Program
Welcome back!! We hope your child enjoyed their first week of Kindergarten. We have 8 very eager and enthusiastic children starting Kindy this year as well as 3 staff members who are excited to be working with them.
This term because everyone is new, we have decided to look at ourselves, our families, and where we live. We believe that it is important for everyone to get to know a little bit more about each other. We have spent the first week getting to know each others names and exploring the Kindy environment and becoming more familiar with routines and expectations. We will finish the term with Easter activities.

As we explained in the letter, we will again be sharing the Director's role this year. Hedy will work Tuesdays, Amanda will work Wednesdays and we will alternate the Mondays. Amanda will work the even week Mondays and Hedy will work the odd weeks.

If you have any questions, concerns or want to know how your child is going, please don’t hesitate to make a time to see Kindy staff. The door is always open!

Please read the rest of the newsletter carefully as it goes over some general housekeeping and expectations.

We are really looking forward to the coming year and getting to know your child as well as your family.

Amanda, Hedy & Ros

Parking
Parking at the Kindy for dropping off and picking up your child is available in the Kindy car park and directly across the road from the Kindy. Parking in front of the Kindy is strictly prohibited as this is where school buses park.

Lunchboxes
As it was outlined when you enrolled your child, we have a Healthy Food Policy. As part of this policy it is expected that the children will bring at least 1 piece of fruit to eat at snack time. We understand that sometimes children can be fussy with what they eat, so we are more than happy for children to eat vegetables as well. We also discourage the eating of chocolate and other processed foods that are high in sugar and salt. We will send home various lunchbox ideas that are healthy and easy to make in newsletters. If you have any recipes that you would like to share with other families, please let Kindy staff know and we will include it in the next newsletter. Please remember to check that your child's lunchbox doesn't contain any Nuts.

Kindy Clothes
Just a reminder to send your child in comfortable play clothes. Please don't send them in really good clothes as there is the possibility that they could get dirty. We do have Kindy clothing available for purchase to help save other clothes. If you are interested in purchasing tops, jumpers or hats please see staff about this on Mondays after the Kindy session has finished. We have just placed an order for more Kindy polos and jumpers, which should be ready next week. Unfortunately our supplier can no longer get purple jumpers, but we will have pink, red and navy jumpers available. We also encourage children to wear shoes that are suitable and comfortable. By suitable we mean shoes that will stay on when running, climbing, etc and won’t slip off. Ugg boots, rain boots or thongs are not suitable to wear to Kindy.

Children must be taught how to think, not what to think.
Margaret Mead
Communication Folders
Newsletters, Scholastic Book Club Orders, Fee envelopes, Notes and flyers will be sent home in your child’s communication folders. It is really important that you check these at the end of each Kindy day to make sure you don’t miss out on any important information. Please take these out of the folder and keep them at home. This way we know that you have seen the information and it stops the folders from getting too full. Please use these folders to send any notes or fees back to Kindy.

Visitors
If you are visiting the Kindy during the day, we ask that you sign in using our visitors book. It is an Education Department requirement that all visitors to the site sign in on arrival. The sign in book is located on the kitchen bench. You don’t need to sign in when dropping off or picking up your child, unless you will be staying for a longer period of time. Please make sure you pass this information on to your family and friends. If you have any questions about this, please see Kindy staff.

Variation in Pick up
If you are unable to pick your child up at the end of the Kindy session and have organised someone else to do it, please let Kindy staff know either through a phone call, your child’s communication book or filling out the Variation of Pick up book (located on the kitchen bench). If someone comes to collect your child and we haven’t been informed, we will not release your child until we have made contact with you. So please make sure you always let us know of any changes to the way your child is getting home.

Pick up
We ask that you are prompt when picking up your child at the end of the session. This means 12 noon on Mondays and 3pm on Tuesdays and Wednesdays. If you are more than 5 minutes late you will receive a phone call. It can be quite distressing for the children if everyone else has gone and they are the only ones left.

Sun protection
As stated in our Skin Protection Policy, it is encouraged that children come to Kindy with sunscreen already applied. Can you please ensure that your child has sunscreen applied in the mornings. We understand that the mornings can be busy and you may run out of time. So if you have forgotten, let us know and we will have a bottle of sunscreen for you to use in the morning. We will then reapply it during the day as required. If your child has sensitive skin, please provide your own sunscreen.

Books
Twice a term you will receive Scholastic Book Club brochures for you to have a look through and purchase books if you like. These are a fantastic way to build up your home library for your children. They have a great range of books to suit all ages and even better, they are at great prices! For each book ordered the Kindy receives a credit, which we can use to purchase books and other resources for the Kindy. Please remember to take notice of the due date in the newsletter and on the brochures, so you don’t miss out. We also have books sent to us from Top Tales. These come once a term and you are able to see these at the Kindy. We display these on the coloured cupboards just inside the front door. Again these are great books at great prices! If you have any questions about either Scholastic or Top Tales please come and speak to Ros.

Catastrophic Fire Days
With the bushfire season upon us, we thought we should remind parents that the Kindergarten does not close on forecast catastrophic days. However NO buses will be able to run on these days. On these days parents will need to make the decision to transport children to Kindergarten or keep them home. The announcement of these days cannot be made until DECD is notified of the following days’ forecast by the Bureau of Meteorology after 4pm. The Kindergarten will make every effort to contact parents once the announcement has been made. Information will also be provided on the DECD Parent Hotline 1800 000 279, ABC radio 891 and local regional stations, ABC TV and the DECD website www.decd.sa.gov.au

Governing Council Meeting
The next Governing Council Meeting will be on Monday 2nd February at 7pm at the Kindergarten. All apologies to Hedy/Amanda or Bec Boseley.

Kindy Fees:
Kindy Fees were set at the AGM last year and this year will be $90 per term, plus a once off Literacy Kit fee of $10. You will receive an invoice for the fees very soon and we would appreciate payment as soon as possible. If you cannot afford the whole amount all at once please see Hedy or Amanda and we can work out another payment option.
**Kindy Attendance**
If your child is absent from Kindy can you please let us know with a phone call or note, so the absence can be recorded. Our Kindy is staffed on attendance not on enrolments.

**Sharing Roster**
This year we have decided to set a topic for each weeks sharing. We ask that you follow the weeks and help your child bring in something to share relating to the set topic. Please discourage your child from bringing other toys in their bag to kindy. We have found in the past that if we don’t know these things are there, they tend to get lost or broken, so it is easier if they are left at home and only things relating to their sharing are bought in on their set day. Sharing times will start next week and list of topics will be sent home separately.

**Washing Roster**
Below is the washing roster. We ask that one family a week washes the smocks and tea towels and returns them to Kindy the following Monday. The washing will be sent home on Wednesdays. If you have any questions please see a staff member.

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SIMPLE SUMMER LUNCHBOX FILLERS

Stuck for summer snack ideas for kids’ lunchboxes?

Why not try some of these suggestions?

- Vegetable or bread sticks (e.g. carrot, celery, beans) with different flavoured reduced fat dips like Skinny Tzatziki or extra light cream cheese.
- Air popped popcorn
- Rice cakes with cottage cheese.
- Rice crackers or Pita chips with mild salsa dip.
- Fresh fruit – try fruit whole, cut into wedges or as fruit kebabs on paddle pop sticks, chilled or frozen.
- Homemade fruit muffins or raisin/fruit toast.
- Scones with cheese and vegies (zucchini or carrot), or sultanas/dried fruit.
- Snack-sized tub of reduced fat yoghurt (plain or fruit flavoured).
- Hard-boiled egg.
- Cubes, slices, shapes or wedges of reduced fat cheese with wholemeal crackers.

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**100+ cookies from 1 mix**

Prep time 10 mins  
Cook time 10 mins  
Total time 20 mins

Author: Reader: Deanne Pell  
Serves: 100

**Ingredients**

- 500g butter
- ½ cup white sugar
- 5 cups Self Raising flour
- 1 can condensed milk

**Instructions**

1. Preheat oven at 180C and prepare baking trays
2. Cream sugar, butter and condensed milk
3. Add flour, slowly mix to combine
4. Divide mixture into 4 portions
5. Add desired ingredients (to flavour) each portion. Such as 100&1000's choc chips, nuts, sultanas, white chocolate & coconut.
6. Roll rounded teaspoon of mixture into balls, flatten slightly
7. Bake for 10-12 minutes or until golden

**Notes:** I usually make a couple dozen cookies then freeze the left over mix in 2 logs. That way I can have fresh baked cookies in no time next time I need them. You can add choc chips, m and ms, jam etc... to the mix.

Increase sugar amount to taste.