



Flinders Children's Centre and Tji Tji Wiltja Preschool

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Meeting place for teaching, learning and play for the whole family



Term 2, Week 2

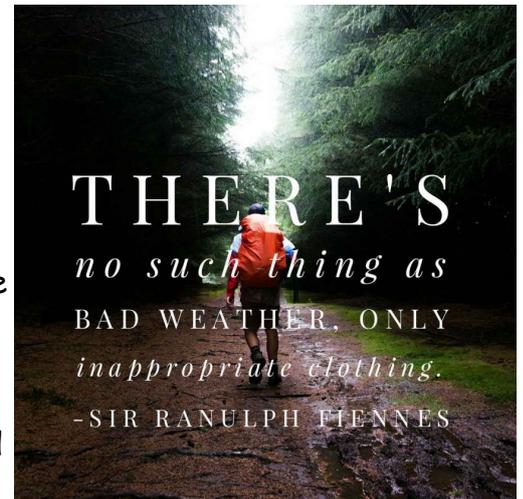
Welcome back

Welcome back to kindy for term 2! We hope you all had a relaxing and fun break with your children. We have had a wonderful and busy week settling back into kindy.

This term, the kindy looks a little different as there are new spaces for the children to explore and learn how to use. This, as well as settling back into the routine of kindy and learning may cause your child to be extra tired at the end of the day for a couple of weeks. A break from routine, no matter how long can be disruptive to children but they have done so well settling back into kindy.

Important information for term 2

As we enter term 2 and the colder months of the year are upon us, it is important that we wear the appropriate clothing for the weather. Please make sure your children are dressed in warm clothing. We spend a lot of time outside in our nature play and in the bush kindy. We ask that you send your children in clothes that can get wet and dirty and that you pack spare clothes in their bag for them to get changed into, if they need to. Don't forget socks too!



Diary Dates:

Please note these dates down. Reminders and information will be communicated and will be in newsletters as they get closer

Tuesday 31st of May - Pupil free day (no kindy session this day)

Wednesday 6th July- Pupil free day (no kindy session this day)

Wednesday 15th June and Thursday 16th June—KESAB incursion

Monday 27th July and Wednesday 29th July— Kindy photos

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This term at kindy... an overview

Each term, we select themes or topics we believe the children will enjoy engaging in, based on their interests. These topics form the basis of our program and we select learning experiences based around these themes. This term our themes are...

Exploring gardens

We are going to turn our bush kindy into a community garden which we will open to families and the community throughout the term and over the year.

The children will create their environment through signs

The children will be involved in the planting, care and picking of the food they grow.

We will include the food in baking/cooking at kindy and for the community

Chicken Incubator

We will have a chicken incubator where the children can witness chickens being hatched from eggs

This allows for numeracy and literacy opportunities as well as exploring the life cycles of chickens

Africa

This term, we will be exploring African habitats and animals.

Enrol now for 2023!!

If you have friends or family who are eligible for kindy and would be interested in joining our wonderful learning community in 2023, please let them know to enrol now! Aboriginal, Torres Strait Islander and Children under the Guardian of the Minister can start as soon as they turn 3.

Expression of interest packs are now available for 2023.

Please feel free to talk to a staff member for additional information.



ENROL NOW IN PRESCHOOL

Children who turn 4 before 1 May 2023 can access up to 15 hours of preschool per week.

For a great start in life, enrol your child in one of SA's nation-leading public preschools and kindergartens

Register your interest by 30 June for the 2023 intake

Learn more

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This week at kindy...

This week at kindy we have programmed a range of exciting learning experiences, including:

Inside:

Numeracy table: sorting by colour using tweezers- problem-solving, analysing and using data (numeracy skill), fine motor skills

STEM table: exploring shells using magnifying glasses— using inquiry skills, observing, noticing, wondering

Block corner with cars, people and buildings— imaginative play, numeracy, problem-solving, fine motor skills, social skills such as turn taking and negotiating roles

Puzzles— problem-solving, fine motor skills

Handa's Surprise story table— imaginative play, literacy, story telling
Mobilo—problem-solving, using thinking strategies such as trial and error, fine motor skills, numeracy

Box construction— creativity, fine motor skills, mark-making

African Jungle dramatic play— imaginative/dramatic play, social skills

such as negotiating roles

Threading— fine motor skills

Afternoon—Table tops

During group times before lunch we will be acting out and exploring the story Handa's surprise. We will be investigating and trying the different fruits Handa has in her basket. In the afternoon, the children will be involved in recreating the animals and food within the story

Outside:

We have many learning experiences outside which we always incorporate into their environment but we also explicitly program specific learning experiences. This week they include:

Number hunts— number recognition, problem-solving, mark making

Still life painting— creativity, fine motor skills

Communication books

As part of our documentation of children's learning, Aunty Lee has been putting together communication books for each child. These books will be filled with a selection of photos and a description of the learning your child does at kindy.

These books are available for you to read at kindy and we will be sending them home for you to look at with your child as well. These books will need to be returned so that more photos of your child's amazing learning can be put in them. Any books not returned **will not** be replaced with a new one. These books are a very special piece of work filled with wonderful memories of an important time in your child's life. They allow the children to revisit their time at kindy for many years to come.

Call out for gumboots!

As we play outside in the cooler months, we ask if you could buy your child a pair of gumboots to be kept at kindy. Please label them with your child's name and give them to a staff member, ready for those days when they are required



Fees:

Just a reminder that term one fees are now overdue. If you have not paid your fees, please talk to a staff member.

I know this has been a long newsletter to start the term but there was lots of important things to tell you all. I hope you got to the end

Bec :)

