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Week 7, Term 4, 2023

Final newsletter for 2023

Wow... where did that year go!
With only 2 weeks remaining here is a quick update for whats been happening and what is to come in 2024.

We say goodbye to our graduating children of 2023 at the end of this term, as you may know we are providing a graduating ceremony on the 7th of December. We have not received rsvp's from some families yet, if you will be attending you need to let staff know asap! We wish all our graduating children a successful transition to their new schools, we know you will all do amazing!

All outstanding fee's need to be paid urgently, as this is affecting the quality of resources provided to children and families including the bus, the nutritional program, and education materials. Please speak to staff if you require assistance with payment.

We would like to wish children and their families a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

We look forward to seeing you in the New Year!



Important Dates to Remember

Graduation Day.

Week 8

Thursday the 7th of December

End of Year Class Party.

Week 8

Tuesday the 5th of December and

Wednesday the 6th of December.

Student Free Day.

Week 8

Wednesday the 13th of December.

Last Day of Term 4

Week 8

Thursday the 15th of December.



With the warm weather approaching, this is your reminder to update your child's kindy wardrobe.

Kindy Uniforms

Cultural shirts - \$40

T-shirts and skorts - \$12

Jumpers - \$20

Please speak to a kindy staff member to purchase uniforms.

Have you checked out our website yet?

www.flinderscc.sa.edu.au

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On a sad note, we have a few farewells to announce!

We would like to wish Aunty Narrelle, Aunty Ashley and Uncle Terry all the best for their next adventures.

Aunty Ashley is returning to her home in the Adelaide Hills allowing her to be closer to her family.

Aunty Narrelle has seized a new opportunity at the Wilsden School as an SSO, and is looking forward to a new career challenge.

Last but not least - Uncle Terry will be retiring from his position as the kindy bus driver. Terry has been a valuable member of our preschool community and we are grateful for his reliability and contribution.

We will sincerely miss you all, and look forward to hearing about these next chapters in your lives.



Attendance at Preschool

We urge you to bring your child to preschool regularly in 2024. This allows for continuity in their learning and strengthens meaningful friendships that ensure a sense of belonging. New research shows that children who have a secure sense of belonging at preschool are more likely to arrive at school with the social, cognitive and emotional skills needed for learning and these benefits extend well beyond primary school.



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

TOILET TRAINING

Is your child showing interest in using the toilet?

For a child, toilet training is a big milestone. It's also a time for them to learn to attune to their bodily functions and to understand when it's "time" to go to the toilet. During this time you need to be patient and encouraging. - the child is learning a new skill and it's often and a process of trial and error and accidents will take place.

Let one of the educators know so we can work collaboratively to support and assist you and your child to have a positive toilet training experience at home and kindy.



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Child protection curriculum

Throughout Term 4, we have been focussing on fostering a safe and secure environment for all our children. Our aim has been to empower them with knowledge and skills to protect themselves both physically and emotionally.

We have been concentrating on **respectful touch** and **understanding the importance of personal boundaries**. By delving into these crucial topics, we aim to equip our children with the tools they need to navigate their world confidently and safely.

Respectful touch: We believe in teaching children the importance of respectful touch to ensure their emotional and physical well-being. By reading age-appropriate texts and engaging in open discussions, children have learned the difference between positive and negative touch. They have been practising saying no and stop, and telling someone if they feel unsafe.

Identifying secrets: Our child protection curriculum has also emphasised the importance of distinguishing between appropriate secrets and secrets that may cause harm or make children feel unsafe. By inviting children to these discussions, they were able to identify good and bad secrets. They also learned to seek support from trusted adults when someone tells them bad secrets.

We firmly believe the links built between home and school are crucial when it comes to child protection. To further enhance their learning experience, we encourage you to engage in conversations with your child regarding these topics. Encouraging open communication at home will reinforce children's and understanding of what they have been learning at preschool and helping them to gain a sense of trust and safety.

In 2024 we will be strictly monitoring fee payments. Fees must be finalised by the end of week 2, of each term. If fees are not finalised there will be no access to the nutritional program or bus service.



We URGE you to KEEP your children HOME if they are UNWELL.

There is a lot of covid, colds and stomach virus' getting around at the moment. It is important for you to keep your child home if they are displaying symptoms that they are unwell.



This small action will help to eliminate the spread of germs at kindy and ensuring staff remain well and able to work.

With the arrival of this glorious warm weather, children have been very busy indulging in water and messy mud play. It is important children have a spare change of clothes in their bag each day they attend kindy.

Please ensure there is also a spare pair of socks and underwear as well.



Be sure to spread the word about Port Augusta's newest playgroup to all your family and friends. This week we will be making fresh orange juice, singing and sharing planned and unplanned activities.

FLINDERS CHILDREN'S CENTRE PLAYGROUP

AGES 0 - 3 YEARS

10am - 12:00pm
Every Friday

No playgroup in school holidays

**LAST DAY OF
PLAYGROUP FOR 2023
FRIDAY 1ST OF DECEMBER**

GOLD COIN
ENTRY

122 TASSIE STREET
SEE YOU THERE



Term 4, Photo Highlights



