Important Dates for your diary, calendar, phone, tablet, computer…or even fridge!

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Teaching to children to count is fine but teaching them what counts is better.

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Exceeding News!
We were very proud in the holidays to receive the outcome of our recent visit from the Education and Early Childhood Services Registration and Standards Board of South Australia. As you can see in the picture adjacent, Wattle Park Kindergarten received **EXCEEDING NATIONAL QUALITY STANDARD** in all of the 7 quality areas and as an overall rating. This rating is current for three years until the kindergarten enters another rating cycle.

A comprehensive report was issued to us with discussion of each quality area and the evidence that led to this outcome as collected by the assessor.

My personal thanks go to the staff and community of Wattle Park Kindergarten for your continued support of this lovely kindergarten.

Welcome Back
It’s hard to believe that Term 4 has arrived and there are only 9 weeks left of kindergarten for your precious children. They have all grown so much and it has been a delight to be part of their lives.

What a year! It has been a busy time of playing, learning and thinking for all of us. This term we have made plans to consolidate our learning as a group with a focus on the many ways that creativity
enhances our learning. We are organising a series of bush walks and an excursion to Henley Beach South. Hopefully we will also have some artists visit to work with the children (we are waiting on a confirmation of dates - fingers crossed). At the end of the term this will culminate in an Art Show and Sing-A-Long which will be a family celebration of children’s time at kindergarten. Wow!

Welcome also to .......... who joins us for the last term... just in time to make some new friends before school.

Kindergarten Walks
This term we are planning an excursion (and beach walk) to Henley Beach South. You will receive a notice and permission form next week. We will be exploring landscapes including built, beach, bush, dinosaur and imaginary. To get ready we thought we would embark on a series of local walks each Tuesday morning (including the odd bush walk). Yesterday we went for a walk around our block and each week we will go a little further (weather permitting). However, we would appreciate a couple of helpers on each of our walks as we go further afield. Please email your interest or let us know by filling in the “Walking Roster” near the sign in area.
We also ask that children wear closed in footwear for our walks to protect from any nature surprise such as ants or snakes.

Transition visits to schools and to our kindergarten
Local schools are well into their preparations for next years new children including organising transition visits so please contact your choice of school ASAP to enrol if you have not already. If you have changed your decision about the school you are sending your child to since enrolling please also let Victoria know ASAP.

Sun Safety
We are only in Spring and already the UV rating is very high for Adelaide. This means that children are expected to wear a hat and have sunscreen applied to their skin prior to kindergarten. To help you we have 50+ sunscreen for sale ($10) and bucket hats ($12-50). Please check the UV rating on the sign above the sign in sheet each day.

Spare Clothes and Bits and Bobs for Kindy
As you are cleaning out the winter wardrobe of clothes that no longer fit please think of us. We are very low on T shirts and boys shorts. Rubber boots (sizes 3-4-5-6) are also very handy if you no longer have any use for them.

Child and Youth Health
If your child has not had a CAYH check this year you can ring to make a booking at Norwood CAYH clinic on 22 October, Fullarton Clinic on 6th or 9th November or the Enfield Clinic on 26th November. Please ring 1300 733 606 for further info or to make an appointment.

The Obstacle-a-thon was a great morning for families to see the kindergarten in action! The children were fantastic as they made their way around the very long obstacle course. Physical activity is critical for children’s health and wellbeing and while we don’t have a big yard we like to think we use the space well to provide our children with many different opportunities to improve their physical skills, strength and co-ordination. We rasied $550. Well done to everyone who contributed.
Thanks to Karrara Hallett Cove Kindergarten for donating extra equipment for us to use on the day!

Woolworth Earn and Learn

We collected just over 3780 stickers and your support is greatly appreciated. It was also lovely to receive a surprise letter in the post with several stickers as well. This was received from a former student from over 30 years ago! It is so lovely to be part of a community that still appreciates the kindergarten after so many years. With all of this combined support we have ordered Unifix cubes for maths sorting and counting and another big book to read with all the children. This is equivalent to $200 of resources.

Thanks
Jacqui, Danusha, Jo and Victoria