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Welcome back to the center for term 2 of 2016, we hope you have all had a great break and we are looking forward to hearing all about your holiday events.

A big thankyou to Joe Robinson for spreading out the bark chips under the play equipment at the end of last term. It has been a great help and money saver for the kindy.

This term we will be doing some book based learning. Each week or fortnight we will be focusing on the vocabulary in the story. We will be looking at rhyming words. We will be teaching comprehension of story lines by repetitive reading of the book and talking about the story line. These are all important literacy skills for beginning to read and write. Also keep reading at home each day and borrowing books.

Did you know it's National Family Reading Month – 'Read More in May'. As the weather gets colder it's great to curl up together with a few good books.

Forest Day Excursion

On Tuesday May 17th we will have a full day excursion to the Wirrabara Forest or the Bundaleer Forest. The children have been enjoying being outside and noticing different plants and animals. This will be a great way to extend their learning through nature play. Parents are welcome to come along in their own car. We are planning for the Occasional Care children (older 3 year old's) to attend the excursion. We will be leaving at 9:15am and returning at 2:30pm. There will be more details next week when the final details are confirmed.

Special General Meeting

The Governing Council held a Special General Meeting on April 12th, where the parents voted to close the current preschool and amalgamate with the Gladstone Primary School in January 2017. The newsletter will continue have update information during the term. Please come and see Beck if you have any questions.

Portfolios

Please bring back your kindy portfolio's so we can continue working on your child's learning record.

Diary Dates

Week 1

- Monday May 2nd
- Kindy 8:45 to 12:45.

Thursday May 5th

- Amalgamation
Coordinating Group
Meeting 1:30pm

Week 2

- Monday May 9th
- No Kindy
- Beck in Adelaide for
Amalgamation
Meetings.

Tuesday May 10th

- Beck at UMN
Partnership
Meeting in the PM.

Week 3

- Monday May 16th
- Kindy 8:45 to 12:45.
- Governing Council
Meeting 1pm

Tuesday 17th May

- Forest Day - Full
Day Excursion

Wednesday May 18th

- Student Free Day,
no kindy or
Occasional Care.

Newsletter Attachments

'Me Box'

This term all Kindy children will have another turn with the 'Me Box'. We will be asking for children to bring in their favorite recipe. We will cook this recipe during the week. We would love to have parents or significant family members come and cook with us. At the end of the term we will make a recipe book of all the recipes for each family.

Student Free Day

The staff will be attending training in Adelaide on Wednesday May 18th. There will be no Kindy or Occasional Care.



We hope you have a *Happy Mother's Day*,

Thanks Beck, Andrea, Jodie and Lisa

