KINDY CLOSURE DAY
The kindergarten is granted 2 closure days for the year and our second planning day will be on Monday 30th November. These days are vital for staff as a team to come together and review practice, to review the site quality improvement plan and to respond to your suggestions and thoughts on our continued quest for improvement. Please mark this in your diary now as the kindy will be closed for the day.

Soft Toys at kindy
We are noticing many children are now bringing in soft toys for rest time however they are appearing in play throughout the day which impacts on the engagement and depth of learning with the kindy resources. Our relaxation time is quite short and we offer this as a literacy experience. Please support your child in their learning journey by not sending cuddle toys at this point.

NATURE EDUCATION
We would like to thank Archer’s Mum Katie, for her continued support and commitment in managing the borrowing of these all year. she has driven to Urrbrae HS on a fortnightly basis in order to return and provide the creatures that make up this wonderful learning experience. A special thankyou to Melissa, Hunter’s Mum, who couldn’t make the working bee but stepped up in Katie’s place when she couldn’t manage that week.

THANKYOU also to every family who has offered to assist in any way this year, from washing the linen each week, cleaning resources at the end of the term, coming to excursions or providing their time to read and be on site for a variety of reasons. We value your time and commitment to making the year a success.

Program: Belonging, Being, Becoming

Literacy— supporting oral literacy with phonological awareness
Numeracy—investigating length, shape
Investigation with frogs
Child protection— safe touch, anatomical body names
children’s voice— butterfly painting
Staff- Annette, Carmel, Coralie, Sue, Stacey, Lina

Coming events-
Wheelchair sports— November 4 & 5
Bathing babies— Monday 9 and Thursday 12
Remembrance Day— Nov 11
End of year celebrations-
Group 1 on Thursday Nov 26
Group 2 on Wednesday 25 *please see inside for more info.
Last full day Term 4— Thursday Dec 10
(Friday Dec 11 cleaning)
Here we are already in November! The children have returned and are really engaged in the program and have shown their growing confidence in learning. We are counting down the days until the Christmas pageant and starting to practice for our concert. Our multicultural luncheons were marvellous and a huge thank you to everyone who participated with food and/or their availability. We were blessed with great weather and the most delicious food, all made and provided with love!

I can’t thank the people who helped out at the working bee enough—they worked hard to provide a better learning area for all the children! Special thanks to Peter and Andrew for the amazing work in installing the garden edging (much harder on the muscles than anticipated, and staying for an extra 2 hours to complete the job), and the timely arrival of Paul to assist in this so it wasn't an extra 3 hours! We had Hana and Coralie on window and blind duty; Dominique, Gail, & Amanda on garden; Carmel on oiling the deck; and I managed to get involved in most areas across the morning.

**CURRICULUM**
We continue on *Children have a strong sense of wellbeing*, encompassing health, body anatomy and child protection on safe touching. This week we are investigating life in a wheelchair and the importance of looking after your body, and the children have all had a turn in using a wheelchair. We will be bathing a baby in each group and looking at anatomical names for our genitals. We have also had an indepth look at brain, heart, lungs and stomach, along with looking at sheep organs for a real hands on investigation.

Our story table provides a focus for telling stories in different formats and for children to create their own stories in a variety of ways. We continue our Protective Behaviours curriculum looking at staying safe. Our scenarios will include staying safe at kindy, in the shops, in the park. We are introducing ideas of who can touch your body, where they can touch and what to do if you don't like it.

**PARENT NEWS**
Our Governing Council meets twice per term and is a vital way of helping the site. This group has organised events and fundraising across the year and we would like to thank them for their hard work. Our next meeting is **Tuesday November 10 at 5.30pm**. This will be our last official meeting.

**FUNDRAISING:**
Dear families,
Our last fundraising event of the year will be a Christmas raffle. If you could provide one item for the hampers it would be appreciated. Tickets will be $2 each or 3 for $4 and will be distributed next week, to be drawn at the first Christmas concert. We have also been donated a Tradies music box (thanks to Mick Browne); and Healthy Inspirations will donate a basket (thanks Nola).

**CLOTHES**—if you have any spare clothes for children, esp size 4,5,6 it would be appreciated. We tend to ‘lose’ them across the year as they get mixed up in washing. Cheers.

**END OF YEAR CELEBRATIONS**
This year our end of year celebrations will take place in week 7 with 2 evening concerts, we hope this avoids any school celebrations for siblings. We invite all family, extended family and close friends to the kindy for a music concert and celebration from 6.30pm. This will be held in the garden and we request rugs and beach chairs only, no fold up picnic chairs as this blocks the vision of others. We usually expect 100 people and we request your cooperation with this, the kindy has normal chairs for those of the elder community members who find it difficult to sit on the ground. (if you have family members with walkers or wheelchairs please advise staff) Please bring a small plate of food to share and drinks (non-alcoholic) for yourself for a catch up after the children’s presentation. The children will be receiving their portfolio folders which holds a record of the year in snapshots of work and photos of learning and events, along with your summative statement of learning. Please take careful note of the night as the children come on a different night to kindy session. This makes it extra special as they have not been on site for the day.

Mon/Wed group 1—Thursday 26 November
Tues/Thurs group 2—Wednesday 25 November

**PHOTOS AT THE CONCERT**
We respect that you would like to take photos on the evening however please do not place them on social media if they contain images of other children, without their permission. I am sure you appreciate the growing issues of this.