Dear Parents / Carers,

😊 Welcome back to Kindy in Term 4, we hope everyone had an enjoyable holiday. We would like to welcome all the new children and their families who have started attending our Centre.

Staffing
Our staff team this term is:
Mandy Klessens - Director, Barbara White - Teacher
Deb Travis, - ECW, Selena Pickhaver - Occasional Care,
Natalie Keefe, Tammy Sneddon and Nora Lawrence - Support Workers
Kahlia Borlacle - Trainee
Darren Saxton our volunteer will not be with us this term and we would like to thank him for all his hard work and commitment to our kindy.
We will also be having students doing work experience throughout the term.

Fees
Fees are now due. Fees are $45 for five sessions, $40 for four sessions and $15 for Pre-entry. Can any outstanding fees and excursion moneys be paid ASAP, any queries please see a staff member. Thankyou.

Excursions
We have three excursions planned for the next month. On Thursday 3rd November we will be going to Hincks Ave Primary School to see the Amazing Drumming Monkeys. Cost will be $7.00. On Monday 7th November we are hoping to see a performance by Sam Oshodi, an African Drummer. This is an excellent opportunity for children to experience a different culture. On Thursday 17th November we will be participating in a program called Dance Magic. Details will available later for these last two events.

Our Program
On of the main focus areas for our program this term is healthy eating. We have put up a display, provided by OPAL, about healthy snacks and lunch box ideas. We are encouraging parents to think of different ideas for our snack time platters, maybe some less common types of fruit and vegetables could be brought along to give the children new food experiences. Also if you have any healthy recipes we could use for our cooking program please give us a copy or come in and cook them for us on a Tuesday.

Toys from Home
At kindy we have a large variety of toys, games and equipment for children to use. We request that children do not bring their own toys from home as it is very difficult to keep track of them and they become lost or broken or cause disputes. Each Tuesday when we have Show and Tell please help your child bring an item on the set theme, not toys, as this is part of our learning program. The theme for each week is displayed on the whiteboard by the play dough table and on the program near the tortoises. Please label your child’s item with their name and place it in the blue crates outside by the hat pockets.
**Playgroup**
Playgroup continues to meet on Mondays at 12 noon, after the kindy session. We now have a new leader Peta Shore. We would like to thank our previous leader Mel Fisher for her commitment and for all the effort she put into running the playgroup.

**Sun Safe Policy**
Children are required to wear a hat for outside play at all times. This must be either a legionnaire’s hat or a wide brimmed hat to give full protection from the sun. We also ask that parents apply sunscreen to their child before coming to kindy and dress them in clothes which protect their shoulders (no shoestring straps).

**School Enrolments**
It is a parent’s responsibility to enrol their child at the school of their choice. If your child has not yet been enrolled at a school please do so as schools need to know future enrolment numbers to assist in planning.

**Volunteers**
The kindy is always in need of volunteers, if anyone has any spare time to assist it would be greatly appreciated. Help is needed with our cooking program on Tuesdays; we will supply all ingredients if you have a recipe to share. Also help in cutting fruit for our shared fruit platter each day is always valued as it frees up a staff member. Parents/carers are welcome to stay through the session and help with cutting out art/craft resources, cleaning up or reading stories to the children. Thank you to those parents already helping, please see a staff member if you can help in any way.

**Banking**
Don’t forget kindy banking with Alliance One Credit Union is available on Tuesdays. You will need to open an account at the Credit Union prior to banking.

**Fosters Carers**
Foster carers are needed in Whyalla. If you are interested call Cherie, Barbara or Cassandra at Centacare on 86404900

**Validation**
On Monday morning our site will be having a Validation assessment where we discuss our continuous improvement cycle regarding emergent literacy skills. Mandy will not be available to talk to parents as she will be having a meeting in the office. Please see Barbara or Deb if you need any help.

**School Visits**
There will be no visits to Long Street Primary school this term as their classrooms are being renovated and the library is being used for a class.

Regards
Mandy, Barbara, Deb, Natalie, Selena and Kahlia