Welcome

Welcome to our new families this term. We look forward to getting to know you and your child throughout their time at kindergarten. Also, welcome back to all our regular children and families - it is great to see you all again.

Where is Sue?

Sadly, Sue has hurt her shoulder and is unable to come in to work. She is not sure how long she is likely to be away. We are sure you will join us in wishing her a speedy recovery.

Luckily for us Miriam was available to pick up Sue’s hours. For those of you who don’t know Miriam, she has had a long association with Salisbury Kindergarten and most recently has been our regular relief teacher. We look forward to working with Miriam over the coming weeks.

Curriculum news

Our focus this term is Safety. In particular we will be working through the Department of Education’s Child Protection curriculum. We are currently talking with the children about what safe means. Please talk with your children about the concept of being safe to help consolidate what we are talking about at kindy. We will keep you informed of our topics and encourage you to follow up at home. If you have any questions please don’t hesitate to speak with a member of staff. We are currently organizing an excursion to the road safety school in week 8. More information soon.

Fruit sharing Wednesday

Each Wednesday is fruit sharing day. Please send a piece of fresh or dried fruit or vegetable for snack on this day. Ask your child to place their fruit in the basket out the front or in the kitchen. This is a package free day so please support us by only sending fruit or vegetables on this day. It is amazing how many children will try foods when they see their friends eating it!

We also need volunteers to help cut up the fruit at the beginning of the sessions. A roster has been started and we are asking if you can spare 10 min (once in the term!) to help cut up the fruit. Please place your name on the list. We especially need help in the afternoon sessions ;o)

Lunch in the esky?

If your child stays for lunch please ensure that they put only their lunch in the esky. Snacks can stay in their bags. It is much easier for children to find their snack in their bag as the esky gets quite full. Small re-freezable blocks are a good idea to keep snacks cool.

Healthy food is encouraged. It is important that lunches are placed in the esky to ensure that your child has lunch at lunchtime. Children don’t always understand the difference between lunch and snacks.

Police visit

On Tuesday morning 17th May and Wednesday afternoon 18th May we will have a visit from some members of the police force. During the week we will be talking with the children about what they know and would like to know about the police and formulating some questions to ask.

Dates to remember

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Governing Council have set fees at $50 term for 2011. Lunch care for those children who attend 2 full days will be $5 per week.

**Please note:** Due to bad debts in the past we require all lunch care money to be paid weekly or in advance or you will be asked to pick your child up at 11.30.

Fee notices will be out soon. Thank you to those families who have paid already.

Your fees are crucial in ensuring we can provide a quality curriculum for your child.

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**Parent library**

We have set up a parent library so that you can borrow books of interest to you dealing with aspects of bringing up children. Please take a look through the books and enter your name in the borrowing book if you find one you like. This is an honour system so please sign the book back in when you have finished. **Literacy kits** for the children are also available for borrowing.

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**Kindy Fees for 2011**

**Hats**

As we move into the cooler weather the UV levels drop considerably. Our latest information from Sunsmart is to allow the children some time in the sun without hats on low UV level days. Therefore, during terms 2 & 3 we will check the UV levels daily with the children. It is still **essential** that your child has a **hat in their bag everyday**. Please make sure their name is CLEARLY marked, especially the blue kindy hats. We have some gold and silver markers available.

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**Lost items**

Please ensure that you name all items that belong to your child. It makes it much easier to find owners!

This includes all clothes, drink bottles, containers and bags.

If your child has a **Salisbury kindy bucket hat** please ensure they have picked up the right one. Hats are often mixed up. The name may be on the inside of the brim, on the label or under the lining. We have gold and silver pens available to mark hats.

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**Closure Day Thursday June 16th**

Governing Council approved a closure day for Thursday 16th June - week 7 - to allow staff to attend a professional development session about assessment tools for children’s literacy learning. There will be **no kindy on this day**. Please make other arrangements for your child for this day. Unfortunately, we are unable to make up sessions.

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