Welcome back! I do hope you managed to create some lovely memories with your children over the holidays. Memories are an interesting concept aren’t they? They can evoke many emotions, both happy and sad, but without them we have no recall of the rich life we have lived. They are like a big storage bank of learning that we have experienced throughout our life. Sometimes they appear to fade but in reality they are always with us as we engage in our everyday lives. What we do, how we do it and who we do things with generally stem from our memories of why we actually do things. This is why I said in the beginning I hope you got the chance to make some lovely memories with your children, because they in turn will be more likely to repeat this with their own children later. It’s like a big never ending cycle and it’s up to us adults to ensure rich memories are created for our children. Some sad memories are unfortunately a fact of life and often unavoidable, but we can learn from these as well. The recent ANZAC memorial services and the upcoming Reconciliation week, evoke a plethora of memories with many people and both of these are a commemoration of events past (memories) and looking to the future about how we can change for a more positive, inclusive and caring world. Through careful exploration of these memories, our children are the ones who can and will instigate change, but not without guidance and support from their families and of course friends. Friends are an integral part of many memories. As I listen to the current hit song ‘Que Sera’ and in particular the words ‘always there’ and ‘you’re not alone’, I am reminded of friendships and memories the children are making right at this very moment at kindy. They constantly are there to support and assist each other, even if they are not close friends. It always amazes me how they choose and find each other. There is no discrimination; it’s immediate and not forced. How do they do it? How can we as adults learn from them? How can we be accepting of each other, not for what we can do for each other, but how we can ‘be there’ for each other; food for thought eh? Children are indeed the perfect teachers, if only we take the time to observe and actively listen to them!

Term Two
27th April - 3rd July

- May 11th - Governing Council meeting 6pm
- May 17-24th - Kernewek Lowender Festival
- May 19th - Mr Tony Harrison visiting
- May 20th & 21st High Tea
- May 23rd - Piskie Hollow Town Hall Canteen
- May 25-26th - Kindergym
- June 9th - closure day
- Collaborative partnership staff training
- June 12th - Science Night

“Friendship is not something you learn in school. But if you haven't learned the meaning of friendship, you really haven't learned anything.”
Muhammad Ali

Kernewek Lowender

Another event encompassing memories; this time memories of a past era from our very own Copper Triangle.

I mentioned in the last newsletter about gathering Kernewek Lowender clothes for your children. During the week 18th – 22nd May, many visitors enter our town to enjoy the festivities and it would enhance their experience and bring us the same kind of pride of the children, as many of the festivities are all

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Play is the key, which opens the door to life long learning.
Aboriginal Culture and histories

How amazingly lucky were we to have the Rainbow Serpent, curve and swirl its way across the oval to our Kindy last term?

The children were so excited to be given the opportunity to engage in some authentic activities with students from the Kadina Memorial School and their teacher Aboriginal Community Education Officer, Nigel Raymond. Activities ranging from face painting of the Seven Sisters, trying on traditional dress, working as a team to make the Rainbow Serpent come alive (it seemed to have shrunk somewhat when this happened!), engaging in Narungga language and the hauntingly beautiful music of the Didgeridoo! The children were enthralled as Nigel retold the story of the Rainbow Serpent and in turn Nigel was surprised and indeed delighted as the children regaled him with Incy wincy Wagu (Incy incy spider) and Gagga, wiri madda, dhinda (Heads, shoulders, knees and toes) in Nurungga language!!!

Yet another wonderful and amazing memory made and shared 😊

This week the Rainbow Serpent will be returning to delight the Monday/Wednesday cohort of children to ensure no one misses out on this wonderful opportunity!

Learning opportunities and more memories made!!!!!
We are very quick and flexible to act upon and grab any learning opportunity when it happens along at our kindy. Our community always surprises and delights us with the many chances which are afforded to us on a regular basis. The following are two such recent occurrences which we would love to share with you!!!

Shearing

Click go the shears….or rather a constant, gentle, soothing and rhythmical hum!

We are so lucky at our kindy to have such a lovely community of families who are so willing to share their time and experiences with us!

The Pridham family was so very welcoming and even though this was an extremely busy time of the year for them, offered to open their shearing shed and their hearts to share this experience and very integral part of our farming community with the children. Unfortunately due to the weather and time constraints both cohorts of children could not engage in this opportunity, but it was certainly an opportunity we could not miss out on. The chance to engage in hands on learning and to use all of their senses as they immersed themselves in this unique environment was just delightful. The children were all ears (as was the staff) as the types of wool, how the wool was gathered, classed and cleaned were discussed by the Pridham family. Then a quick tour of the shearing shed to see a sheep in the process of being shorn, and how the wool was sorted, then pressed into humongous bales. However, no visit to a farm is complete without the appearance of a chook and it wasn’t long before Henny Penny made an entrance to show her beautiful feathers and of course to check out our little kindy children for herself!

What a morning! So exciting, the sights, smells and the feel of the beautiful wool were just amazing and guess what? We even got to take some wool back to kindy to stick on our very own sheep to take home….gosh we are spoilt!!!!!

A little hop and a jump

The other cohort of children who could not make it to the shearing shed were also lucky in experiencing another very unique and wonderful experience when little Miss Taya and her mum brought in a little Joey, called Roxby they have been hand rearing for the past few months. He was found as an orphan further up north near the town of Roxby Downs.

The children were so quiet and respectful and oh so careful not to scare the little Joey and were rewarded by the little marsupial crawling out of its makeshift pouch and hopping around in the circle right there in front of amazed faces! To have one of our very unique and delightful wildlife to be within patting distance and the chance to carefully observe its movements and actions was just amazing!!! The long legs on such a little body and the way it sat upright on its hind legs looking as if this was the most natural thing to come and visit the kindy children was just priceless. So were the looks on the children’s faces as they watched every movement Roxby made and the looks of delight as it hopped back into its pouch and popped its head out again.

SCHOOL DENTAL SERVICE

All babies, children and young people under 18 years are welcome to attend the School Dental Service. **Dental care is FREE for most school-aged children and ALL preschool children.**

SA Dental Service participates in the **Child Dental Benefits Schedule.** A small fee may apply for children who are not eligible for free care.
Time to re-think fruit drink?

Did you know that some popular fruit juices contain just as much sugar as Coca Cola and as little as 25% fruit juice? Wowza!

Many popular fruit juices contain up to 7 teaspoons of sugar in just 250mL – that’s even more than the whole recommended daily intake of an adult!

Too many sugar sweetened beverages can lead to diabetes, obesity, and nasty tooth decay! Unlike Coca Cola, fruit juices can still offer us a number of important nutrients and are still ok every now and then – but its best to opt for trusty Water. The Original Cool Drink! It is free, with no preservatives, kilojoules, or sugar. Can’t get much better than that!

A last(ing) word........
Don’t walk behind me; I may not lead. Don’t walk in front of me; I may not follow. Just walk beside me and be my friend.

– Albert Camus