Hello! Ayubowan! Goeie môre! Kamusta?

We hope your term has begun well! It’s certainly great to see the children helping each other, learning together and developing their individual skills, abilities and personalities. Our Curriculum framework is aptly named ‘Belonging’, ‘Being’ and ‘Becoming’ and certainly has each child as the focus.

**Our Curriculum Focus: ‘Healthy Food’**

This term we have begun a curriculum focus about ‘Healthy Food’. After reading the story of ‘Jack and the Beanstalk’ and talking about growing vegetables, we have picked some of our Cherry Tomato crop, counted and bagged them, (after some quality control!) made and drew some labels (after looking closely at what a Cherry tomato looks like) and then presented them for sale to our Parents. The children were really engaged in every stage of the exercise and it was a good opportunity for Literacy and Numeracy learning.

THANKYOU to Nicole Goodrich who came to help us at Kindy to make delicious ‘Wraps’ with the children. The children helped to grate cheese and carrot, chop cucumber and then wrap their ham or turkey (with a cherry tomato!) into their piece of ‘Mountain bread’. Thanks Nicole for your time and patience. We all had fun and the wraps were yummy!

On Friday, February 24, we will be having a day of ‘NO Pre-packaged Food’ at Kindy. This will be a challenge for all of us! It will be a day of helping the children to become aware of a range of whole foods available for good health. All the best!

**Fridays at Kindy**

Last Friday, children attended Kindergarten on this day for the first time. It marked the beginning of our 15 Hours access to Preschool for the children. The children and staff enjoyed a fun day of learning and helping.

**Our Vegetable Garden**

The children have been enjoying watering our vegetable gardens, picking Cherry Tomatoes and potatoes and watching the progress of our sunflowers, strawberries and capsicums. Our strawberries are just ripening now which is exciting for the children to see. We have some budding gardeners at Kindergarten!

**Talking Time**

Talking Time (which used to be known as ‘Morning Talks’) will be each Friday. Week 4’s topic will be ‘Something about a reptile’ and the topic for Week 6 being: ‘Something about Dinosaurs’. Every child will have a turn each Friday.

All the best with helping your child with those!
**Library Bags**  
Each Thursday this term, the children will walk to the Lameroo Regional Community School to borrow or return a Library Book of their choice. Please can you continue to send a named Library Bag for your child? These can be a cloth bag of any type big enough to hold a variety of different sized books. Thankyou.

**Sunsmart Policy - HATS**  
Please can you send a named HAT for your child each day at Kindy? Can you also ‘Sunscreen’ your children on arrival at Kindergarten? In keeping with our ‘Sun Smart’ policy, we also recommend that the children wear clothing that offers their skin reasonable cover in the sun. Please no ‘Singlet’ tops. Thankyou.

**Governing Council AGM**  
Our Governing Council Annual General Meeting (AGM) will be held on Tuesday February 28 at the Kindergarten, followed by a short General meeting. The AGM will begin at 7:30pm. We encourage you to become involved with the management of the Kindergarten and hear what is happening and have a say in some important discussions that will affect your children and family in the future. Meetings generally finish at about 9.30pm. Hope to see you there!

**5 Minutes of your time** (These can be done on Tuesday, Thursday)  
Thankyou for your continuing help with our ‘5 Minute jobs’ at the end of the day. It is really appreciated and is working well. Annita always has plenty of jobs to be done and you will only need to take one turn each this term.

**Bottle Tops and LIDS**  
Please can you collect some bottle tops and lids for us for our WOODWORK? We are running out! Thankyou.

**Dates to Remember:** (DON’T FORGET TO PUT THESE ON YOUR CALENDAR!)  
February 28: Governing Council AGM at 7.30pm  
February 16 - Child and Youth Health Checks (Notes have been sent out to those parents whose children have reached the eligibility age for these.)  
February 24 – No ‘pre-packaged’ Food Day

Have a great week . All the best!

Please feel free to talk to Ali or any of the staff if you have questions or queries. We’re here to help!

Ali, Annita, Lisa, June and Denise