Welcome back to kindy for term 3! We’re looking forward to a fun term, full of fairy tales, theatre excursions, measuring ourselves and the world around us and researching some amazing facts!

Thank you to Dylan and Mackenzie’s family, Jacob’s family, Oliver’s family, Ethan’s family, Cameron’s family, Jaden’s family and Catherine’s family for helping out at the Working Bee at the start of the holidays. Thanks also to all families for completing your job stick clean up job at the end of term 2.

Thank you for sending lovely fresh fruit for morning and afternoon snack and no pre-packaged foods. The children are doing so well with “healthy eating”, learning about “sometimes foods” or “treats” and this term we will talk about good dental hygiene and brushing twice a day.

Term 3 is a funny term with the Winter – Spring weather. Please NAME and pack a warm change of clothes including underwear & socks, rain jackets, gumboots & beanies. And … when the UV rating is 3 or above children must wear sunsafe hats and sunscreen.

Term 3 Learning:

- On the first day of Term 3 Tanya and Hailey will attend training in Mark Le Messurier’s “What’s the Buzz” social skills program. They will then run skill sessions during the rest of the year. You will receive parent information and will be able to reinforce these ideas at home. Initial concepts include meeting people, getting attention, being friendly and following instructions.

- We will continue to practice mindfulness in our daily relaxation session, helping regulate emotions, and promoting success at kindy, school and home.

- Whales? Squid? Or an insect? Following our term 2 excursion children have been more fascinated with the giant squid than the whales. Children have also shown great interest in insects. This term we will ask you to help your child research a question they may have and bring the information in to kindy. This helps link learning between home and kindy.

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• **Numeracy:** “I measure and compare my world”. Your child will notice that objects, events and space have measurable attributes; use measurement to compare; recognise the principles of measurement don’t change; choose and use the appropriate tools and strategy for the attribute; and use comparative language. **You can help your child develop their understanding at home by helping them to notice, compare, see and make patterns, use reasoning and communicate their ideas.**

• **Grow those beans!** Winter veggies will “grow and grow, nearly ready to eat”! (Thank you to whoever planted out the veggies at Thames Drive). We will harvest and cook the veggies and may even have a little market stall 😊. Children will be learning about sustainability, life cycles, healthy eating, enterprise and trying new things. **If you’d like to put your name on the cooking roster on the kitchen bench we’d really love your help.**

**Term 3 Excursions:**
Tuesday August 16, 9am “The Fairest of Them All”, Reynella South Primary School.
Wednesday August 24, “Emily Loves to Bounce”, Hopgood Theatre & Library visit, Noarlunga.
Cost for both excursions is $15.00 total.
Your child’s excursion consent form is in your parent pocket.
Consent form, excursions payment ($15) and fees payment ($100) are due by end of week 2 please.
**WE NEED TWO DRIVERS TO PICK UP & RETURN THE MINIVANS FROM HACKHAM WEST ON AUGUST 24 (car licence required, not bus licence).** Please let Catherine know if you or a family member can help. The driver will receive a free adult/child theatre ticket as appreciation 😊.

**Term 3 Costs/Fees**
**Term Fees:** $100 – Due in the first 2 weeks please.
Both theatre excursions costs $15 total (kindy is part-subsidising the cost to make it more affordable for families so prompt payment is appreciated). Many Thanks.

**Fundraising:**
Exciting fundraising ideas in term 3 – including personalised plates and drink bottles.
Father’s Day Raffle: raffle books will be sent home shortly. Please sell as many tickets to family and friends.

**Term 3 Diary Dates:**
• Governing Council meetings, Tuesdays, August 9 & September 6, 6pm @ Kindy.
• “Fairest of them All”, Tuesday August 16 and stay for the day at Reynella South PS.
• “Emily Loves to Bounce” and Noarlunga Library, Wednesday August 24.
• Father’s Day, Sunday September 4.
• Extra day of kindy Thursday August 25, 8.30 – 4pm. This ensures your child receives their full entitlement to their kindy hours and allows us to follow up on our excursion.
• Last day of term, Wednesday September 28. **Early finish, 3pm.**

We look forward to a fabulous term with your child and family!