Newsletter No. 13  6th August— 2013

Welcome to a New family
We would like to take this opportunity to welcome Orian and his family to our Kindy. We hope that Orian enjoys his time at Meningie Kindy and we look forward to sharing in the learning with him.

Learning Program
Over the next week couple of weeks we will be enquiring with children what they would like to know about shops. We hope that this will add value to their visit to the shops. The children have talked about the shops they already know of in Meningie and Murray Bridge. We have talked about the purpose shops have in terms of selling items that customers may like to buy and also need to buy to be able to live such as food. We look forward to discovering more about shops with your children.

Jolly Phonics
Last week we introduced to the children two letters that make long ‘a’ sound which were ‘ai’ together. The action for this was putting your hand to your ear and saying ‘ai, ai, ai’ as if you are unable to hear a person. This week we are concentrating on the letter ‘j’. The action for this is ‘j, j, j’ while pretending to be a jelly with your body saying wibble, wobble, wobble jelly on a plate. Please take a moment with your child to talk about these letters and sounds.

Excursion to the Shops
We are planning to visit some of the local Meningie Shops on Friday 23rd August. This is aimed at enhancing our Shop Play theme. We hope that the children are able to gain ideas from this experience to re-enact in their play while they are at Kindy. We have had two offers of help for this excursion which is greatly appreciated. Anyone else that wishes to help please let one of our staff know. We have made contact with some the shops we plan to visit and they are happy for us to come in! We already have a general consent for local excursions so this will come under that consent and no further consent will be required. The excursion details are below:

9.00am—Children settle into Kindy
9.20am Children depart Kindy for Butcher Shops
9.30am –10.00am Visit Butcher shop and watch mincing of meat
10.00am—10.30am Visit Bakery and decorate donuts
10.30am—11.00am Visit IGA and make some purchases to bring back to Kindy for cooking
11.15—11.30am Walk past other shops and teachers to discuss what these shops are and what they sell
11.30am—12.00noon Visit Post Office/Newsagency
12.00noon walk back to Kindy in time for lunch

Dad’s Night/Special Person’s Night
We are planning to have a Dad’s Night coming up in Week 5 of term on Tuesday 20th August. The idea is that your child comes along to Kindy with their Dad (or if Dad is not available another ‘special person’) from 5.00pm –7.30pm. This means that there will be NO REGULAR KINDY on that day. The Kindy staff will have a range of fun activities for the Dad’s to do with their children ranging from handprints together to a pretend shave with shaving foam and a pop stick, painting, woodwork to name but a few. Kindy staff will be there to support you and your child and hope that this time is a special time with your child. We realise it is difficult for Dad’s to visit Kindy through the week due to work commitments which is why we thought we would trial this Night. Please complete the tear of slip at the back of this Newsletter to indicate your attendance. Staff will also organise a light dinner for the children and their dad’s! We are very much looking forward to this evening.

Our Kindergarten Values are:
Active Learning  Respect  Wellbeing  Relationships
Nude Food Day
This coming Friday 9th August is a 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.
We have also had a Nude Food Kit on display for parents to look at. We hope you have had a chance to look at these great Nude Food storage containers.

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 your labels to suit your needs. Just log on to:
www.younameitlabels.com
And place your 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

DAD’S NIGHT RETURN SLIP

Child’s Name:_______________________________________________________

Dad’s Name or Special Person:_________________________________________

Tuesday 20th August
☐YES we are coming from 5.00-7.30pm

☐NO we are unable to come

Signed: ___________________________