will be here on Tuesday am and Wednesday pm to take the children's individual and group photos. He comes at the beginning of each year. Parents get to view all of their child's photos without any obligation to buy them. If you are interested in purchasing the album you can do so through the Kindy the cost is approx. \$40 for the whole album. They will be here for viewing a few weeks after they are taken. If you do not want your child to be in the group photo please inform Kerry. Thankyou

Wk 4 Tuesday 25th Feb , Meet & Greet, ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 7pm to 8.15pm
 WE NEED YOU....parents to form our new Parent Committee for 2014. PLEASE SHOW YOUR SUPPORT FOR YOUR CHILD'S KINDY BY COMING TO THIS BRIEF MEETING. Ask staff for more info, you don't have to take on a specific role we welcome parents as general participants to help make decisions about your kindy. Please RSVP to Kerry

Wk 6 WED 5th March CAFHS CHECKS at Kindy, (Checking your child's sight, hearing and general health for children aged from 4.3 years with a Community Health Nurse) bookings can be made with Tonia. A parent or Caregiver needs to be able to attend with your child.

Wk 7 Monday March 10th Public Holiday Adelaide Cup Kindy is closed

Wk 11 Thurs 10th April Last day of term. 2 weeks holidays. Term 2 begins Mon 28th April



Germ Dates for 2013

Term 1	28th Jan- 11 th April
Term 2	29th April to 4 th July
Term 3	21st July to 26th Sept
Term 4	13 ^h Oct to 12 th Dec



Kindy session times

Monday to Thursday

Official times: 8.30 to 4.00pm (3.50pm pick up, *Kindy closes at 4pm promptly)

Or 8.30am to 12.30 if you would prefer half a day while your child is transitioning to kindy.

We also have the option of pick up anytime after 3.30pm after school finishes.

Come and see staff for any clarification.

We thank families for having a play outside in the garden if you arrive early while staff are setting up in the morning to ensure your child's safety.

Staff often have meetings and professional development after the children's sessions so picking up children promptly is very important. If you are going to be late please arrange someone else to pick up your child.

FRIEDA CORPE KINDERGARTEN'S WEBSITE

As a way of promoting the centre and keeping in contact with families you can read newsletters, get useful websites on parenting and see what's happening at Kindy online. www.friedakgn.sa.edu.au

Other interesting web sites: for information on children's development, help with behaviours, emotional issues, parenting strategies, sleeping difficulties. These are great web sites for answering all of those 'curly' questions regarding children of all ages.

<http://raisingchildren.net.au>

www.kidsmatter.edu.au

<http://familybyfamily.org.au/>

<http://www.foodstandards.gov.au/consumer/information/>

School Dental Service

S.A Dental Service Noarlunga

2 Alexander Kelly Drive

Noarlunga Centre 5168

Ph: 83849244

Open Monday –Friday 8.30am to 4.30pm

After hours emergency advise Health Care Direct

1800 022 222

THANKYOU

A huge thankyou to all of the wonderful work that our gardener (Garry Sutton) has done to beautify and maintain the Kindergarten grounds over the holidays. The children engage in such valuable learning as they play in the natural outdoors. Our outdoor play environment and vegetable garden is certainly a very special place to play and learn in.

Thankyou to Chris and her husband Kevin , our wonderful cleaner who always does way over and above her duties and helps to keep Frieda Corpe Kindy the special place that it is. Thanks Chris

Once again this year we have weekly Kindy washing to be done so we ask families to please take turns taking home the Kindy washing. This is a big help and we greatly appreciate it. Thankyou.

FEEDBACK

We value your feedback, comments and suggestions. Please have a chat with staff.

CHILD DEVELOPMENT

If you would like to have a chat with staff about your child's development please notify a staff member. Each term educators will be documenting children's learning goals on an Individualized Learning plan. This is done in conjunction with families so together we can work on specific learning goals with your child. Annette, Jaz & Julie will invite you to join them in a discussion about how your child is progressing at Kindy. In the children's last term of Kindy a Summative report is written which summarises your children's interests, strengths and areas requiring strengthening. This report is viewed by the child's parents first and then a copy sent to their designated school. This all becomes part of a positive and successful transition into school life.

This year we are delving even deeper into Reggio Emilia influences and will continue to incorporate The Early Years Framework "Belonging, Being, Becoming", which is the National Early Years Framework. For more information on either please help yourself to information on the signing in table or please see staff.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

AGM TUESDAY 26th Feb 7pm to 8.15pm

Meet and greet staff and other parents.

It is that time again and we need as much parent and caregiver support as we can. It is time to form the new Parent Voice Group for 2013. We only meet twice a term on a Tuesday evening during week 4 and week 8, 7.00 to 8.15pm. We value working with parents and our local community to share ideas to continue making Frieda Corpe Kindy the special learning centre that it is. Part of our strategic directions for this year is strengthening these relationships so please come along and show your support and interest.

Have a say in how your Kindy is run, learn about Kindy curriculum and meet new parents.

Please RSVP to Kerry so I can give you a copy of the Annual Report to look over before the meeting.

WE NEED YOU

Parents/caregivers don't have to take on a particular role unless extremely keen. You can just become a general member. You can spend your

as little or as much time with involvement as you like-(No pressure.)

It's a great way to get to know how a Kindy is run from a financial, educational and staffing perspective. Be involved in your child's learning at Kindy.



Safety issues

Please do not leave siblings(older or younger) unattended in the garden.

Kindy Program

Annette Julie and Jaz write a fortnightly program for parents to view which is on the art easel outside. As well as this program we have a learning journal that documents children's learning that will be placed on the wooden easel by the door.

Enroling into school public or private

Parents please enrol your child into your school of choice by phoning the school to make an appointment. This would be best done a year before they are due to start. Some private schools take booking earlier.



*Opening hearts and minds to life long learning.
Kerry, Annette, Tonia, Chris & Jaz*

A copy of our daily timetable

Time Table (Monday to Thursday)

8.30am Children arrive

Parents sign in and greeted by staff.
Parents engage in an activity with their child
10 to 15mins
Staff chat with parents and children.

9.00am Goodbye to all parents

Children engaged in learning experiences

9.45am Morning Meeting (Group time) with all children and staff

Discussions
Sharing information
Teacher provocation
Songs

10.15am Wash hands/Fruit

10.30am Outdoor activities

11.35am Tidy up outside toys

11.45am Inside, wash hands & relaxation

12.00am Lunch

Big Book story with Chris
Re apply sun cream
A large group game.

1.00pm Children engaged in learning through play

Inside/Outside (weather permitting)

2.45pm Pack up outside

3.00pm wash hands/Fruit time Story/songs

3.30pm Farewell to children

Remaining children engage in quiet inside activities

3.50pm Door open for final goodbyes of remaining children.

4pm Kindy formally closed

