Play is the key, which opens the door to life long learning.

Welcome back!

Well the past two weeks have flown by and we are beginning the final term of the year already! It seems incredible that already 3 seasons have passed and we are nearly through the last season...Spring! Spring is such an amazing time of year; gardens that have been dormant over past months are bursting into bloom. Much like your child’s development when you come to think of it! We eagerly wait, watch and yes expect them to do and achieve everything all at once and yet we forget that they too need the 4 seasons to test, explore and fine tune their learning. I am not saying that children become dormant in winter either 😊. However, there are periods in their lives where they need more time to reflect on learning. Remember it’s more about the process rather than the end product in the Early Years and indeed for quite a few more years to come! Just like a garden, if we allow time and put in effort ourselves, the end product will naturally occur. Though always remember, everyone is individual and that is what makes the process of learning so exciting.

In order for something to just survive in a garden it requires food (soil etc) water and sun; the same could be said for children and their development. They will develop on basic necessities but with attention to finer details this dramatically increases the rate, length and quality of their development. I mean if you were to put a rainforest tree in the desert and a cactus in a rainforest, chances are they would most likely not survive let alone develop. Therefore the right environment is a major factor in the development of anything. This is the same for children. No, I don’t mean you should dig a hole in the sandpit, plant their feet in it and then water them either 😊. You, are their environment and you help create a rich environment by talking, playing, exploring and listening to your child. The more time you spend doing this, the greater their rate of development. They will flourish and grow and all it costs is your time and willingness to explore learning through play. Plus it doesn’t hurt to get a little dirty now and then after all children explore with all their senses and touch is one of the most favoured in the Early Years. So go and get some dirt under those finger nails then you can continue the fun and with the bubble mix I told you about a few newsletters back 😊.

“Education is teaching our children to desire the right things.” – Plato
Important dates for this term.

You will have noticed on the first page of this newsletter there are a number of dates for you to keep in your diary to assist you when planning and juggling your very busy schedules.

All transition letters have been sent out from schools; so if you haven’t received one as yet please let me know and I will follow it up for you. It is very important that your child attends transition as it is a massive step in their lives.

If you have misplaced or would like another copy of your session times and details please do not hesitate to ask a staff member!

Term reminders

✓ Check communication pockets every session!
✓ Broad brimmed hats are to be worn – no exceptions. In keeping with our Sunsmart policy your child will be asked to play under the verandah or inside if they do not have their hat.
✓ Drink bottles (labelled)
✓ Check the washing roster
✓ Volunteer at the kindy shop
✓ Reacquaint yourselves with the kindy policies displayed in a folder behind the fridge
✓ Join in some of our activities or share any ideas you may have for our curriculum

Our program

This term is going to be very short, only 9 weeks! Eeeek! Just how are we going to fit in all the exciting things the children are interested in before they leave us for school?

We are exploring the world of emotions throughout the term as well as focussing on a country or culture each week through books or activities. Also our weekly walk n talk, library and cooking sessions are always something the children eagerly look forward to. We have dance teacher, Heidi coming in again in weeks 6, 7, 8 & 9 as well as our regular Kindergym sessions in week 5.

Not to mention Christmas is just around the corner. Please don’t forget to see a staff member if you have any cultural or religious beliefs where you would not like your child to participate in any activities we may have planned at kindy.

The staff are fired up with loads of ideas from the children from last term and as always we invite you to offer any ideas or assistance to help make our program even more exciting and enjoyable for the children’s learning. So come on, share with us 😊

NYP Little Athletics Association welcomes participants to the 2013-2014 season. 

Registration night and ‘Come and Try’: Friday 18th of October and Friday 25th October. 
Registration begins 4:30pm, athletics begin 5:30pm. 
All events held at Kadina Memorial School Oval (formerly High School oval). 
Fees $40 per athlete or $3 Come and Try. Tiny Tots through to U17 Years. 
For further information contact Michael Glasson ph 0417 316 600 or Fiona Ryan ph 0417 865 852 or find us on Facebook at NYP Little Athletics. 

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Please remember our hot weather/skin policy requires a hat to be worn all year, this was discussed with all families upon enrolment of children at our Centre 😊

Below is an excerpt of our hot weather and skin policy. The full policy is in the policy folder on the shelf by the main rear entrance of the kindy building.

1. Hats are to be worn outside. Hats should be broad-brimmed, legionnaire, or bucket style.

   - Broad brimmed hat
   - Bucket hat
   - Legionnaire hat

   Children without a hat will be expected to play inside the kindy or under the verandah

2. Children will be encouraged to wear shirts with collars and sleeves and longer style shorts/skirts.

6. Hats are to be worn all year round to ensure continuity. In the event of safety issues eg extremely windy day when going on a local walk which entails crossing roads. Then hats are to be stored in a bag and children will put them on when they have reached their destination.

Sources which assisted our policy and procedure planning and further reading
- The Cancer Council South Australia
- www.sunsmart.org.au
- Public and Environmental Health Act 1987 SA

THEREFORE

NO HAT = PLAY INSIDE OR UNDER THE VERANDAH!