FROM THE DIRECTOR...

It’s hard to believe that there are only 3 weeks left of the Kindergarten year and what a jam packed busy 3 weeks it will be. Please be sure to have a close look at the ‘Diary Dates’ and put reminders on your calendar. Please note that the End-of-Year Family Celebration will be on Monday the 1st of December (and not Tuesday the 2nd as tentatively scheduled previously).

Welcome to Abdul and his family who have joined us for the last half of term 4.

Trudy

THANK YOU

- A great big thanks goes to the families who helped at our working bee. It was wonderful to see some families of children who will be attending next year. Particular thanks to Mark, Michelle and Vibeka who arrived early and were the last to leave. Great effort everyone!
- Thanks to the mums, dads and Nannas that came along to support the children during the Obstacle-a-thon.
- Thank you very much to Rodrigo (Ines’s dad) for sharing his inspiring drumming skills and knowledge with the children.
- Thanks to everyone who has taken home the kindy washing.
- Your involvement and support is highly valued.

2015 ENROLMENTS

Children commencing Kindergarten in 2015 have begun a program of transition visits. If you know anyone who has not yet enrolled their eligible child, please encourage them to see Trudy as soon as possible. (Remember that children who turn 4 on or before April 30th next year are eligible to start in 2015).

DIARY DATES

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<td>Tuesday 25th - Friday 28th November</td>
<td>Waste Free Week. Please refer to the note outlining the details.</td>
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<td>Monday 1st December</td>
<td>End-of-Year Family Celebration from 6 - 7.30 pm. All Kindy and Early Entry families are encouraged to come along.</td>
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<td>Thursday 4th December</td>
<td>Excursion to the Marine Discovery Centre for all full time Kindy children. Lots of parent volunteers are needed. Please put your name on the roster.</td>
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<td>Wednesday 10th and Thursday 11th December</td>
<td>Beach Party and Graduation Celebrations. Please see note for further details.</td>
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<td>Friday 12th December</td>
<td>last day of Kindy for the year.</td>
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KINDY PHOTOS

A second round of Kindy photos was undertaken last week. This was done because many new families have commenced since early term 1 when the first round of photos was taken and some families expressed a desire to have another opportunity to purchase photos. We have used a different photographer for the second round of photos. The photos will be available for you to look at this week. There is no obligation to purchase. Please note that the photos may not be taken home unless paid for in full.

CURRICULUM MATTERS

Children have enjoyed the “Spikey the Echidna” oral language game. You can support your child to practice using expressive and positional language by asking if they found Spikey and encouraging the use of descriptive words to tell you where he was found. We will continue this game for the remainder of the year with Spikey having a new location at least daily.
The obstacle-a-thon was a great success. Children were able to balance, roll, climb, jump, crawl, slide etc. etc. as they completed numerous laps of the varied course. Thanks to the fabulous family members who supported the children through the more challenging components of the course.

The children have been busy creating a special gift for their families. Shhh! We won’t tell yet. The children will present their gift to their families at the End-of-Year Family Celebration.

Children continue to enjoy opportunities to learn about and care for a range of creatures as we regularly borrow from the Nature Education Centre. Our yabbie has returned to his home at the Nature Education Centre and our last visitor for the year will be a hermit crab. Thanks once again to Sandy for all of her trips to the Nature Education Centre to collect and return the borrowed creatures.

Children are enjoying practicing their oral language skills as they are encouraged to share things they have made at kindy. This provides children with the opportunity to gain confidence in speaking to a group as they use language to explain their making processes and showcase their products.

Thanks for your help at the working bee Vibeke!

Please remember to advise a staff member if your child will NOT be attending the Marine Discovery Centre excursion on Thursday Dec 4th.