Dear Preschool Families and Caregivers,

We are already coming towards the end of our third term of preschool for 2016. The year is going very quickly. The children have been engaged in many experiences preparing for our very own Olympic Games. Through the inquiry about caring for ourselves the children have also explored how athletes care for themselves. They eat healthy food, drink lots of water and sleep. Through their participation in a range of experiences the children continue to strengthen the learning dispositions and habits required to be an elite athlete (practice, persistence, resilience, appropriate risk taking and critical reflection).

Literacy skills have been strengthened through the creation of invitations, signs and using a data collection booklet. Numeracy learning has focused mainly on data collection, measurement and quantity. Many children can’t wait to get their medal.

Thank you to all the families who supported our recent Bunning’s BBQ. Your participation enabled the Preschool to raise $520 which will be used to establish a frog pond. A group of children have been very busy viewing and designing frog ponds and creating clay tiles to be laid as part of the pond.

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We are looking forward to the last term of learning together at Preschool and appreciate the support you have given us this term. Thank you.
End of Term Cleaning

It’s that time again. We ask all families to help on two occasions each year to prepare the environment for the next term. This term the cleaning will occur during the last week of the term on Monday 26th, Tuesday 27th and Wednesday 28th of September (week 10).

Morning tea will be provided. There are a variety of jobs that require about half an hour of your time. A list of these jobs can be found on the whiteboard. Please indicate what job and which day you will be coming in.

Thank You for your support.

Pupil Free Day

On Thursday the 29th of September the Preschool will have its second and last Pupil Free Day for the year.

The educators will be engaged in professional learning and therefore children are unable to attend preschool. Educators will be increasing their knowledge and understanding about STEM and literacy. We will be reflecting on our current practices through an improvement lens and evaluating our Quality Improvement Plan.

Working Bee

Our first and only Working Bee will be held on Sunday 30th of October from 9.30am to 12pm.

A list of jobs will be placed on the whiteboard, please place your name on the board next to your preferred job.

Royal Adelaide Show

Our inquiry for term 2 focused on ‘What is an artist?’

To celebrate the children’s participation and learning from this inquiry we decided to exhibit some of their work in the Junior Art, Craft and Design and Scarecrow sections of the Royal Adelaide Show.

It was very pleasing to see that the Scarecrow won second prize and some of our children received merit certificates, they were entered in the 5-6 section. Well done everyone.

Vale Park Preschool Olympics

The Vale Park Preschool Olympics is on Tuesday the 13th and Wednesday the 14th of September.

All children should be at Preschool before 9am. At 9am they will sit on the mat in preparation for the parade at 9.15.

Children have chosen specific colours to wear on the day. If your child doesn’t have anything with this colour they will be provided with a ribbon on the day.

The children march outside at 9.15 and open the Olympics by singing 2 songs. The children will then move through 6 events as part of a circuit. Families are encouraged to wait for the children to move as a group before following them. A horn will be used to inform the children when it is time to move on. Three events are located on the school netball court.

At the end of the Olympics the children will be given their medal. A special celebration will occur after the medal presentation. Morning tea will be held outside on the veranda. The children will start eating as a group. Please be aware of children with special dietary requirements and not bring any food with nuts.

We ask that when you take photos of your child that you try not to include other children in the photo. Please think very carefully about what you do next with the photo. Would you like to see/hear about your child’s photo being used by someone else?

We are hoping on the day it won’t rain but if it is a wet day unfortunately we will have to cancel this event.

A decision will be made at 8am on the day of the Olympics.

If the event has to be cancelled due to the weather an email will be sent at 8am. Please check your emails shortly after 8am.

School Dental Service

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