Term 3, Week 5

Friday 17th August 2012

From the Director:

Kindy Improvements
There are many families who are contributing their time to the improvement plans at the kindy. Projects that are complete or in progress include: new curtains in the children’s toilets, new eco edging around the soft fall area, our sandpit has more sand, our new sandpit cover will arrive soon. Families helped clean our trolley drawers. We will be installing new inside blinds and two verandah blinds will be replaced with shadecloth. The Governing Council has decided to go ahead with updating our Indoor Learning Environment. A draft plan has been placed in your child’s communication pocket asking for your ideas.

Learning
Our Clare excursion is next week. The children will again be travelling by bus. Booster seats are required. Please return consent and $7 ASAP.

The kindy children will be joining the school every Friday afternoon in a program called POSITIVE PLAY. This builds on the already successful X-age program the children share with the junior primary class.

Relaxation has become a regular part of the children’s kindy routine after lunch. The staff with the children have formed strategies to help children relax and rest their body and mind. The children will be self assessing this activity fostering a sense of achievement.

Staff training
Staff have recently completed their responding to abuse and neglect education and care update course.

Regards, Vicki

Diary Dates

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National Quality Framework

The Snowtown Kindergarten has received notification of the commencement of assessment and rating cycle and request for the Quality Improvement Plan. The National Quality Standards and the assessment and rating process form part of the National Quality Framework which started from January 2012. I have placed an information brochure in your child’s communication pocket. If you would like any further information or you would like to discuss any matters including citing our quality improvement plan please do not hesitate to ask.