Reconciliation Week

On Thursday of this week the children will be participating in Reconciliation Week activities. Coomandook Kindergarten will be coming to join us for the day. The children will have the opportunity to learn an Aboriginal Dreaming Story—Thukeri, dot paintings, decorating fish pictures, friendship bracelets to name but a few. Through the day we will also have some Ngarindjeri dancers and singers come to perform for the children. We will be having a shared lunch with the children of Coorong mullet in bread. Hopefully you have had a chance to look at our amazing Wurli also known as a Pulgi that has been built over the weekend by Bluey Roberts, Ben Roberts and Gay Jackson. We have had some offers of help to tend to our camp fire but require at least one more parent for this to go ahead. We plan to have the fire lit by Matt Kelly (Eleanor’s Dad) in the morning and it will be tended to by Sian Watson and Richard Boscence. We had planned for the children to sit around the camp fire and toast marshmallows. If you think that you could offer your help this Thursday May 30th please get in touch with me as soon as possible or if you would like to just come along and celebrate with us you are most welcome.

Collections from Nature

At Kindy we are still encouraging the children to ‘collect’ some things from nature. We have been gathering collections at Kindy for our Collections Discovery Trolley. We have collected gumnuts, pine cones, shells, cuttle fish, to name a few. We are hoping that on the weekend or on non-Kindy days that you may be able to collect something with your child to add to our collections from nature. For example, sea sponges, feathers, other tree nuts, acorns, shells etc. We have talked to the children regarding this task so they may begin asking for a container to collect things in. We have had such a wonderful response by many families of the Kindy and hope that more collections come in this week.

Nude Food Days

We are introducing the concept of ‘Nude Food’ Days at Kindy. This means that the children are to bring along their lunch and snack items in plastic containers rather than glad, wrap, foil or any other packaging that food sometimes comes in. We will be talking to the children about the nude food concept so they will be able to share their ideas with you too. We plans to hold specific Nude Food Days on the Kindy Friday’s however we encourage you to do nude food days everyday as it is a great way to save the environment and it often a healthier options for your child. Our first Nude Food Day will be Friday May 31st. We look forward to your support! An example—sandwich in a container, cut up apple/or whole apple, nuts, un unwrapped muffin etc.

Lunch Boxes

We are finding that children are bringing in packets of chips, lollies and high sugar or high salt foods as part of their snacks for Kindy. Please consider other healthier options for your child. Please remember to send in a drink bottle for your child with water in it only as some children have been forgetting their bottles (please do not send fruit juice). This is all in line with the DECD healthy eating policy called ‘The Right Bite’.

Jolly Phonics Letter Program

Last week our letter of the week was Dd. The action for the letter d is moving your hands up and down as if beating on a drum, saying ‘d d d d’. This week our letter Gg. The action for the letter g is to spiral your hand around and around saying ‘g g g gurgle’ as water goes down a sink. Please try to talk about these letters with your child wherever possible. It is great to expose your child to as many opportunities as possible.

Feedback/Suggestions/Input to Kindy

We would like to hear from you through our feedback box. This newsletter has a tear off slip that can be completed by you at any time and placed in our feedback box. Slips will also be available at anytime for your feedback.

We would like to work in close partnership with all families of our Kindergarten and value your thoughts and ideas. We aim to place the feedback box outside on the tables under the veranda so that you can place this in anonymously. If it is not put out each Kindy day it will be located in the Kitchen area.
Governing Council News/Update
This term we plan to have a Bulb Fundraiser. The forms from the company should not be too far away! Please talk to your family and friends about supporting the Kindy by purchasing the 'spring' bulbs range from us. More information to follow.

Healthy Eating Breakfast Show
OPAL will be visiting Meningie Area School on Monday 3rd June for a ‘Peel, Pop & Pour’ show. This will be held at 11.30am and is open to Kindy and Playgroup families as well as community members interested in attending. It is a free show and is aimed at promoting healthy eating and lifestyle choices. It would be great if you could attend.

Sharing Time at Kindy
Sharing Time at Kindy has become quite popular for the children and we are pleased to see them developing their oral language skills with their peers. We are keen for children to turn their focus to our theme for their sharing time throughout the weeks of the dinosaur theme. We will only be accepting dinosaur related sharing at these times as we would like the children to develop their vocabulary in this area. If your child has some dinosaur books, toys or pictures we would welcome these for the purpose of sharing. Alternatively if your child has made a nature discovery at home or when out and about, it would be great if they could share this with us. For example, birds nests, pelican or eagle feathers or interesting leaves etc.

Playgroup News
Playgroup operates Monday’s from 10-12noon.

Meningie Kindy Recipe Books
We currently have a 'Kindy Recipe' book available to purchase. It is $15.00 per book. They are nicely bound and easy to use. I will leave a couple on the table for you to look at. If you are interested please place the money in an envelope with your name and details so a receipt can be issued.

Kindy Term Fees
Kindy Fees are not overdue. Please come and talk to us if you are having trouble paying the fees and we can negotiate a fee payment schedule to suit your needs.

YOU NAME IT—LABELS
Meningie Kindy is having an on-going fundraiser with ‘You name it—Labels’. This is a company that offers vinyl and fabric labels that are dishwasher and microwave safe. You can personalise you labels to suit your needs. Just log on to: www.younametitlabels.com
And place you order, quoting our unique code mksa0213 (all small letters, no spaces). When you order online you will received a 5% discount off normal prices. The Meningie Kindy receives a generous rebate for each order so please feel free to share the code with neighbours and friends.
I have just received my order of name labels and they look great! Don’t forget to get online and purchase some for your child. Great for labelling lunch boxes, drink bottles etc.

Thanks Ally, Sheree, Dana & Angela

Feedback Slip
Date:_______________________
Comments/Suggestions/Thoughts?