**NEWSLETTER**

**Term 2 Week 8 2011**

**REMINDER:** Last day of term is Thursday 7th April. We will be closed Week 1 of next term due to the extension of the Rural Care room and asbestos removal so first day back will be Tuesday 2nd August. There will be a kindy session on Wednesday afternoons next term. Kindy staff will be here Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday next term.

* Introducing Akoua, our sponsor child from Togo, in West Africa. We wrote a letter and the children drew pictures about where we live to send to her and also sent some photos of ourselves. The children are very excited to be part of Akoua's life and one child said he was going to fly to Africa and see her. Our activities have included art activities involving the animals that live in Africa, locating Africa and Togo on a map and also the Togo flag. We have read stories and looked at books to learn about what it is like to live in Africa, what they eat and clothes they wear. This has produced some interesting discussions and children are learning to appreciate diversity/different cultures.

* Dr Judith came in and taught the children some words and songs in Afrikaan. We learnt the words Hello and Goodbye and the song "Wheels on the Bus". The children were confident to try the new words and we have displayed a list of words to learn. We are saying "goodbye" in Afrikaan at the end of the day "Tot siens". Children are really enjoying using the words.

* Excursion to the Gymnastics Centre and the Bike Track was a great day. The children, with encouragement, were mastering the gymnastics activities and celebrating their efforts and achievements. At the bike track they rode around the roundabouts and followed the signs - stop and give way. The children love that there are so many bikes to choose from.

* Drama focus has been "Handa's Surprise" which is a story set in Africa. We have also been sequencing story cards. Children then extended this by working together and taking turns to sequence the story themselves.

* We have been doing Yoga exercises after relaxation to stretch and increase oxygen into our bodies. Some are changing but the children are trying hard.

**SESSION TIMES NEXT TERM**

We will be implementing 15 hours of preschool per week for all 4 year olds starting Tuesday 2nd August. So from then on the session times will be:

- Tuesday - 8.45 - 3.00
- Wednesday -12.30 - 3.00
- Thursday - 8.45 - 3.00

**WANTED**

this SUNDAY 26th June, for Kindy Working Bee

As many helpers as we can get to do lots of work and get lots of work done.

Please contact Katish 0437882431 or Ginny at the Kindy to confirm you can help (so we know how many sausages to cook for lunch!)

**What your child is learning at Kindy**

The Early Years Framework - Belonging, Being and Becoming is the curriculum document our programming is based on. Fundamental to the framework is a view of children's lives as characterised by belonging, being and becoming. There are 5 principles that underpin the practice that helps children make progress in relation to Learning Outcomes. Please come and borrow a copy from us.

**LEGAL & SAFETY**

- We have hats for sale $5.00
- Under our SunSafe policy children, staff and adults are required to wear a hat from 1st September to 30th April whenever they are outside. Please remember to send a hat in your child's bag. All our policies are in the Parent Policies folder. We are rated as a Catastrophic the buses will not run but we will let you know as soon as we can.

**CLEANING ROSTER**

We really rely on your help at the end of the day so "please" if you can't come in could you swap with someone else.

We still have A3 display books for sale - these are great to keep you child’s art work and keepsakes in.

**WEBSITE:** In addition to everyone receiving a copy our newsletters are on the website www.tumbybaykgn.sa.edu.au and on the noticeboard.