Welcome back! I hope you had a great holiday. We would like to welcome two new children and their families to our Kindergarten, Nevaeh and Indi. We also would like to congratulate Jesse on the arrival of his baby brother Levi.

Over the next few weeks the program will be looking at safety as part of our child protection curriculum. We are planning to go on an excursion to the Road Safety Centre on Wednesday the 13th of May. There will be a small charge of $7 dollars to help us cover the cost of chartering the bus. We will be leaving at 9 am and returning for lunch so pick up will be as normal. We will be supplying water and will take the children's snacks in named disposable bags. We will have paper bags at the kindy (which we can recycle!) So don’t panic if you forget!! We will place snacks in tubs in the morning and bring them on the bus with us. We also have Kindy lanyards for the children to wear. Lunches and drink bottles will stay at kindy ready for our return. The staff team will do a thorough Risk Assessment before we attend the excursion and it is important that you return the permission form attached to the newsletter. If you could place it in an envelope with the $7 and put it into the fee box it would be much appreciated. We would also love some helpers to come along. We may be have limited room on the bus but in the past some parents have carpooled to help. Please see the staff if you would like to come along!

Obstacle a thon

Just letting you know we have not got final total of our obstacle a thon but we have made well over $800. It was a fantastic day and an amazing fundraising effort from our families. A special mention to Our Sponsors

- Bakers Delight for our bread
- Surrey Downs Foodland for the drinks
- Chiefs Toolbox (Dearman family) for the sausages


Mother’s day raffle

Mother’s day raffle will be drawn on May the 7th, Thank you to all of the families that have donated and if you haven’t there is still time!! We have put tickets in pockets and if you can sell these and return to kindy before the 7th.
Working bee

Chris (Gabrielle's Uncle) has offered to help with some earth moving equipment free of charge so we can move the new boat, however due to family commitments he was unable to attend so we cancelled the last working bee. We are hoping to have the boat installed as soon as we can so we will keep you posted on our plans. Huge thanks to Kate and Geoff Denton (Adams family) who have sourced the boat for us and currently are keeping it for us.

Governing Council

Our next meeting is on Thursday 7th of May at 12.15 all welcome!!!

15 hours of Preschool

As you may remember from last year, the Federal and State Government was in some dispute over the funding allocation that allowed preschools to operate for 15 hours a week. At last…. they made a decision but it was only for this year and we have once again heard very little about whether it will be offered in the future. Our site feels that preschoolers do benefit greatly for this extra session and feel it would be a backwards move to reduce the hours. The Education Union has printed out some cards which we have placed next to the sign in sheet, if you feel that 15 hours is important for preschoolers please sign the cards and we will send to the union who will pass them to the Minister for Education.

Bin Audit

As part of our sustainability curriculum we do a bin audit each year to help us track our progress towards reducing waste. What this involves is someone from Kesab looking at our bins and helping us measure the wastage and keep eyes out for any ways of improving. There are many ways we can reduce waste and lots of families already do this at kindy and at home. We can reduce packaging by using reusable containers or by using recyclable materials like paper and tinfoil to wrap food. We can reuse some containers and lids in our craft and between the compost, worms and chickens we have very little food waste. If you have any further ideas we are always keen to hear them.