



Term 4 Week 1 2023

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Port Lincoln Children's Centre Newsletter

Welcome to Janice Johncock, Mia Haseldine and Jayde Warren as members of our Governing Committee.

Monday 30th October: Governing Committee meeting at 5:15pm

Monday 6th November: Kindy Student Free day

Storytime @
Port Lincoln Library
Wednesdays at 10: 30am

Dear Families

This year is certainly coming to a close when we start planning for Kindy Graduation and Children's Christmas Party. We hope you have had time to reflect on the year and can write some comments in the reflection book that will be available in the foyer area throughout Term 4. If you have any comments how we can improve our practices or programs please write in our book so we can use this information to make changes and improve.

We have had quite a number of children coming to centre unwell. Please be mindful of others and keep unwell children at home.

In this newsletter we will share photos and information about our trip to Darwin to attend and present at the Secretariat of National Aboriginal Child Care Conference. We had an amazing time listening to other services and agencies talk about how they engage Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander families and communities in early childhood. We visited 2 awesome Families as First Teachers programs Mimikga in Darwin and Palmerston. We learnt how we could incorporate FaFT learning games in the centre and community. We hope to implement some of the ideas in the future to engage families in activities with children. The staff at both services willingly shared their knowledge and resources with us. Their kindness and generosity really made our trip worthwhile. We have extended an invitation to visit our centre if they are ever in SA in the future.

We have spaces available in kindy for 2024, if you know of any family members or friends that have not enrolled children in kindy please let them know that they can call 86833073 or contact the other Preschools in Port Lincoln.

Bushfire Season will be starting soon, please be prepared and stay safe throughout the rest of 2023. Check CFS website for Personal Bushfire Plan and information to be bushfire season ready.

Joanne

"Kindness in words creates confidence. Kindness in thinking creates profoundness. Kindness in giving creates love."

Lao Tzu

(COVID-19)
CORONAVIRUS

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Office for the Early Years

New baby? Not sure where to begin?

We get it, and we're here to help!

Parent like you know it. For sound advice, trusted sources, interactive growth tracking and more, download the Early Years SA app

What's happening in Long Day Care....

In Long Day Care we build on our developing skills, abilities, knowledge, understanding and relationships with others.

FRIENDSHIPS



FINE MOTOR



EYE HAND COORDINATION



COOPERATION



RESPONSIBILITY



IMAGINATION



We welcome Omari & Siasosi to our Long Day Care family



Koala group....

Term 3: So much has been happening in the Koala group over the last 6 weeks. In week 5 and 6 we had book week with lots of children and educators taking advantage of the 2 weeks to dress up. We held a parade down at the bike track.

Across the term we have been looking at *The Very Cranky Bear* and *The very Noisy Bear* by Nick Bland. Cath brought in her Ukulele to share with the children. We invited special Teddies to join us for a Teddy Bears Picnic to finish off the term and our study of these books.

The children helped to dig up some potatoes out of our garden and Emma made some yummy potato salad.



Gulda Group:

It's that season again when the snakes start slithering out of their hiding places! We have been talking with the children about ~SNAKE SAFETY.

Looking with their eyes and listening with their ears as they walk around at Kindy and at home. If they see a snake—**FREEZE**— We practiced moving away then freezing. If the snake is close to you freeze and shout out **HELP**.

Keep watching the snake to see where it goes.

If the snake is a distance away ~ **Back away quietly** ~ and let others know where you last saw the snake.

BUSHWALKING RULES

1. Always be alert ~ looking ahead and where you are stepping
2. Stick to wide paths and tracks only
3. Do **NOT** walk through long grass or let your child run ahead.
4. Do **NOT** step over logs, step onto them in case there is a snake on the other side.
5. Snakes can hear /feel vibrations, not sounds so make sure you practice **STOMPING**.
6. Wear boots that cover your ankles and long pants.
7. Be careful of what you pick up or turn over. Turn it away from you!

[Remember ~Snakes are a protected species/ Have a First Aid Kit with you and know treatment for snake bite]



From the Kitchen

During term 3, the vegetable garden has started to produce some food. One day, Nanna Rox came to the kitchen with a big bowl of potatoes from the garden. I washed them and put them in the fridge ready to use. During the week, I cooked sausages and made a big potato salad to go with them. I have also been able to pick some herbs and broccoli to put into the food.



I can see there will be some spring onions and a variety of herbs to flavour the food with as well.

PLCC AGM was held on the 27/9/2023. I cooked up a big pot of Chicken and vegetable soup, 3 dampers and a Zucchini Quiche. There was a good turn up of families and staff for the meeting.

We have also had 2 Teddy Bear Picnic lunches this week with the Kindy staff and children. It has been a busy week.

Cheers for now. Emma

SNAICC Conference

Sissy, Kirsty and Joanne presented to an audience of over 100 people. We shared about our Parent Program and the Learn at home Literacy and Numeracy packs as well as other packs we provide families with to help them support their children's learning. Thanks to Talitha, Natasha, Colleen, Karley, Graham, Timeisha and Kelly for allowing us to share your photos and comments. We had great feedback from many participants. The SNAICC conference had over 1600 delegates, its was the biggest one held in the history of SNAICC.



An Aboriginal artist painted this wooden table for the Palmerston Families as First Teachers program.



This is an outdoor activity with fidget spinners on to help children with sensory needs and engages them in an activity that can support regulation.

If anyone can donate 1 fidget spinner to help us make one of these that would be greatly appreciated.



A learning game for parents to do with their child

If you have the skills, time and imagination to help us make one of these sensory boards please come in and talk to us.

