

South Port Kindergarten

Celebrating child-centred learning, caring and curiosity

Dear Families,

Here we are at the end of Term 1—*can you believe it?* What a wonderful term it has been, full of new learning opportunities and fun. New friends and discoveries were made, confidence and independence in kindy routines strengthened, and connecting with the curriculum and environment sparked a sense of curiosity.

Next week is the last week of term, with the children's last days being Tuesday 12th and Thursday 14th of April (usual finish time of 3pm). We would like to celebrate with a special, relaxed afternoon of a movie and popcorn! Your child is welcome to bring along a teddy or blanket for the occasion. Children will be involved in the movie decision-making process, and will have an Australian Classification rating of G.

We hope you have a safe and enjoyable Easter break, however you may be spending it, and look forward to seeing you in Term 2, week beginning the 2nd of May.

Kind regards,

Marissa, Bernie, Allison, Beth and Julie

Learning Conversations

We would like to thank you for taking the time to engage in a learning conversation with your child's focus teacher. We really value our partnerships with families and hope you found these as valuable as we did. The feedback received was both positive and heart warming, with many families commenting that their child is really settled and loves coming to kindy. The information shared and discussed will be used to create an Individual Learning Plan for each child, which will be released early next term.

Kindy Photos

Thank you once again for your understanding and patience with rescheduling our Kindy photos. These are now happening on the first day back for each group, Monday 2nd and Wednesday 4th of May. Photos will begin from 10:30am, allowing time for children to settle back into the kindy environment and routine. If you would still like to purchase photos, now is your chance, please speak to an educator for an order form.

Family Connections Playgroup

We are hoping to resume our Family Connections playgroup on Friday mornings next term. We invite families who have a 3 year old registered to attend South Port Kindergarten in 2023 to send an expression of interest to dl.3683.leaders@schools.sa.edu.au—more information to come!

A reminder that **fees for Terms 1 and 2 are now overdue**. Thank you to families who have already paid. These are \$125 per term and can be paid via electronic bank transfer, see details below. If you are experiencing financial difficulty, please see Marissa for payment plan options.

Bank Account Details:

Account Name:

South Port Kindergarten

BSB No: 015-205

Account No: 4910-09957

Please put your child's name in the reference field.

Diary Dates:

April

Tuesday 5th &
Thursday 7th —Dental visit

Tuesday 12th &
Thursday 14th—'Movie and
popcorn' (last days)

Friday 15th—Good Friday,
(No kindy session)

Term 2 resumes:

Mon/Tues group will return on
Monday 2nd May

Wed/Thurs group will return on
Wednesday 4th May

May

Monday 2nd—Mon/Tues
group Kindy photos
(rescheduled date)

Wednesday 4th—Wed/Thurs
group Kindy photos
(rescheduled date)

Monday 9th &
Wednesday 11th—Trent Hill
Artefacts Lesson (incursion)

Thursday 12th—Governing
Council 'Meet & Greet',
3:30pm (children welcome)



Friday AM Sessions—Term 2

Please refer to the list below for which Fridays your child will attend in Term 2. The session starts at 8:30am and finishes at 12:30pm. Although children do not stay for lunch, we suggest packing something extra (preferably a healthy option) for their morning snack. For example, some fruit plus cheese and crackers, or vegetable sticks and dip, or yoghurt.

Monday/Tuesday Group (odd weeks of the school term)

6th, 20th May, 3rd, 17th June, 1st July

Wednesday/Thursday Group (even weeks of the school term)

13th, 27th May, 10th, 24th June, 8th July

Please advise staff if your child will not be attending Friday morning sessions. This needs to be updated within our system, but can always be changed back if your circumstances change and your child is able to attend.



Governing Council

We will be holding a Governing Council 'meet & greet' here at kindy on Thursday 12th of May at 3:30pm. This is a fantastic opportunity to be involved in your child's education and contribute to the direction of our site, while connecting with other parents. If this is something you might be interested in, feel free to come along and see what it's all about. You are welcome to bring your child/ren, there will be some activities available for them to engage with. Thank you to the parents who have already volunteered to be a part of our Governing Council.



How many

						
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30/3	3	0	3	0	9	0
31/3			2	1	9	0
1/4	1	2	2	1		0

What a beautiful experience it was watching our caterpillars go through the process of metamorphosis, becoming Monarch butterflies—lots of wonderings, observations and recordings were made and shared along the way.

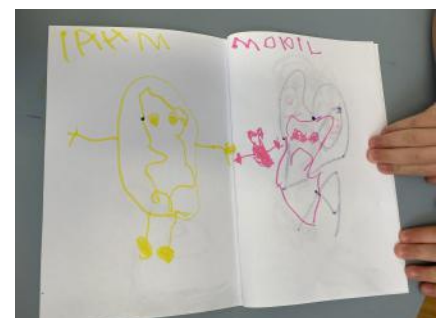
Bookmaking

One of our Preschool Quality Improvement Plan goals is to *increase children's ability to represent their world symbolically*. Earlier in the term, educators and children spent time with literacy consultant, Amanda Bartram, being introduced to the wonderful world of bookmaking.

The main considerations are:

- * It is the children's work—they are the authors, so they make the decisions.
- * Children writing in their own books, using their current stage of 'kindy writing' (adults don't put marks in their books)
- * It is okay for children to change their mind during all stages of the bookmaking process, especially when sharing their books

We have been excited to see many children enthusiastically taking up this challenge, developing their identities as authors and readers.



Enrolments for 2023

We are now registering children for enrolment in 2023.

If your child is turning 4 before the 1st of May 2023, they are eligible to start Kindy in the January of that year. Please see staff for a registration of interest form, and let friends and family know.