

NEWSLETTER

Week 11, Term 1, 2023

Did you head out to country this Easter?

If you went away over the Easter break and have some photos and stories that you can share - we would love to hear from you.



Acknowledgement of Country (AoC)

This year we will continue to say and sing our Acknowledgement of Country. We are planning to delve deeper into its meaning and the reason why we say it each morning. This empowers the children to connect more authentically with its purpose.

We have been and will continue to investigate the 3 flags that we fly at the kindy and what they symbolise. We have already noticed that many of the children have a strong connection with the Aboriginal flag.

"That's my flag"
"I saw that flag at Kingoonya station"
"That at my house"
"My Dad got that flag on his jumper"

Why do we say the AoC?
Why is it important?
What does 'care for country' mean?

Perhaps you could ask your child about the Acknowledgement of Country they do at kindy. You could talk to them about what it means to you.

We would just love you to share any thoughts you have or comments that your child has made. Did it surprise you? How did it make you feel?

You will be amazed at how much they know.

EASTER RAFFLE

\$2 a ticket

Over \$200 worth of Easter goodie's to be won...



And the winner of this year's Easter Raffle is.....

NICK GOURD

Kindy Uniforms

Cultural shirts - \$40
T-shirts and skorts - \$12
Jumpers - \$20
Please speak to a kindy staff member to purchase.

Have you checked out our website yet?

www.flinderscc.sa.edu.au

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PUPIL FREE DAY

Do you wonder what we do on pupil free days?



On the last pupil-free day, we were engaged in professional learning. We focused on building our knowledge in the area of numeracy, especially number sense, which includes how children transfer their understanding of numbers and counting into their play. At Flinders Children's Centre, we see play-based learning as one of the most important parts of our teaching. Developing this knowledge helps us to notice children's numeracy skills in play and guides us in designing a learning goal and program, acknowledging each child's strengths.

We appreciate your understanding of the importance of this opportunity for educators to improve their current practice and provide meaningful experiences for your child.

'Early counting predicts later mathematic success and even later reading fluency. Every child should be helped to learn counting. In all its complex splendour - early and well'.

(Clements & Sarama 2014, p. 49)



REMINDER!

Kindy photos will take place next term (Term 2 - Week 5)



Don't forget to follow us on Facebook

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What Does Your Child like to Eat at Home?

Each week at kindy Aunty FiFi prepares and cooks up a hot meal for the children.

We are always seeking suggestions and input from families regarding different foods and recipes your child enjoys...

Especially if your child is a fussy eater.

- What healthy snacks do you provide at home?
- What fillings do you put in your child's sandwich?



Please remember to pack a spare change of clothes in your child's kindy bag, incase they get wet or muddy while at kindy.



TERM 1 FEES

Prompt payment is appreciated as these funds contribute to our nutrition plan, availability of our kindy bus and the learning resources we require.

Payment plans can be arranged by speaking to Deidre

Fees can be paid via the bank account provided below:

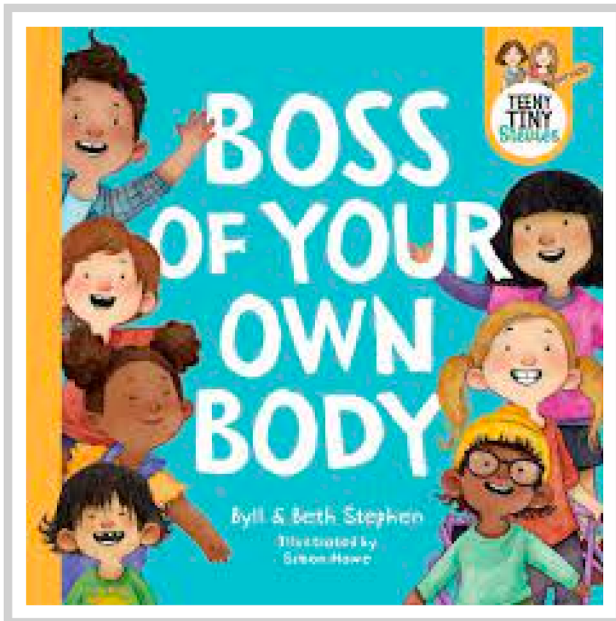
Account Name:
Flinders Children's
Centre.

BSB: 735-065
ACC: 07-0373

You MUST include your child's name as the reference

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CHILD PROTECTION - BOSS OF YOUR OWN BODY



This term we have been reading a book called “Boss of Your Own Body” which uses simple and powerful words that introduce children to the topic of consent and privacy in relation to their bodies. It is important to teach children to have a strong and clear voice about their rights so they are building the confidence to speak up when they feel uncomfortable or upset in any situation. An understanding of consent and personal space can help create a less violent and safer world. The book says that as a child you are “not the boss of many things, because you are little and still learning” but reinforces an important message about body awareness and self-advocacy stating “But you are the boss of one thing... You are the boss of your own body!”



WHO LIVES IN MY HOUSE?



Continuing with 'Child Protection' this term the children made a house with a door that opened and shut. We asked families to send photos of the people who live in their house and had a great response. The children glued the photos on to their houses which are now hanging up in the kindy for the children to view. They enjoy finding their houses, viewing and talking about the loved ones who they live with.

[Find out how a game of PEEK-A-BOO with a baby has the potential to change the world.](#)

Molly Wright, is a young 7 year old girl who delivers one of the world's youngest ever TED Talks. Visit the following link and check out this inspiring clip.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=aISXCwOPi94>



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BUS POLICY



Please be aware that if you have indicated that you need your child/children to use the kindy bus, you will be required to meet the bus at both pick up and drop off.

You will have to sign your child/children on and off the bus during these times.

Centre staff members are not permitted to leave the bus for any reason other than to assist a child with getting on the bus (and this is only up the bus steps). Staff are not permitted to knock on doors, or meet parents in front yards for the purpose of getting forms signed or for any other reason. It is the responsibility of the person collecting your child from the bus to sign your child/children on and off each day. It is essential that this person be on the authorised contact list and that they be 18 years or over. It is also your responsibility to sign any forms during these times (such as health check forms, ILP's or referral forms).

Failure to walk your child/children to the bus and sign them on and off the bus will mean that your child/children cannot come on the bus, and the bus will leave. You cannot wave from the front door or porch to show that you are present; you must come to the bus to collect your child at the end of the day, if you do not come to the bus, the bus will leave and you will have to collect your child from the centre. We realise that in the past we have allowed families to wave to staff from the front door of the house to show that they are home, however due to new policies these past practices will need to cease immediately. Parents/caregivers will need to be present at the bus for both pick up and drop off and they will need to sign the attendance sheet.

Only parents/caregivers and emergency contacts will be given authority to sign the bus sheet and collect child. If you require someone who is not on the child's emergency contact list to collect child at bus then you will need to contact the Centre and let them know the person's name so that the child can be released to that person. There may be times when staff ask for the authorised person for photo identification. Failure to contact the Centre will mean that your child will be brought back to the kindy and you will have to arrange collection. A contact information sheet will be carried by staff during bus runs and if staff are unsure of parent/caregiver or emergency contact names, they will refer to contact list and ask for verification. We ask that you consider that staff are trying to make sure that your child is safe and that not all staff (especially new staff or staff that do not do bus runs often) are not aware of everyone's faces and so will seek verification often.

Please be advised if there is an occurrence of violence/unsafe behaviour, your child will be excluded from the bus run service. Staff and children need to feel safe at all times.

A reminder that the Centre Director reserves the right to exclude children from bus runs if safety is a concern (for example child is not staying in seats or sign in sheet is not getting signed).

If you have any concerns, please feel free to contact the Centre and have a discussion. We want to make the bus run a fun and enjoyable experience for all families and want to keep it as safe as we can.

