Directors Report

Term 3 is coming to an end which mean’s it’s Cuppa and a Chat time. If your child is in Preschool please make an appointment to come in and meet with Joanna or myself to discuss your child’s learning. I would like to clarify the times as there was an error in the letter that went out. The day’s that are available are the Monday the 21st of September through to Thursday the 24th of September from 3.45-4.45. Look forward to seeing you! Parent’s of Joey’s and Kangaroo’s you will also have the opportunity to meet with one of your child’s Educators very soon. More information to come about this.

Thank you to all of you who have returned the Parent Survey’s . We are hoping to get some more responses so we have sent out more, if you could spare a few minutes to fill out the questionnaire it will really help to inform our Quality Improvement plan (this is displayed near the sign in sheet if you would like to take a look).

The children often ask to work in the garden so they can weed, water and pick ripe produce. Every now and again you will see that the children have picked vegetables or herbs to sell. The money raised goes back into buying things for veggie patch. We take all our food scraps to feed the worms, we have collected worm juice to fertilise our vegies. Thank you to Cole and the Pontifex family for bringing in some pumpkin seeds and to Isabel and the Pledge family for bringing in some strawberry plants. We are learning all about sustainability, how to re-use, recycle and care for our environment.

Thank you to everyone who has helped us throughout this busy term and especially to our parent helpers Ruth and Chantel for joining us on our Excursion to the Bee Hive. Everybody had a great time and we now have lots of new knowledge about bee’s.

Have a great holiday break, see you all in term 4.

Fundraising News

A BIG THANK YOU to everyone that attended the screening of ‘That Sugar Film’ on 4th September. Through your support the fundraising committee was able to raise approximately $900 for KICS!

ANZ Mortgage Introducer Program
ANZ have offered KICS a chance to be part of their Mortgage Introducer Program. If any of our families, friends or staff are considering a home loan or refinancing with ANZ and mention that they are associated with KICS, ANZ will donate 0.3% of the value of the loan directly to the centre when the loan is drawn down e.g. a $200,000 loan will mean a $600 donation to KICS. For more information please see admin.

Volunteers needed
Both Kingscote (31st October) and Parndana (14th November) Shows are fast approaching and KICS will again be running the show bag stand at both shows. All money raised through this goes towards helping to fund resources that will support our children in their learning and development. To make this stand a success we need your support and are calling for volunteers to help run the stall throughout the day. We are asking for volunteers for 1 hour timeslots between 9am and 5pm. These times include the setting up and taking down of our stand. If you are able to help please let us know in one of the following ways:

• Add your name to the list next time you are at the centre
• Phone or email admin and let them know your preferred time slot
• Contact us via our facebook page – ‘kics fundraisers’

Christmas Tree Festival
This year’s Christmas Tree Festival will be held on Thursday, 26th November. Please mark this date on your calendar and in your diaries. More information will be provided closer to the date.
Joeys 0-3

Fizzy Cloud Dough

The air was abuzz with curiosity when I told the children we were going to make fizzy cloud dough. This involved mathematical concepts of measuring, mixing, and counting. Scientific experimentation which caused wonder, curiosity, excitement and lots of questions. Sensory opportunities mixing the gooey dough with hands, touching the bubbles and playing with the dough at the end. Turn taking. Patience, cooperation and team work. And most of all WE HAD FUN!

KLDC—Kanga’s

This term the Kangas have been fortunate enough to go on a few outings.

On the 27th of August, all the Kanga’s went on the bus to visit the town library. This was our way of expanding the Kangas’ experiences of reading and love of books in Book Week. We split into two groups - half went to the library, and the other half went to the park; then we swapped. At the library the Kangas’ engaged with books about insects and dinosaurs, which is currently a very hot topic! Then at the library, we all had our fruit and a play on the playground. Even with all the play equipment, it was really nice to see that the children, in fact, prefer the natural environment as many of them chose to climb on the tree.

On the 10th of September, the Lighthouse Keepers and the Cavekids went to the Island Beehive to expand their interest and knowledge of small creatures. From the children’s comments, the highlights were the honey tastings and the ride on the heritage truck!

We certainly have been busy bees this term, and exploring dinosaurs and small creatures have been our favourite things!

Joanna

REMINDER:
Fundraising Toy catalogues due back 25th September

REMINDER:
Please remember to check the lost property box in the KICS Foyer!

REMINDER:
We are a Sun Smart Centre and to comply with the guidelines endorsed by Cancer Council SA we check and record UV levels daily. If the UV level is 3 or above please make sure your child/ren has sunscreen on before arriving. Near the sign in sheet the UV level is recorded for your convenience, if you have forgotten to apply sunscreen to your child/ren there is sunscreen provided next to the sign in sheet, please help yourself. Educators will also apply sunscreen throughout the day when the UV level is 3 or higher.
Penneshaw Long Day Care

Penneshaw Long Day Care, Penneshaw Kindy, their families and the community have been very involved in our unique “Hatching Chicken’s” experience.

We were very lucky to have our ‘Bird Man’ Adam Buick, lend us his Incubator and all the accessories needed to hatch chickens.

The children have been on a learning journey these past few months, learning exactly how eggs hatch in an incubator and the life cycle of a chicken. I can say proudly that every Penneshaw child that attends PLDC and Kindy would be able to tell you the exact process of ‘Hatching Chickens’.

The eggs took 21 days to hatch. We were very lucky at day 14 to watch what is called “Egg candling” to learn which chicken eggs were fertile and would hatch. Day 18 the children watched the eggs being removed from their automatic egg tuner and placed on the tray ready to hatch. From this day onwards the children watched and listened very carefully waiting for the eggs to crack and hear those very cute cheeping noises.

Once our chickens hatched we waited until they were dry and fluffy before moving them to the brood box (Their new home for six weeks). Penneshaw is now proud owners of five active chickens. At the end of this experience the Centre will be keeping two chickens (Hens not Roosters!). We are in the process of voting for names for them. The children have come up with some very creative names including, Beaky, Boc Boc, Fluffy, Bucky, Wonky…etc.

The children love our new additions to the Centre and have been looking after them very well. Not only do they help feed and clean their box they have been very active in making toys for them, and using the craft materials.

This experience has provided learning such as:
Observations, noticing change, maths skills, predictions and creative thinking.

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**Planting Time**

Sung to: “Row, Row, Row Your Boat”
Dig, dig, dig the earth *(make digging motion)*
Then you plant your seeds *(pretend to drop seeds)*
A gentle rain *(Flutter fingers down)*
And bright sunshine *(Circle arms above head)*
Will help your flowers grow *(Hold one arm parallel to ground and move other arm up behind it with fingers extended to represent a flower growing)*

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**Seeds**

Sung to: “Twinkle, twinkle little star”
Dig a hole deep in the ground
Spread some tiny seeds around
Pat them down –so they will keep
They are lying fast asleep
Rain will help the seeds to grow
Sunshine keeps them warm I know

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**REMINDER:**
Please check the artwork box in the Group Time Room weekly to collect your child’s artwork.
Thank you
## Kingscote Out of School Hours Care Program 28th Sept - 9th October 2015

**Bookings are essential and can be made on 8553 2436 between 8am - 5pm.**

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