What’s happening at Kindy?

Welcome back to all our families and a big welcome to 26 new families to kindergarten.

Due to the Same First Day policy the group of children starting this term will be the final intake of children for 2013. As the year progresses some children will still make the transition to school and our numbers will reduce. We are anticipating offering some additional sessions in terms 3 and 4 to the children who commenced this term to try to best make up for effectively having only 3 terms of kindergarten. This is something the Governing Council and staff team will be working on and we’ll keep you posted.

Curriculum in Term 2

With the introduction of our Sustainability Strategy (which you will receive shortly) this term we will be investigating the question: How can we become active contributors to a sustainable future?

We will be exploring healthy & sustainable practices such as:

• Gardening
• Cooking
• Recycling
• Caring for animals
• Being sun smart

To keep up to where we are at in this investigation have a read of the folder in the sign-in area. Also if you would like to get involved in this project you can! You might like to lend a hand cooking, gardening, collecting recyclable materials that the children can reuse at the making table, offer suggestions or expertise, and talk with your child about sustainable practices at home.

Whilst this project will be happening throughout the term over the next two weeks the curriculum will be focussing on:

• Making friendships (with a focus upon developing a sense of belonging at kindergarten and the learning disposition of cooperation & confidence)
• Dramatic Play (focussing on initiating and joining in play, developing storylines, and the disposition of enthusiasm)
• Preparing the vegetable garden for replanting (focussing on care and curiosity)
• iPads (explicit instruction on use of iPads for new children, focussing on independence and confidence)

Kindy Photos

Later this term we will be organising the kindy photos—hopefully we will have a date for you soon.

Our Governing Council ...

We currently have places available on our Governing Council who meet once per term, so if you would like to get involved please let us know—it’s a great opportunity to get involved in your child’s education. Please see a staff member if you would like to join us!

4 year old health checks ...

Roxby Downs is working closely with the local nurses and health professionals to make sure that all children are up to date with their health checks and immunisations. We will be giving families a reminder note about how to go about organizing your child’s 4 year old health check (please note not everyone will receive a reminder each term).

Learning Stories ...

Over the page you will find an explanation about the Learning Stories the educators write about your child’s learning at kindergarten they you can read in their folder (or portfolio). Thankyou to Rebecca Eli (Katoah’s mum) for putting this together). If you would like to know more about your child’s learning please ask any of the educators or make a time to come in for a chat.