Our term has begun well. It’s always great to see the children helping each other, learning, playing together and developing their individual skills, abilities and personalities. We are practicing using the word ‘co-operating’ when we are packing up and helping each other. The children love to use this tricky word and are quickly understanding its meaning. Our Curriculum framework is aptly named ‘Belonging’, ‘Being’ and ‘Becoming’ and has each child as the focus. Thank you for sending back your ‘Parent Partnerships’ forms so that we can plan for more experiences around your child’s interests. They are many and varied!

Lisa Warner
Unfortunately, Lisa Warner is not well at present and is taking some time away from work to rest and recover. We wish Lisa a speedy recovery and hope she is with us again soon. While Lisa is away, Denise Stephenson will fill Lisa’s role. Denise will work with two children in a Bilingual Support role, support all the children while Annita works with a child with special needs and support the children as they learn ICT skills.

Our Curriculum Focus: ‘Toys, Games and Playing together’
This term we have begun a curriculum focus about ‘Toys, Games and Playing together’. We have organised some more visits with Mrs. Zerk’s and Ms. Borgmeyer’s Reception class who will visit us on Friday, November 2. We will be making Toys and Games a focus for this visit.

On Friday, November 2, we will be having another day of ‘NO Pre-packaged Food’ at Kindy which is a challenge for all of us! Again, we will be helping the children to become more aware of a range of whole foods available for good health. All the best!
Last Friday, the children all enjoyed making TOAST, spreading their own margarine and choosing their spread. Vegemite seemed to be very popular!

Our Vegetable Garden
The children have been enjoying watering our vegetable garden, picking ‘Snow Peas’ and watching the progress of our ‘Sweetcorn’ ‘Strawberries’, ‘Tomatoes and ‘Asparagus’. Our strawberries are beginning to ripen. Last week, we fertilised and mulched our plants and we water them regularly. We have some budding gardeners at Kindergarten!

Chickens at Kindy
Lisa has interviewed the children about their choice of what type of chickens they would like us to have at Kindy. The consensus has been white chickens that are fluffy! ‘Pekin’ or ‘Silky Bantams’ would ‘fit the bill’ nicely! Does anyone know where we might be able to get three of either of these types of chickens? We have a lovely new ‘Chook House’ ready to go but no chooks as yet. Thanks.
**Talking Time**
Thanks for ensuring that your children were ready for their ‘Talking Time’ last Friday. They all spoke well and were able to answer several questions about their chosen toy. We took their photo and will include these in our TOYS Display on the red pinboard. The Staff have their favourites too!

**Rest-Time Cushions**
Megan Wellburn has offered to help the children make their own Rest-Time cushion which they use during ‘Rest-Time’ each day at Kindergarten. These cushions are $10 and are given to the children to take home when they are leaving Kindergarten to start school. Thanks Megan!

**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 each day? 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 Meeting**
Our next Governing Council Meeting will be held on **Tuesday October 23** at the Kindergarten at **7:30pm**. Meetings generally finish at about 9.30pm and are a great way to find out what is happening at the Kindergarten and to have a say. The Governing Council plays a vital role in the management of the Kindergarten. I look forward to seeing you there.

**Christmas Catalogues**
Keep those Christmas Catalogues coming in. Thank you for the response so far.

**Dates to Remember:** (DON'T FORGET TO PUT THESE ON YOUR CALENDAR!)

October 23: Governing Council Meeting at 7.30pm

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, June and Denise