

South Port Kindergarten

Celebrating child-centred learning, caring and curiosity

Dear Families,

Wow, haven't we been busy—kicking off Term 3 with Musical Muscles, 'Dreaming Stories' with Trent Hill, an excursion to see Patch Theatre's performance 'Home' and Book Week celebrations! What a perfect opportunity to pause and reflect...

Dreaming Stories are an important way of teaching children about 'rules for living.' In the stories that Trent Hill shared with us, some of the messages were to respect and help one another, to ask if you would like something and to always tell the truth. We have been continuing to talk about and embed these rules for living at kindy.

Our excursion to Hopgood Theatre was a great success, in terms of children's enjoyment and the way they conducted themselves safely and respectfully outside of the kindy environment. We would like to acknowledge their efforts of staying with and listening to their adult, walking to and from the theatre in a line, as well as their engagement during the performance— we were so proud! Not to mention their manners, greeting and thanking our bus drivers Chris and Steve. A HUGE thank you to our parent volunteers—Carina, Samara, Louise, Michala, Tamara and Megan. Excursions are not possible without your support and we appreciate you taking time out of your day to come.

"A door is a portal to imagination, and you have the key. Join two friends on an extraordinary journey to dream worlds, where up is down, tiny is huge and the impossible is made possible. Each time the door opens a new world emerges." This has sparked many provocations back at kindy, including through books, games and mark-making.

We have been enjoying every moment of sunshine at kindy, as we start to transition from Winter to Spring. Some children have asked to move the paint easels outside, others have been engaging in obstacle courses or relay races, challenging themselves on the trapeze/ladder, or dressing up and putting on performances! Our very own theatre has opened up at kindy, with nearly every chair brought outside and tickets being sold. This is a timely reminder to please pack a hat for your child each day—thank you.



There are only 3 weeks left of Term 3!

*Kind regards,
Marissa, Bernie, Allison, Beth and Julie*

Diary Dates:

September

14th—Pupil free day

* No kindy session

16th—School closure day

Please note, this does not affect us.

22nd—Governing Council meeting, 3:30pm

27th—Mon/Tues group last day

30th —Wed/Thurs group last day (Friday, 12:30pm)

Term 4:

Mon/Tues group will return on **Monday 17th October.**

Wed/Thurs group will return on **Wednesday 19th October.**

The first Friday AM session will be the Mon/Tues group.



Pupil Free Days

Please note that there will be NO KINDY session on **Wednesday the 14th of September.**

Educators will be engaging in reflective discussions and future planning around our 2022 Preschool Quality Improvement Plan.

South Port Kindergarten Logo Design

We are yet to have a logo since our name change from Seaford K-7 Campus Preschool in 2021. This is something that educators have been working on in partnership with Governing Council. Our shared hope for a logo is that it will be a reflection of our Kindergarten and philosophy- 'child-centred learning, caring and curiosity.' This has led us away from community scenery such as the beach, river, cliffs or kangaroos, and more so aligning with elements of children's play and engagement. However this will be tied in through the use of colour. We are now in the process of liaising with Graphic Designer, Nathan Hull, and are excited to see our collective ideas come to life! Stay tuned...

Road Safety—Jane Street

A reminder that the car park out the front is for kindy/school staff and volunteers only, thank you for your support with this. We kindly suggest that you get your child/ren out of the car on the path side (where possible) to ensure they are safe and it does not cause problems for other drivers. Please also use the designated crossing and stick to the paths when entering and exiting kindy. Students from the school are doing a fantastic job working to keep our community safe.



Preschool Parent Survey

This week you will have received an invitation to complete our 2022 Parent Survey, as well as an information sheet that connects some of the questions with what that looks like in practice. If you are unsure about anything, please come and speak to us. We always welcome any feedback and would love to hear from you—big or small. The survey is open until the 9th of October. We would appreciate as many families as possible taking the time to complete this quick(ish) survey about our Kindergarten.

Thanks in anticipation!

During Book Week, kindly turned into a colourful celebration of book characters! From Fox in Socks, to a Pancake Eating Dragon, Thelma the Unicorn and more! Children displayed a deep connection to the 6 shortlisted books in the Early Childhood category, spending time over a number of weeks reading and sharing their thoughts within our Possum and Wombat groups— whether they liked or didn't like each book, etc. This supported their decision-making in a vote, using mathematical skills and language to make comparisons and explain what they noticed about the graph as it evolved. *Which book has the most amount of votes? Which book has the least amount of votes? How many? How do you know?*

Drum roll for the winning books...

Monday/Tuesday Group—Jetty Jumping, Walk of the Whales and Winston and the Indoor Cat (7 votes each)

Wednesday/Thursday Group—Walk of the Whales and Winston and the Indoor Cat (8 votes each)

Jetty Jumping was the overall winner in the Children's Book Council of Australia vote.



Musical Muscles has been a big hit this term! Children are learning about and exploring the six elements of music: rhythm, pitch, dynamics and expression, form and structure. As part of this they have been learning to read and play 'Icecream Van' from sheet music, understanding that blue is the high note and red is the low note. Here's a link if you'd like to sing along!

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pspal50ZV_U

Acknowledgement of Country

Children are given the opportunity to lead our Kurna Acknowledgement of Country as part of our morning routine.

"This Land belongs to all of us,

But it first belonged to the Kurna people.

We thank the Kurna people for sharing their Land.

We promise to look after it, the animals and the people too."

Niina marni Yarta (Land—touch the ground)

Niina marni Tindo (Sun – reach for the sky)

Niina marni ngai (Me—touch your heart)

Niina marni yungawarta (My friends—wave to everyone)

Learning Conversations

Have you signed up for a learning conversation?

These are being held over this week and next, but it's not too late! If you would like to make a time to speak to your child's focus teacher, please see Class Dojo for individual sign-up links. Learning conversations are a follow up of the goals and strategies that we set together in Term 1, which formed your child's Individual Learning Plan (Term 2). This is an opportunity to hear about their progress and achievements at kindy, and share what you have noticed at home too. You may also have some questions about your child's transition to school. We are looking forward to offering these face-to-face this time and will also be providing the option of a phone call if needed or preferred. Various time slots have been allocated around the routines of our day, please let us know if you are unable to find a suitable day/time and we will try our best to accommodate you. We anticipate these to take 10-15 minutes and kindly ask that you please arrive on time, this will help everything run smoothly!



2023 Reception Enrolments

If you have a child who is due to start Reception at South Port Primary School in 2023, please complete and return your enrolment pack to the front office (located next to kindy). Those that do so by the end of Term 3 will receive a complimentary school sharing bag when they start school. You will also be entered into the raffle to win a free school polo and hat.

If you have already returned your enrolment pack, you will still get your sharing bag and also be entered in the raffle.

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