Tuesday 24/04/12    (WEEK 1)

Lameroo Kindy Newsletter

WELCOME BACK EVERYONE! It’s always great to welcome the children and you their families back to Kindergarten. I hope you all enjoyed some family time together. We look forward to seeing you all on Tuesday. Find a COMFY SEAT! This is a long Newsletter!

EASTER BUNNY AT KINDY!
The children and staff enjoyed it when Easter Bunny came to Kindy on Tuesday, April 3! He was seen eating our strawberries and hopping in our garden! After we found some Easter eggs around the yard, we thanked him for his visit. We noticed that he looked a bit hot and was soon on his way........

A big THANKYOU to everyone for supplying Party food at the end of last term and who was able to help us with some cleaning tasks in preparation for Term 2. Your help is always appreciated at this busy time.
Thankyou to Susie Pocock and her friend.

OCCASIONAL CARE
We are really pleased that our Occasional Care Service is being well utilised. Because bookings are high, we ask that Parents ring the Kindy each Monday after 9AM to make a booking as we are no longer able to offer ALL DAY Bookings for the whole term. We are using ‘Priority of Access’ guidelines to ensure that sessions are shared and that everyone has access during the term. The ‘Priority of Access’ guidelines are based on:
- Care needs of children who are not accessing other children's services
- Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children
- Children with additional needs or at risk
- Children of Parents with a disability
- Occasional Care is available to support families to meet both work-related and non-work related commitments

Please can you let us know when your child will not be attending their booked Occasional Care session? You can use our ‘Answering Machine’ and leave a message.

The Kindy number is: 85763 379

Thankyou

PORTFOLIOS Please can you send back your child’s PORTFOLIO as soon as you can? We also really appreciate the comments you make in the PARENT PAGE of this folder as it all contributes to improved and meaningful assessment of your child’s learning. Please can you give us some feedback on this page? Thankyou
**Mother’s Day MORNING TEA**

We’d love all our MUMS to come along on Thursday, May 3 at 10.30AM for a MORNING TEA and guess what?? You won’t have to bring any food! We are going to pamper you with a healthy Morning Tea. The children will be singing a song and reciting a poem about you and will also be rubbing your backs with a special rhyme that they know. Please can you come?

**NEWSLETTERS**

Our Newsletter is a really valuable way of involving you in your child’s learning, making links with home and kindergarten and passing on information about a variety of activities. It often contains important dates about up and coming events that involve your child. Our Newsletter is prepared every ODD Tuesday (The week number is always listed at the top of the Newsletter and on the main door at the entrance to Kindy.) At present, most of our Newsletters are being emailed to Parents by choice and some are being sent home as a hard copy. I encourage you to read these Newsletters regularly to stay informed with what is happening at Kindergarten. They also provide opportunities to talk to your child about what they have been learning about at Kindergarten. If you’d prefer to have your Newsletter sent home as a hard copy because you’re not able to check your email regularly, please let Ali know. We’d be happy to help. Any feedback about what else you would like to see and read about in the Newsletter would be gratefully received.

**OUR KINDERGARTEN WEBSITE**

Please check out our Website for information about the kindergarten. All our fortnightly Newsletters are posted there so if you misplace yours you can always find it on our Website: [www.lamerookgn.sa.edu.au](http://www.lamerookgn.sa.edu.au) This is another way that information is presented about our Kindergarten.

**HATS AND SUNSCREEN**

Lameroo Kindergarten is a ‘Sunsmart’ centre which means we have a policy in place for the best care of the children’s skin while they’re outside at play.

In Term 2, your children will need a named, broad brimmed or legionnaire style hat to wear while at play outside for the first few weeks while the UV level remains above 3. As the weather cools heading into Winter, the children will not need to wear their hats as often but we ask you to still keep their hat in their bag during the Autumn and Winter months i.e. during Terms 2 and 3. Thankyou.
**CURRICULUM FOCUS – MY MUM**

This term will begin with a focus on ‘My Mum’ as a basis for our Kindergarten Curriculum. We will be integrating all Learning Areas into this focus and will be using the Early Years Learning Framework (Our Curriculum document) to plan and programme for the children. (Check out our Parent display for more information on the ‘Early Years learning Framework’ or E.Y.L.F. at Kindergarten.)

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**Calling all our wonderful Mums! PLEASE CAN YOU SEND ALONG A PHOTO OF yourself for our DISPLAY AT KINDY? Thankyou**

On Friday, May 3, we will be having another Non-packaged foods day! Please can you send along non-pre-packaged food for your child for the day? This will again be a challenge to us all! It will be a way to think about eating less processed and healthier foods. There will be reminders about this day and a chance to talk about other food choices at home with your child in preparation for the day. All the best! We’ll also be doing some of our own healthy COOKING on this day. (THIS IS THE SAME DAY AS OUR MOTHER’S DAY MORNING TEA!)

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**TALKING TIME**

Each Friday at Kindy, the children have ‘Talking Time’. (This has replaced Morning Talks.)

‘Talking Time’ will begin in Week 2. Notes are being sent home this week. Please can you help your child be prepared for their turn? The first Topic is: ‘Dinosaurs’. All the best!

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**INDEPENDENCE**

We encourage the children to be as independent as possible at Kindergarten. This means supporting them to pack and unpack their own bags, look after their belongings and tidy up after themselves. Please can you continue to help us by encouraging your child to unpack his/her own bags and organise their own belongings on arrival at Kindergarten? We also encourage you to dress your child in clothing that they can easily manage when going to the toilet. (Belts or braces can sometimes be a problem). Please can you check that your child is able to manage their own lunch too as it’s great preparation for their managing at school i.e. can they open their lunch box / drink bottle by themselves or open their food packets? Thankyou.

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**GOVERNING COUNCIL MEETING**

Our next Governing Council meeting will be held on Tuesday, May 15 at 7.30pm at the Kindergarten. Our meetings are friendly with lots of ideas sharing and opportunities for you to have a say in decision making; they are generally from 7.30pm until about 9.30pm and are a great way to find out what is happening at the Kindergarten too. See you there!
**PIE DRIVE**

This term, we are again holding a PIE DRIVE to raise money towards our new BIKE TRACK and Yard re-development which has begun. Please can you help us by asking your family and friends to order some yummy pies, biscuits and pizzas using the order form accompanying this Newsletter? With the Football and Netball season underway, these food items could be really handy! Thanks.

**COMMUNICATION at Kindy**

We believe that good communication at kindergarten between our Parents and staff is really important to ensure that we are working in a close partnership with you for the best learning outcomes of your child. We have an EMAIL LIST to enable Parents to receive regular updates on their child’s day, receive their Newsletter online or pass on any information about their child to staff. We also have an ‘answering machine’ at Kindergarten if you wish to leave a message. We will also have a ‘SHARED COMMUNICATION BOOK’ on the front cupboard if you wish to leave a message that way. We will also try to catch up with you as often as possible at the beginning or end of the day to share about your child’s progress with you. Thankyou.

**LIBRARY VISITS** – We visit the Library each **THURSDAYS** for borrowing and sharing a story. Please can you help your child remember their Library Bag on Thursdays. Thankyou

Have a wonderful Term and we look forward to sharing our learning with you.

ALI, ANNITA, LISA, JUNE AND DENISE

**Important Dates to Remember:**

- **Week 2** – Friday, May 3 – MOTHERS DAY MORNING TEA and ‘Unpackaged Food Day’
- **Week 3** – Friday May 11, PIE DRIVE Order Forms due
- **Week 4** – Tuesday, May 15 – Governing Council Meeting at 7.30pm at the Kindy.