Hello! Goeie môre! Kamusta! Halo!

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.

Thomas Wooldridge

At this time, we would like to wish the Wooldridge family all the very best and lots of love and patience as Thomas recovers in the ‘Women’s and Children’s Hospital’. The kindy children sent him a special card last week with all their photos in it. Get well soon Thomas.

Bike Track and Yard Re-development – Working Bee

A BIG Thankyou to Vic Botha who helped Eric Rossiter on Saturday to pour more cement for our Bike Track extension. Your time and effort is really appreciated. It’s looking really good. We are doing our best to share this work among all our Dads.

Our Curriculum Focus: ‘Mum’

Our first 2 weeks began with a Curriculum focus about ‘MUM’. We welcomed a group of our wonderful Mums last Thursday for some shared songs, activities, poetry and a healthy Morning Tea made by the children and staff. It was great for the children to be able to say thank you to their Mums while at kindy. We have also been making some special gifts and cards for the children to take home for Mum for that special day on Sunday. Happy Mother’s Day to all our Mums and Grandmas!

PHOTO OF MUM FOR OUR DISPLAY. Unfortunately, we haven’t had a big response to our request for a MUM PHOTO so PLEASE can you send one along this week? Thanks

DINOSAURS – Our next Curriculum Focus is about Dinosaurs. If you have anything at home about Dinosaurs that you wouldn’t mind letting us borrow, we’d do our very best to look after it. We also need some bones to study. These might be bones from a cow, sheep, kangaroo or bird. If you live on a farm, please can you look around and bring some bones along to kindy for us to borrow? Thankyou.

PORTFOLIOS and ‘Parent Partnerships’ FORMS

There are PORTFOLIOS and FORMS not yet returned. Please send these back this week. We need them for planning. Thankyou
**REST TIME CUSHIONS**

Each day at Kindergarten, we have ‘Rest-time’ with the children which we believe is a good habit to encourage for their health and wellbeing. At this time, the children have a cushion to lie on. In the past, the children have decorated their own cushion with colour fast textas and these covers are then made into cushions by Ruth Gregor from Parilla. Ruth has very kindly been making these cushions up for us for some years now. These cushions are $10 and the children have them to keep when they have finished their time at kindy. An invoice will be sent home to you when your child has made their cushion.

A few children have not made their REST TIME cushion as yet.

Is there anyone who might be interested in coming to Kindy to help the children to decorate their cushion on a 1 to 1 basis? We have the fabric and textas here. Please see Ali if you can.

**Talking Time**

Talking Time (which used to be known as ‘Morning Talks’) is **each Friday**.

Week 4’s topic will be ‘**Something about Dinosaurs**’ and the topic for Week 6 being: ‘**A Book I like**’. **Every child will have a turn each Friday**.

All the best with helping your child with those!

**Governing Council Meeting**

Our next Governing Council Meeting will be held on **Tuesday May 15** at the Kindergarten at 7:30pm. Meetings generally finish at about 9.30pm. Hope to see you there!

**PIE DRIVE ORDERS DUE** by this Friday, May 11 please.

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

- May 11: PIE DRIVE ORDERS DUE
- May 15: 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, Lisa, June and Denise