Welcome
Welcome to Zane and his family. We hope you have a great time at our kindergarten. We look forward to your contributions to our kindergarten community.

Notice Pockets
Each family has a notice pocket by the front door which is one of the main ways we send information (and the occasional painting or drawing) home. If you have a grandparent or other carer regularly collecting your child please ask them to check this pocket daily. We have to catch up with parents at the end of the session about small incidents or first aid administration and use one of our ‘snail cards’ as a reminder to catch us at the end of the day. We appreciate your cooperation.

Fees
You will all shortly receive invoices in your notice pockets. We ask that these be paid within 2 weeks. Thank you.

New website
Over the holidays the Wattle Park Kindergarten website went live with our new URL. You can now find up to date information about the kindergarten including our policies at the touch of a button! Please check it out and give us your feedback. The website is often the first port of call for parents looking for a kindergarten. Does it reflect who we are? Do you have any ideas to further improve our online image?!

Check us out at   www.wattleparkkgn.sa.edu.au

And don’t forget to like our Facebook page as well!

Imagination is more important than knowledge. For knowledge is limited to all we now know and understand, while imagination embraces the entire world, and all there ever will be to know and understand.

Albert Einstein
Each term we have a focus for the experiences we offer children at the kindergarten to help them to see a pattern in their learning.

This term, following on from ‘Let’s learn together’ our focus will be “Let’s think together”.

There are many types of thinking that are essential for our learning. We will provide opportunities for children to think imaginatively, creatively, critically, reflectively, analytically and intuitively. There will be:

- thinking for problem solving,
- thinking for remembering,
- thinking to invent,
- thinking to wonder,
- thinking for learning
- and even thinking about thinking.

When children are aware of the processes they use to learn and know when and how to use them they become more powerful as learners. We aim for all children to be strong, capable and reflective learners.

The Early Years Learning Framework (available online and upon request) outcomes support this focus. Here is a reminder of what they are!

1. Children have a strong sense of identity
2. Children are connected with and contribute to their world
3. Children have a strong sense of wellbeing
4. Children are confident and involved learners
5. Children are effective communicators

When children feel good about themselves, when they have strong connections to the important people in their lives and feel safe they are better able to learn and feel good about their learning. This makes them confident learners, interested and curious about the world and their part in it. Children communicate effectively in a variety of ways; they can share their thinking, talk to a friend or a teacher, paint a picture, write a letter, smile or laugh.

This term we have created some new environments for children to explore at kindergarten; a stage, a studio, a puzzle dome, a reading nook and writing and drawing space. Then in the middle of the kindergarten, just like Victoria Park in the city or an Italian Piazza we have a meeting place, a large table for discussion, sharing, a space for a game of a place to talk. It is the BIG TABLE. It is a place where children can make day to day decisions about what they want to do. It is a free space for learning.

CAYHS
We host the Child and Youth Health checks at kindergarten. These appointments are available to children aged about 4½ years and are a general health screening for sight, hearing and general development. Checks are free and parents attend with their child. We are taking bookings in the lead up to the next CAYHS screening which is on Tuesday 11th August. We will organise appointments with these families in the next couple of weeks… please see us if you have questions

Woolworth Earn and Learn…It’s started!
If you shop at any Woolworths supermarket we would love to have your support. The promotion runs until 8th September. All you need to do is collect your ‘earn and learn’ stickers from the checkout…don’t forget to ask for them if the operator forgets to remind you… and bring them into the kindergarten. Tell your Woolworths shopping friends and
rely to collect for us too! Being a small site we do struggle so any support you can give us through this promotion is greatly appreciated.

**Kindergarten Photos**
Will be delivered in the next two weeks. A note will be popped in your pocket and a sign will appear as soon as they are delivered.

**Policy Updates**
At the recent Governing Council Meetings both the Healthy Food Supply and Nutrition Policy and the Parent Complaints and Concerns Policy were reviewed and updated. They are now available to read on our kindergarten website and in the Kindergarten Policy book which is always kept near the sign-in sheet. Please ask a staff member if you can’t see it!

**Kindy Hats and T-shirts**  **Only $12-50 each**
Due to popular demand a larger sized pink hat will soon be available but don’t forget all the other colours available for hats and t-shirts. Make sure you get your hat before the UV rating starts climbing again!

**Thanks**
Jacqui, Danusha, Jo and Victoria