Laughter, excitement and fun ...

Time flies when you are having fun! Well done to all of our children, the transition to Kindergarten is a special time for children and we are proud of the way each child has immersed themselves in our Kindy. Children seem to be bouncing through the door with a great sense of enthusiasm and participation in Kindy life with a great sense of curiosity and excitement.

Diary Dates

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We would like to acknowledge that Kapunda Kindergarten is located on the traditional lands of the Ngadjuri people.

Important Information
Communication pockets

Please remember to check your child’s pocket regularly for notes and read the whiteboard outside for important information. Staff may place notices in your child's pocket during the day so please remember to check at pick up time.

Annual General Meeting

Thank you to those who were able to attend the Kindy AGM and Governing Council Meeting. We welcome our new members and thank those who are continuing on in 2016! We look forward to working with these people in the decision making about our Kindy.

At the recent Annual General Meeting a new Governing Council was elected. Our first meeting was full of wonderful ideas and suggestions for improving our kindergarten and getting information to you about what happens here every day! This year some of our priorities include: upgrading the sandpit area; holding fundraising events; and meeting the National Quality Standards. A Governing Council folder is located on the family bench where you can keep up to date with what is happening.

Materials and Services Charge

Invoices have been placed in your child's pocket. Materials and Services Charge is $95 per term. We would appreciate payment of these fees by the end of Term. Fees can be paid by cash into the fees box located near the kitchen or electronically. Please speak to Rebecca or Sarah if you need to organise a payment plan.

Portfolios

During the term, staff will place pieces of work in your child's portfolios. Feel free to access these at any time and share the excitement with your child. They are located inside the Kindy in a basket above the wooden blocks.

Attendance Matters...

Is regular attendance important? Yes, from the very first day!

Did you know...?

- If children miss learning basic skills in the early years they may experience difficulties later in schooling.
- Irregular attendance in the early years can lead to poor patterns of attendance in primary and secondary years.

Please contact the kindergarten if your child is going to be absent on any given day. Thank you.

Reminder

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Please remember to **sign your child in and out** on the attendance sheets (located on the bench near the main Kindy entrance) each day that they attend Kindy.

Can you also please **sign** any days that your child has been **absent** from Kindy.

**Community Book**

Did you know that we also have a "Community Book" located on the parent bench (where you sign in). Feel free to contribute to this book in any way. We love to hear anything at all including suggestions, ideas about the curriculum, favourite songs or experiences your child may have had outside of Kindy that they may have learnt about during their time at Kindy.

**Preschool Health Checks**

Did you know that Gill Taylor—the CaFHS nurse visits our Kindy to conduct your child’s preschool health check? Gill will be visiting once per term to do everyone’s preschool health screening. She does the usual developmental health check as well as hearing and vision.

We will let you know when your child’s health check is each term. For the families this term we will place a reminder in your pocket.

**Happy Birthday**

To Bridget, Isabella B, Jax and Tully for February and Arizona, Greta, Owen, Savanna, Jaxon and River in March.

**Family Interviews**

This term we will be providing families with the opportunity to meet with staff to discuss your child’s development at Kindy.

These interviews will be held in Week 9 and Week 10, between 4:00pm and 7:00pm.

The timetable will be displayed near the daily sign in sheets. If you wish to have an interview can you please write your name/your child’s name next to your preferred time.

By making these partnerships with families we believe that we can continue to develop relationships and help your child’s sense of belonging at Kindy.

**Dispositions for learning**
Dispositions are attitudes for life. They describe how we usually respond to situations. We might be shy or outgoing, enthusiastic or pessimistic, energetic or passive. At Kindy we want to build and reinforce positive dispositions that are the foundation for successful learning. Dispositions such as curiosity, co-operation, creativity, persistence, resilience, courage, confidence and enthusiasm for learning.

Our aim is for every child to see themselves as not just a learner, but a successful learner. In the curriculum we are looking for ways to strengthen the dispositions that support learning, and ways to change dispositions that are unhelpful to learning.

We also use the language of learning dispositions when we talk to children about their learning. We start to hear children saying things like, “I’m being persistent, I won’t give up”, etc. We will talk about your child’s dispositions during family interviews.

**Playgroup**

Playgroup will be returning to Kapunda Kindergarten on Friday's during the Term. It will be from 12pm - 2pm.

Please spread the word to families, as it would be wonderful to see more families attend and it is a great way for children to develop a sense of belonging in readiness to begin Kindy.

The message of Harmony Day is Everyone Belongs. It is a day to celebrate Australia’s diversity. It is a day of cultural respect for everyone who calls Australia home - from the traditional owners of this land to those who have come from many countries around the world. Orange is the colour that is used on Harmony Day—**it would be great if all the children could wear something orange on Monday 21 March and Tuesday 22 March!**

We will also be participating in activities to learn about cultural diversity whilst having fun. We are planning to bake pumpkin scones on Monday and Tuesday, and would love your baking expertise or anything else you feel you can help with.