Some staff Changes
We now have myself as Director, Sheree as Teacher, Dana as support staff, Angela as support staff including PreSchool Support hours and Literacy support and Narelle as support staff including Bilingual Support. These programs are funded and can change on a term by term basis due to funding cuts or changes in enrolments.

Please feel free to approach any staff member at any time and if they are unable to assist you they will refer you to someone who can. Welcome to Narelle who is a new member of staff at Kindy.

Enrolments affect our staffing
At the end of last term I was informed our staffing will change in Term 4 where unfortunately we will lose Sheree Biddle as the teacher. This means that my role changes to Director/Teacher and I will be required to employ an Early Childhood Worker (ECW) to be on site with me at all times. Enrolments have a direct effect on the number of staff we are allocated which is one reason why your child’s regular attendance at Kindy is vital. Each term DECD collects data on the number of children enrolled at the site and the number of children present at the site throughout the data collection weeks. Even though we have a high enrolment that would warrant having a teacher we are ineligible to have a teacher due to the actual average attendance being lower. Unfortunately the staffing formula is based on average attendances. However, this is not new and has been done like this for a long time. With the introduction of the ‘Same First Day’ Program we are now seeing these effects. Each term data will continue to be collected and once again this has a direct effect on 2014 staffing.

We really, really would like to be in a position to have a Director and Teacher! So please, please make sure your child is attending Kindy each day so that they can count towards our Data.

4 Year Old Health Checks
Our next four year old Health Checks are scheduled for Friday 2nd August. If you and your child are scheduled to have for this term you would have received personal notification in your child’s pocket late last term. Please make sure you have noted this date and time in your diary.

Governing Council
Our next Governing Council Meeting will be held on Friday August 2nd at 2.00pm (Week 2).
Reminder for Variation of Pick Up
If you require someone else to collect your child from Kindy we need to know this prior to the person arriving to collect your child. This can be done a number of ways.

- You can record this information in our ‘Record’s Folder’ located in the shelf above the Kitchen Bench. There is a section called ‘Variation of Pick Up’.
- You can phone the Kindergarten prior to 3.00pm to let us know the change in plans and we will record it in the folder on your behalf.
- For bus families it is your responsibility to notify the bus driver of a change in plans.

Having this information early will prevent staff having to phone families to check whether this arrangement is appropriate. We must ensure your child is going home with the correct family member or friend. If you are unsure where to record this information please ask a staff member to assist you.

Nude Food Day
This coming Friday 26th July is another Nude Food Friday which 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 plan 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. An example—sandwich in a container, cut up apple/or whole apple, nuts, un unwrapped muffin etc.

Playgroup News
Playgroup began yesterday from 10-12noon. Playgroup have sent out surveys regarding the playgroup program and asking for your responses and feedback. Please make sure you get these in so that the Playgroup coordinators have the opportunity to review the information and make possible changes to the current program.

Recycling
You may have already noticed that we have included three new bins in our Kindy for the purpose of Recycling. The children have learnt about recycling containers, paper and cardboard and actual rubbish items that cannot be recycled or reused. They were able to participate in a sorting activity where they could identify recycling symbols on a variety of ‘rubbish’ items. The bins are labelled and the children are doing a great job of placing the correct items in each bin. We have also started a compost bin on each table at lunchtime. These are used to collect food scraps from the children’s lunch. We intend to compost these in our compost bin and later they may also be used for a worm farm. We hope that your child can share some of the information with you at home!

Catering Job from June 28th
Once again a BIG thank you to those who provided food, prepared and served the food at the Student Free Day for Meningie Area School last term. I am aware that some mums also offered each other help by looking after each other’s children to enable this is happen so thank you if you also helped behind the scenes. I haven’t had a final amount yet as to what we raised but will be sure to let you know asap.

Internal & External Area Safety Checks
Inline with the National Quality Standards we are now conducting daily yard and internal play area inspections and recording this data to ensure the safety of all children. In the past these check did take place however we were not recording this information formally. We are doing this now and the check sheet can be seen behind the Kindy front door on the wall if you wish to view it. Once these forms are full we will file them and replace them with new ones. This will be something that will also be discussed with playgroup so that they are also complying with this new procedure.

Pillows & Blankets
Please remember to send in your child’s pillow and blanket in preparation for relaxation time.

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.younameitlabels.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 & Narelle