**Vale Park Preschool Newsletter**

**Term 2, week 7**

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**Diary Dates**

**Friday 17th June**
South Australian Museum excursion

**Monday 20th –Friday 25th June**
Madeleine—High School Work
Experience Student

**Thursday 7th July**
Child Youth Health Checks

**4th July—7th July**
Cleaning Week

**7th July**
Last Day of term 2

**Monday 25th July**
First Day of Term 3

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**From the Director**

Dear Preschool Families and Caregivers,

We are already coming towards the end of our second term of preschool for 2016. The children have been engaged in many experiences developing their understanding about artists, the learning dispositions and habits required to create a product (persistence, imagination, creativity, resilience and critical reflection) and the products created (sculpture, painting, drawing, dance and photography).

Thank you to all the families who attended the excursion to the Art Gallery. This excursion enabled the children to view the works and media of a variety of artists and to learn about their stories. Your support was crucial.

On Friday we will be holding our first excursion where we meet at the venue. There are still a few places if anyone would like to meet us there.

During the last week of every term we prepare the environment for the next term. Each morning there will be a morning tea for families to thank you for helping us maintain a clean learning environment.

Thank you for your ongoing support.

The recent Tea-towels for Mother’s Day fundraiser resulted in a profit of $400. Thank you for your support. The children did a great job, the tea-towel looked great. Thank you to Max Gavros for organising this fundraiser. The children have enjoyed learning with the Ball Construction that was bought with this money.

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**FEES**

Thank you to all the families who have paid their fees promptly. We still have a few fees outstanding. Can they be promptly paid?

If you are having difficulty paying, please speak to Sharron.

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We are looking forward to a wonderful term of learning together and appreciate family participation.

Thank you
We Need Help—End of Term Cleaning

It’s that time again. We have sent out a note requesting family support to help with the end of term cleaning. We ask all families to help on two occasions each year. This term the cleaning will occur during the last week of the term on Monday 4th July, Tuesday 5th July, Wednesday 6th July and Thursday 7th July (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.

Royal Adelaide Show

Our inquiry this term has focused on ‘What is an artist?’

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

We have never done this before and are seeking family support to take and retrieve the art work from the show. If you can help, please speak to an educator.

Child Health Checks

Unfortunately the nurse was sick on Thursday 16th June and was unable to attend. We have rescheduled the checks for Thursday 7th July. All existing appointments will be transferred to the new date, Thursday 7th July.

If you are unable to attend please speak to an educator.

The health checks include a discussion about your child’s growth and development, immunisation status and the nurse also assesses your child’s distance vision, hearing, height and weight and oral health.

There will be another opportunity for a health check in term 3 and 4. Dates will be advertised closer to the days.

Care for children is always available

Winter can be a busy time for emergency departments and it is important to consider if it really is an emergency. During the 2015 winter period, South Australian public hospitals saw nearly 1000 more presentations to emergency departments than the previous winter.

For minor illness or injury, there are a range of other care options to consider, including your local GP or pharmacy. Local health services, including information about after hours services, can be found through the National health services directory at www.nhsd.com.au.

If it is an emergency, emergency care for children is available 24 hours a day, seven days a week. Some conditions that are not life-threatening for an adult can be more serious for babies and young children. In particular, young babies with fever need to be assessed by a doctor.

In an emergency or life threatening situation, always call triple zero (000) for an ambulance.

For more information, including emergency department locations and information about other care options visit www.sahealth.sa.gov.au/careforchildren

Bunning’s BBQ

Please keep Sunday the 14th of August free. We will be holding our last fundraiser for the year, a BBQ at the Winsor Gardens Bunning’s store. We will require helpers on the day to cook sausages, sell food and collect money. On the whiteboard a roster has been placed asking families to support the preschool by placing their names on the roster. The shifts are for 2 hours only. If you can’t help on the day, you may like to come and purchase a sausage for your lunch.

Election Day Sausage Sizzle and Cake Stall

Vale Park Primary School are holding a fundraising Sausage Sizzle and Cake Stall on the school grounds on Election Day - Saturday 2nd July. They will be cooking from 9am to 2pm and will have BBQ sausages, a selection of baked goodies, hot coffee and cold drinks. Come along and support the school!

School Dental Service

At the School Dental Service, dental care is FREE for all babies, children not yet at school and most children to age 17.

Keep kids Smiling

Dental care is FREE for all babies and pre-schoolers. Make an appointment with us. www.sahealth.sa.gov.au/saldental