Welcome to Kindy for 2015!

We welcome the children and their parents/caregivers as we begin our learning journey at Port Pirie Community Kindergarten for 2015. This year there have been some staff changes. Bridie is the Director taking over from Chris Baldock, who had been in this role for 5 years. We thank Chris for her enthusiasm and commitment to this role. We welcome back our teacher Wendy and our Early Childhood Worker Liz. Meagan Simounds will be our new support worker, who will work alongside children with particular needs to maximise their learning and development.

Please feel welcome to introduce yourself to any of our staff. Staff photos are on the pin board near the kitchen. Our timetable for the day is also on display and program of learning.

This year we have become a part time kindergarten. Therefore, the kindy will only be operating 3 days a week on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays. All children will attend the same sessions. All children will commence the term attending 2 days on Tuesday and Wednesday and 3 days on alternate weeks. The Thursdays that children do not attend is a staff planning day.

Although we are no longer open on Fridays we have been able to still run Playgroup for our families. Liz will be employed for Playgroup to help parents run the session and liaise with families.

2015 Kindergarten Session times:

Alternate weeks:
Tuesday and Wednesday (Week 1, odd weeks)
8:45am - 2:45pm
Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday (Week 2, even weeks)
8:45am - 2:45pm

Playgroup:
Babies to Kindy age
Friday 10:30am - 12:00pm
Starting 30/1/15

Attendance

Remember to bring your child to kindergarten every session they are booked to maximise their learning.
We also thank you for notifying us if your child is ill or will be absent.
At kindy, if your child is feeling ill, does not settle or gets very tired we will phone you.

Attendance data is collected in the first 2 weeks of each term.
The National Quality Standards requires parents/carers to **sign in and sign out** when dropping off/collecting your child.

If you **require another person to collect your child** please put their name in the signing in book next to your child’s name in the “on departure” column. This should be a designated person given permission by you on your enrolment form. If unsure, speak to a staff member.

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**Lunch/Fruit Time**

Lunch boxes need to be placed in the large red boxes on the kitchen counter.

Please remember to leave a piece of fruit/vegetable in the kindy bag in the lockers for fruit time and not put them in with the lunches. This will allow your child to be independent in locating their locker and fruit at mat time.

If your child does not eat fruit please persevere. Plain pop corn is a great idea…being a vegetable.

**NOTE:** A medical diet plan is required for children needing alternative food.

*We apologise, but due to safety and the ‘busyness’ of our site, we do not heat up children’s food.*

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**FEES**

- Full time fees ~ $70 for the term
- Full time concession ~ $60 (Health Card to be sighted by director)

The fees may be paid by asking for an envelope at the front counter and put in the **yellow fees box** located by the director’s office. Instalments are welcome.

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**Kindy Community Meeting**

**A. G. M.**

Proposed date: **Thursday 26th February 2015**

Annual General Meetings celebrate the achievements of the previous year and set the direction for the next. We will elect a Chairperson, Vice Chairperson, Treasurer, Secretary, WH & S and Playgroup representative and finalise the Governing Council.

The new Governing Council (parent committee) will then **set their preferred meeting times**, about twice a term through the year.

This meeting will start at 7.30pm and should be completed by 9.00pm.

If you have someone in mind that you think would be great for one of the positions, you may nominate them before the meeting by writing your name, their name and nominated position, with their signature and handing in the paper to staff. You can also volunteer yourself!!

We will send home our Healthy Food Policy. Please read, as it offers suggestions for lunches and fruit time. Give any feedback or ideas through our suggestion box, which is left by the sign-in book.

**Thank you,**

Bridie, Wendy, Liz and Meagan