

South Port Kindergarten

Celebrating child-centred learning, caring and curiosity

Dear Families,

We're over the mid way point of Term 2 already—time is flying!

Last week you received your child's Individual Learning Plan. These are a summary of what was discussed during your learning conversation in Term 1 and includes your child's engagement at kindy so far, from their own and educators perspectives, as well suggested learning goals (dispositions) and strategies moving forward. We hope to meet with you in Term 3 (this time in person) to share your child's progress and successes.

As of next week you will be able to come into kindy in the morning, but are more than welcome to drop your child at the gate as you have been doing. Masks are not mandatory, however strongly recommended by the Department for Education for all adults—including visitors and parents while indoors. We kindly ask that if choosing to come in you allow your child to maintain independence in their morning routine, this includes unpacking their bag and organising their fruit, lunch box and water bottle ready for the day. This is something they have worked really hard to achieve and are more than capable of doing! Pick up will still be from the gate at this stage. In the (very possible) event of rain please feel free to come under the verandah while you wait for your child.

Thank you for your continued understanding and support.

Kind regards,

Governing Council

Marissa, Bernie, Allison, Beth and Julie

We would like to acknowledge and thank the following parents for joining our 2022 Governing Council. *Louise M (Chairperson), Cheyenne M (Deputy Chairperson), Stacey Y (Secretary), Megan C (Treasurer), Dalila R, Megan R and Natalie T.*

Pupil Free Day

As a Department for Education Kindergarten we are required to have 4 pupil free days per year to undertake staff professional development related to the Preschool Quality Improvement Plan. Our first pupil free day is **Wednesday the 29th of June**. There will be no kindy session on this day. Educators will be engaging with Lisa-Jane O'Connor from Primary Maths Association around our numeracy goal of place and space.

Fees

We operate on a break-even, non-profit basis and therefore rely on support from families regarding payment of fees to keep our kindy financially viable. This includes utilities costs; cleaners; gardener; consumables such as art materials, cooking ingredients and bathroom products; photocopying costs; staff training; sand and bark replenishment; and any other site funded improvements such as landscaping, furniture, etc. We also subsidise the cost of incursions and excursions.

The \$500 yearly fee equates to just \$6.20 per day.

Outstanding notices for Terms 1 and 2 fee accounts have now been issued. If you are experiencing financial difficulty, please see Marissa for payment plan options. This can include weekly, fortnightly or termly instalments to suit your budget.

Invoices for the remainder of the year will be sent out early next term.

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:

Friday AM Sessions - Fortnightly library visits at South Port Primary School

June

9th—Governing Council meeting, 3:30pm

13th—Queen's Birthday public holiday *No kindy session

The pupil free day at South Port Primary School on the 14th does not affect us.

29th —Pupil free day

*No kindy session

July

5th—Mon/Tues group last day

8th—Wed/Thurs group last day

(Friday, 12:30pm)

Term 3 resumes:

Mon/Tues group will return on Monday 25th July

Wed/Thurs group will return on Wednesday 27th July



Winter has arrived!

A common saying in nature play is 'There's no such thing as bad weather, only unsuitable clothing.' This is how we view playing in puddles and rain at South Port Kindy. If you know your child loves to engage in this kind of play, please send along waterproof clothing (raincoats/onesies), gumboots as well as a complete change of clothing (including socks and underwear) so they can join in the fun!



4 Year Old Health Checks

Child and Family Health Service are back to offering face-to-face Preschool Health and Development checks.

A CaFHs nurse will be coming to kindy on **Wednesday the 17th of August**. More information including booking options will be released closer to the date.

4 year old health checks include vision, hearing, speech and language, oral health, nutrition and immunisations.

Musical Muscles Program

This wonderful program consists of ten workshops that provide hands on music experiences to children, taught across Terms 3 and 4 and includes an End of Year Performance. Caleb will be coming to kindy fortnightly on Tuesdays and Thursdays, and will facilitate this in our small possum/wombat groups initially. The program focusses on the six elements of music: rhythm, pitch, dynamics and expression, form and structure.

The kindy have contributed towards the cost of the program to families. Governing Council have decided to invoice this in two payments of \$20, the first being issued shortly.

Want to see what it's all about? —

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCW8cUctGEPDXGyipw4JsxaA>



Playgroup

We are pleased to announce that our Family Connections Playgroup will be resuming next term. This will run from 9-11am on Friday mornings alongside our regular kindy session.

If you have returned a registration of interest form for your child to attend South Port Kindy in 2023—stay turned for more info (an email will be sent out shortly).

Mid-year Intake

You may have heard that the Department for Education are introducing a mid-year intake into preschool from 2023 and for school (reception) from 2024.

This means that children who turn 4 from 1st of May to 31st of October will now start preschool in Term 3 of that year. Children will undertake 4 terms of preschool, regardless of whether they start at the beginning of the year or through the mid-year intake.

We invite families to submit a registration of interest form for either the Term 1 or Term 3 intake. Forms can be downloaded via the following link or collected from kindy https://www.education.sa.gov.au/sites/default/files/preschool_registration_interest_form.pdf?v=1653351974

School Enrolment

Over the next few months parents and caregivers need to consider where their child will attend school in 2023. Some of you might have already made this decision and handed in enrolment paperwork to your school of choice. For those of you still considering your options please don't hesitate to make a time to come and see us at South Port Primary School. We understand that choosing your child's school is important and are happy to meet with you to discuss and give you a personalised tour of South Port Primary School. Please visit the front office to set up a time or call us on 83861197.

If you have decided that South Port Primary School is your school of choice please come and collect enrolment paperwork from the front office. Even if you have children already at South Port Primary School enrolment paperwork still needs to be completed.

Looking forward to meeting with you all,

Nikki Garner, Principal

