Hi Everyone,

It’s nearly Easter time and Easter Bunny will be with us soon. It’s hard to believe! We have enjoyed our ‘Reptiles’ focus and have learned much particularly about a Gammon Ranges ‘Carpet Python’ called ‘Itara’!

**Working Bee:** A Working Bee, led by Eric Rossiter, was held on Saturday, March 17 to begin Stage 1 of our exciting new ‘Bike Track’ extension at the kindergarten. Eric had begun preparing the ground on the previous Friday. **We thank Matt Reid and Doug Steer** very much for their considerable time and effort at the Working Bee. Eric will again be holding a Working Bee on **Saturday, March 31 at 9.30am** to continue with cementing a new section of the Bike Track. He will need 2 men to help him. Please let Ali know if you are able to help. **Thankyou.**

**Curriculum FOCUS: Reptiles:**
We thank Nyree Hayes and her son Charlie for bringing in their 2.2 metre ‘Gammon Ranges Carpet Python’ called ‘Itara’ recently to Kindergarten. (Itara is an Aboriginal word meaning snake.) The children and Staff listened carefully to Nyree as she answered questions that they had discussed previously about her snake and were fascinated when some of the children touched and held ‘Itara’. Our questions and Nyree’s responses are displayed on our pinboard. We hope you can come and see. It was a great session of learning for both children and staff.

- **Curriculum Focus: EASTER**
  For the rest of the term, we will be focusing our LEARNING on the celebration of Easter in Australia and in other cultures with a variety of different learning experiences and visits from members of our COMMUNITY. We’ll discuss what Easter means to the children and staff and list our responses. **We thank Nicole Goodrich** for coming in to help us make yummy Easter chocolates with the children last Friday; a deliciously messy activity which we all enjoyed!

  Fridays have become the day when we often enjoy a ‘COOKING’ activity.

- **School Transition**
  School Transition has begun with Emma-Lee Goodrich and Laylah Cornish beginning school in Term 2. These children will take part in school activities with Paula Zerk’s class for an increasing period of time each week culminating in a full day at school with Linda Borgmeyer in Week 9. They are both excited about their new school experience.

- **NEXT Governing Council Meeting:**
  There will be a short Governing Council Meeting on Tuesday, April 3 at 7.30PM at the Kindergarten. Look forward to seeing you there!
• **End of term Farewell LUNCH Party and early dismissal – 2.20PM**

On Thursday, April 5, we will be having an 'End of Term' Celebration LUNCH PARTY and FAREWELL for all the children but especially for Laylah Cornish and Emma-Lee Goodrich who will be starting school in Term 2. You will NOT need to send a packed lunch on this day, only a Snack. We will also be celebrating the end of Term 1. Where has it gone?? Everyone is welcome! Please can you bring a plate of LUNCH FOOD? (Parents of girls – Savoury) and Parents of boys (Sweet). We appreciate your support at this busy time of the year. The celebration starts at 12.30pm and will involve a presentation of Kindergarten certificates and the children's Portfolios and singing some Easter songs. We'd love to see you there!

*** (NOTE: SCHOOL and KINDY will finish at 2.20PM on this day. LAST DAY of TERM.) Please note this on your Calendar. Thankyou.

• **MEDICINES AT KINDY:** Sometimes we are asked to give your children medicine while they are at Kindy if they have been unwell. In order to do this safely we need to adhere to careful guidelines which are part of our 'Health' Policy. **These guidelines are:**
  - You need to give your permission by either signing an 'Authority Form' at Kindy or sending a 'signed note' if your child is travelling by bus. Please let us know also when the next dosage is due or if the medicine requires refrigeration.
  - The medicine needs to be in its **original, labelled container** detailing the child’s name and required dosage.
  - The Medication must be given to a Staff member and not left in the child’s bag. Thankyou.

• **Audit**

On Tuesday, February 28, our financial records were audited with positive comments made of our processes and only a few minor improvements to be made. We were very pleased. A big Thankyou to **Heather Pearce**, our hard working Finance Officer and **Dee-Ann Weetra** who was our Treasurer in 2011. Our Audit report was presented to our last Governing Council Meeting on Tuesday, March 20.

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**Our Nutrition Policy excludes the following foods at Kindy:**

Nuts, Roll ups, Chips and 'Twisties' and cordial.

We thankyou for your support with this.

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**Dates to Remember:**

- **April 3** – Governing COUNCIL Meeting – 7.30PM
- **April 3** – Our 'Furry Friend' will visit
- **April 5** – End of term Party – 12.30PM.
- **April 5** – LAST DAY OF TERM – Dismissal at 2.20PM.

We always look forward to seeing you at Kindy. All the best with the rest of the term!

**Ali, Annita, Lisa, June and Denise**