



Coming Events Term 2, 2018

Week 8

Mon 18th June Governing Council 7:30pm

Week 9

Tues 26th June **Pupil Free Day**

Week 10

Mon 2nd - Thurs 5th July Last Week of Term

Term 3 returns Monday 23rd July

PUPIL FREE DAY

Please note our next Pupil Free Day is on:

Tuesday 26th June (Term 2 Week 9)

There will be NO Kindy or Occasional Care sessions on this day. Thank you for your understanding.

UPDATING INFORMATION

We would like to remind families to please update any child details as they change.

This may be personal or contact details, updating immunisation history or a change in child care (eg: starting Child Care or Family Day Care).

Please see Jo at reception to update any changes.

SCHOLASTIC BOOK CLUB

New **Scholastic Book Club** catalogues are available in the kindy or from reception.

Orders can be done online or returned (with cash) to the kindy no later than 20th June, 2018.

2019/2020 ENROLMENTS

Do you have a child, or know someone with a child, who will be due to start kindy in 2019 or 2020? Due to our high numbers it is important that you have filled in a Preliminary Enrolment form which will put your child on our waiting list.

Please see Jo at reception to pick up a form or check you have already submitted one, thank you.

GOVERNING COUNCIL NEWS

We need at least 3 additional members at the moment. Please let Heather or Jo know if you are interested in coming along to our next meeting. This is open to any adult member of our Centre community (parent, grand parent, community service provider etc.).

It is critical for the operation of the Centre that we have families and community members to form our Governing Council. The Governing Council consults with the staff team to make decisions for the future direction of the Centre. They make decisions including changes to policy, how funds should be spent, hiring of contractors, major works to be done on the Centre facilities, set Kindy fees, approve pupil free days and approve sessional structure. The governing council is also privy to regular reports including director's report and financial reports. The Governing Council supports the Centre staff and ensures accountability for financial and other decision making. We need people who have children's best interests in mind, who can reflect on information presented and provide feedback, who can commit to 4 meetings throughout the remainder of the year, who want to know other families better and who want to have a say in the Centre management.

Next meeting 18th June 2018 7:30. Key agenda items will be policy review and outdoor learning environment consultation. All welcome.

WET WEATHER PLAY

We are all embracing the changes in the weather! As things get wetter it is timely to think about what we can learn from experiencing the change in the seasons, how this impacts our access to the outdoor learning environment, the equipment we need and our Centre procedures for adapting to changing weather.

Wet Weather Gear

Please ensure that you are sending a change of clothes (or 2) to each session so that if your child gets wet or muddy we can support them to change into their own clothes and be comfortable and warm for the remainder of the session. Gumboots and raincoats are welcome. (Please ensure all of your child's possessions are clearly labelled with their name to help us return any misplaced items.)



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Curriculum

Observing the changes in the weather can support children to understand science concepts such as the cycles of nature and where our water supply comes from while building respect for the natural environment. It can also support children to understand the importance of seasonal rhythms to farming and other living systems. Wet weather play provides an opportunity to make decisions about appropriate dress for outdoor play and to risk assess experiences for their suitability in wet weather. It may also support children to develop independence, curiosity, exploration, problem solving and self-regulation.

Risk Assessment

While we do allow children to play in the rain with the right gear, part of our risk assessment is that we expect children to be responsible and responsive to the changing conditions. In practice this looks like educators discussing this with children, educators reminding children to check they are wearing clothes that suit the weather, not going on the swings in the rain, wiping equipment before using it when it has become wet and moving safely in the rain. While we try to not allow wet/cold weather to prevent us from learning outside, children are not permitted outside if there are strong winds, electrical storms, hail or heavy rain. The Centre has a hot weather policy and inclement weather risk assessment that refer to the way we approach changing weather conditions. Please ask at reception or contact the Centre if you would like copies of either of these.

"There is no bad weather just the wrong equipment"

COMMUNITY INFORMATION

Twilight Play

Due to the weather forecast we will postpone Twilight play for a week and hold it on Thursday 21 June from 5:30-7pm regardless of the weather – it might have to be inside box construction rather than **A Walk in the Dark** - but we'll still have some Kindy torch experiences.

Vegan Cooking

Amy's program was a great success and we are most grateful for the extraordinary effort that she made to share her skills and knowledge. Copies of her recipes are available on request.

Instructions for making the wax wraps are easily located on YouTube. If there is any interest we could make some more another day – just speak to John.

Amy said that, her time permitting and sufficient interest, she might have another course in 2019.

If you have something that you would like to share with or present to families, speak to John or one of the team.

First Aid

There are still vacancies for Leanne's session on Saturday 23 June.

Regards to all

John Buckell

82649828, 0409984495 or email john.buckell@sa.gov.au

**First Aid for
Dads & Mums**

Three Hour Course
Saturday 9:30am-12:30pm
7 April, 23 June, 22 September
& 8 December 2018

Assumes no previous knowledge of First Aid

- For parents and carers of children that do not require assessment
- Includes CPR, choking, head injuries, bleeding, burns, convulsions, poisons, & fractures

**Registration essential call 8264 9828
or call/SMS John on 0409 984 495**

Cost / Venue

- \$35 now \$20 (concession available) \$30 per couple
- Ardtornish Children's Centre Community Room, 2 Saarinen Avenue, St Agnes SA 5097