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Dad’s Night
We were so pleased with the number of Dad’s and special guests who attended Tuesdays evenings Dad’s Night. The children appeared to really enjoy having you here at Kindy. It was also a fantastic way for the staff and guests to meet and greet. Often the Dad’s do not get the opportunity to visit Kindy due to work commitments which was one of the reasons for hosting this event. A feedback form regarding the evening is attached to this newsletter, we would appreciate your response.

Kindy Photo Day
By now you should have received a Kindy Photo Day envelope for our upcoming photo day on Thursday September 5th. The children will each be individually photographed as well as a Kindy Group photo. It is a wonderful record of your child’s time at Kindy. Please take the time to view the options available for Kindy Photo’s and return the envelope with money enclosed please. If you have any questions please come and see us.

Jolly Phonics
This week we are focussing on the sounds ‘ee’ and ‘or’. The action for ‘ee’ and ‘or’ is to pretend to be a donkey braying and say ‘eeyore, eeyore’. Please take a moment to ask your child about these two sounds and the action throughout the remainder of the week. Next week is the letter Zz. The action for this letter is to pretend to be a bee, with your elbows in and your hands flapping, saying ‘zzzzzzzzzzz’.

Excursion to the Shops—THIS FRIDAY
We will be visiting some of the local Meningie Shops on Friday 23rd August. This is aimed at enhancing our Shop Play theme. We hope the children enjoy the day and gain great experiences from learning together within our community. 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

Fruit Time will be at the Lions Park.
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

Worm Farm
Late last term we applied for an OPAL and NRM Grant for $500 to begin a sustainable project within the Kindy. The idea of this is to demonstrate to children how we can use, re-use, recycle and give back to our environment as it does us. We will be embedding into the curriculum ways to do this. We decided as a staff that beginning with a worm farm would be not only interesting to the children but a great way to show them how we can contribute to the environment by turning some of our food scraps from lunch and fruit time into fertile soil that will then go into our veggie garden. Currently our food scraps go to our compost bin and our chickens. We plan to divide up these scraps and sustain all three projects within the yard. More information will follow regarding our worm farm soon.

Bulb Fundraiser
Last week we sent home a BULB FUNDRAISER brochure. In the past this has been a wonderful project for our Kindy in terms of Fundraising. Please get in touch with your family and friends and ask them if they wish to purchase some bulbs in support of the Kindy. Many names can fit onto the one order form. These bulbs are the ‘summer’ bulb range and therefore can be purchased in preparation for Summer time. Orders and money need to be back into Kindy by the end of Week 8 this term which is Friday 13th Sept.
Button Battery Safety Fact Sheet
Please see the Button Battery Safety information attached to this Newsletter.

Evacuation Practise
In Week 6 we are going to plan an 'Evacuation' practice where we evacuate to our designated safe yard place. Prior to this occurring we will talk to the children about what this means and the whistle sounds to listen out for. Staff will be there to support the children with this event. Later in the term we will also have and 'Emergency Invacuation' practice. This is where the children will be taken to a safe place within the Kindy and the doors will be locked to keep children safe from the 'perceived danger or threat'.

SSO & ECW Week
From August 19th to August 23rd it is SSO & ECW Week. This is a week set aside to celebrate and acknowledge the hard work our support staff put into the Kindy throughout the year. So I would like to take this opportunity to thank Angela, Dana and Narelle for all that they do to make the Kindy run smoothly for you and your children. You are also welcome to thank them personally as you see them!

Nude Food Day
This coming Friday 23rd 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.

Parenting Group Sessions run by Centacare
Recently I was contacted by Sharon Young from Centracare asking whether the families of the Kindy would be interested in parenting sessions. The suggested course runs over 6 session and is titled 'Bringing up Great Kids'. It promotes mindfulness, child development and messages we can gain from our children. The sessions can be run in schools hours with the option of a crèche or after hours without a crèche option. If you are interested in these sessions can you please return the slip below so that I can communicate the best possible scenario for our families.

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

Centacare Parenting Sessions -’Bringing Up Great Kids’

Name:_____________________________________

☐ Yes I would like to attend these sessions

☐ No I am not interested in these sessions

☐ Daytime sessions are best  ☐ Yes I would use the crèche

☐ Evening sessions are best