Dear Preschool Families and Caregivers,
We can’t wait until the renovations are finished. We are waiting for the outdoor seat and surrounding area to be completed. The children have been very patient and we are expecting it to be completed any day soon.

Thank you to all the families who have returned their child’s Learning Folder and provided goals and feedback. We appreciate and encourage you to be involved in your child’s learning. The Learning Folders provide another opportunity for families to be involved in your child’s learning.

Another way to be involved in your child’s learning is to share your interests or work skills. This term the numeracy focus has been on ‘MEASUREMENT’. We measure all the time and often without realising it. We would like to encourage all families to think about how you measure at home and work and volunteer to share you skills and knowledge with the children. Do you cook or build, are you a nurse/doctor, chef, engineer, architect? We would like to hear how and what you measure and what tools you use. Your children feel excited and proud when their families become involved in their learning.

Thank you to all the families that supported out Christmas in July raffle. The preschool raised just over $750. This is a fantastic amount and we will be purchasing a digital microscope (to enable the children to look more closely at and learn about small objects, including insects), 2 more Bee Bots (to teach the children about basic coding), technic and simple machine Lego (to extend and create engineering learning opportunities). Thank you very much. This year one of our foci has been on STEM and these new materials will provide many opportunities to further develop these skills in a fun and challenging way.

On Sunday we will be holding the first on our two Bunning barbecue’s. Thank you to all the families who have donated 2 hours of their time on Sunday to cook or sell sausages. Unfortunately we have one place left. If anyone is able to help, can they speak to an educator as soon as possible. If you can’t help on the day, you may like to come and purchase a sausage.
Money raised from this fundraiser will go towards a compost bin and STEM equipment.

From the Director
**Policy Update**

Thank you to the families who provided feedback about our Behaviour Management Policy. We are currently including your comments and the new policy will be displayed on the Parent Information Board for a few weeks before going in their policy folder in the parent area. All policies can also be found on our website. Later this term we will be reviewing the Excursion and Emergency Evacuation Policy and Procedures.

**Washing Roster**

At the end of each week we have a small bag of items that require washing. All families are put on a roster to complete this task once during their time at preschool. We understand that family life can be busy and if this roster does not suit please speak with another parent on the list and swap with them or speak to staff member. The roster for term 3 is on the notice board and will be put in your pocket.

Thank you to:
- Mitchell Reschke W5
- Diya Desai W6
- Koby K Miller W7
- Enoch Yang W8
- Jakob Gillman W9
- Tom Laube W10

**End of Term Washing**

Annie Lagozzino
Ronin Niaros
Hrihaan Patel
Kobe Zorba

**Marketing to Children**

Children are the target of marketing for everything from toys and sweets to cosmetics, fast foods and the family car.
Is this fair? Can children cope with advertising tactics? How can parents help their children resist the pressure?
Find out more at ACCM’s seminar on Marketing to Children: Resisting the Pressure.

Wed 19 August 2015, 7:30pm
Highgate School
4 Hampstead Avenue
Highgate, SA 5063 Cost $22 per person
ACCM members $20 (contact ACCM for your booking code)
Book your ticket at: www.trybooking.com/IGJX

**2015 Toy Catalogues Arrive**

Every year families attending the preschool are invited to purchase their Christmas gifts through a toy catalogue. Some of the items in the catalogue can only be bought through the catalogues. If you would like to use this service forms must be returned by the 11th September.

**Woolworths Stickers**

Please help us to collect the Woolworth Earn and Learn Stickers. Bring in your full sheets and post them in the box provided near the children’s lockers. We have a few sticker sheets at Preschool if required.

**School Dental Service**

Keep your kids smiling
Dental care is FREE for most school children and ALL preschool children at the School Dental Service.
All children aged 0-17 are welcome.
To locate your local School Dental Clinic visit www.sadental.sa.gov.au or call us now on 8222 8222.

**PUPIL FREE DAY**

Our second and last Pupil Free Day for 2015 will be on Thursday 10th September.
Educators will be attending a Partnership Early Years Training Day and children therefore will not be able to attend Preschool.
Often our Pupil Free Days are on a Wednesday or Thursday to make it fair for those children who may miss preschool when there are public holidays.
Literacy is the capacity, confidence and disposition to use language in all its forms. Literacy incorporates a range of modes of communication including music, movement, dance, story telling, visual arts, media and drama, as well as talking, listening, viewing, reading and writing. (EYLF p. 38).

INDICATORS OF PRESCHOOL LITERACY - I represent my world symbolically.

Key Elements:
- Represent ideas and theories in multiple ways.
- Use a range of symbols to convey meaning.
- Create texts for a range of purposes.
- Understand conventions of texts.

Children are able to represent their world symbolically through the multiple elements of literacy.

This term we have been exploring multiple ways that children can represent their world symbolically.

Children will continue to be involved in the following experiences that will demonstrate and develop their ability to represent their world symbolically by:
- Reading and viewing a variety of texts, both fiction and non-fiction, digital and paper based.
- Encouraging children to make their own books/posters/texts/signs.
- Providing a variety of mediums - paint, crayon, clay, Play-dough etc. to explore symbols.
- Writing Fathers Day cards.
- Writing letters.
- Writing signs for our vegetable gardens and other necessary signs for play.
- Exploring signs and symbols that appear in our everyday world and how they help us.

How can I help my child at home?
You can support your child’s understanding of symbols at home in many ways by:
- Reading a variety of texts with you child/children regularly.
- Highlighting and discussing symbols in the world (Street signs, stop signs, give way signs etc).
- Reading newspapers.
- Explaining money and the symbols found on it.
- Promoting bookmaking and card making both paper and digital forms.
- Encouraging children to follow their interests and recreate this in different ways. E.g. Rocket ship interests - drawing rocket ships, using the internet and books to gain further knowledge, creating 3D rocket ships.

For more ideas, please visit www.greatstart.sa.edu.au