Diary Dates

Mt Pleasant Primary Visit - 15<sup>th</sup> of September
Kindy Photos - 22<sup>nd</sup> of September
Seager’s Farm Visit - 29<sup>th</sup> of September
Last Day of Term 3 - 29<sup>th</sup> of September

Please remember to pack and label drink bottles, spare clothes and a broad brim hat as the weather is getting warmer.

Fees

Thank you to all the families who have already made payments. Please see Jo if you need to make alternative arrangements.

Excursions

Our Patch Theatre Excursion was amazing. It was wonderful to visit the theatre and experience all it has to offer. The feedback from children and parents was extremely positive. Thank you once again to all the parents that came and transported children and made the excursion possible. Your generosity was much appreciated.

We are also looking into the possibility on the last Thursday of this term re-visiting Janice’s farm again due to interest from the children to see how the lambs are growing and the changes with the seasons. We are still finalising this unique opportunity and it would be at no cost. We are looking at meeting at 9am at Janice’s farm and picking up at 12.30pm. Keep an eye out for more information.

Our Chickens

After collecting eggs and Jazintah’s family volunteering to incubate them I am happy to announce that we now have 11 chicks that hatched yesterday. They will come in to visit next week and will probably join us full time at kindy next term. We are very excited!!!

Fundraising

*Community Lottery* ticket books have all been returned and this will be drawn soon. Thank you to Janice for organising this fundraiser and to all our families for your support, good luck!

*Toy Catalogues* need to be returned by this Thursday the 15<sup>th</sup> of September. Please see Jo if you would like another catalogue.

*We still have some seeds and wrapping paper for sale at the Kindy near the sign in sheet if you are interested now that spring is here.*
Playgroup

Playgroup is held on Fridays at the Preschool between 9.30am-11.30am please bring a piece of fruit to share and come for a play.

**Our learning program is located on the pin up board near the sign in sheets**

In line with the National Quality Standards we use the Early Years Learning Framework - Belonging, Being and Becoming as a basis for our learning program with the specific emphasis on play based and interest based learning.

We also have introduced an ideas sheet for families to share any current ideas we hope this to be yet another valuable tool to use in planning for all our children.

**This term the children have continued their interest in numerals and digits. We are planning to delve into this deeper as part of the new Literacy and Numeracy Indicators. We would like families to help us by sending in a numeral from your home. These could be street numbers, letter box numbers or even numbers from your cars number plate. Please send photos to Jo.Saunders436@schools.sa.edu.au**

**Book of the Fortnight**

“Edward the Emu”

This fortnight the book is “Edward the Emu”. The children have shown lots of interest in feelings, families and belonging. This ties in well with our Child Protection Curriculum.

*Please ask your child about what sorts of animals Edward the Emu wanted to be at the zoo?*

*One animal was a lion...*

**Associated Preschool Program**

This term we have begun to trial a new associated program which offers our pre-entry children for next year access to our program during every second Monday this term. We are only able to offer this at the moment as our current enrolments and staffing allow this to happen. We look forward to hopefully continuing to offer this program next term if the opportunity arises around staffing and enrolments.

**Child Protection Curriculum**

This term we have continued to look at different areas of the Child Protection Curriculum with a focus on feelings and safe/unsafe. The children have found this very interesting and we are hearing lots of language through play about feelings and how they are feeling. We will soon begin to look at relationships and families and what these may look like to us.

**Websites**

Please find below some interesting and informative websites which may be of interest to families

- [www.greatstart.sa.edu.au](http://www.greatstart.sa.edu.au) has lots of educational activities too
- [www.mtleasontkgn.sa.edu.au](http://www.mtleasontkgn.sa.edu.au) (Our website is currently being re-designed)
- [Check us out on Facebook](http://facebook.com) for weekly updates and photos we have our own page Mt Pleasant and District Kindergarten

*If you have any questions please ask staff. A really good time to do this is at the end of the day once we have said goodbye to all the children.*

Jo, Janet, Janice & Monica