Term 1 2016  
Week 2 & 3

**Program: Belonging, Being, Becoming**

**Literacy**— drawing our crabs, investigating habitats  
**Numeracy**— investigating number and counting using games, sorting of sea creatures, shells  
**Investigation**— hermit crabs, deep sea giant crab, spider crab  
**Processes**— we need to be successful— accessing activities such as painting: we need a smock, paper, our name, what to paint/ , hang to dry, wash hands, smock off and hung up for the next person

Staff— Annette, Carmel, Coralie, Stacey, Sue, Lina,

**Coming events:**  
Parent Annual General Mtg- Wednesday  
February 18, 6.30pm

Prospect Fair- March 21.  
Harmony Day March 21

Dear Parents, welcome to week 2/3 already! The children have settled in fairly well and are beginning to understand the routines and program of the kindergarten. We are introducing the different learning areas to them and how to use the resources effectively. There is a lot for them to take in and no doubt they are now getting very tired! I know that the staff team has put in a lot of effort in getting to know your child and they look forward to continuing the learning journey. 
The next 2 weeks can be most trying for both you and your child as they begin to realise that they are back again! Needing to follow instructions, work together, share resources, understand our safety rules and manage the learning opportunities all at the same time! I encourage you to support the children by maintaining your routines at home and not filling up the weekends with lots of activities. They all need a bit of ‘down time’. You can also expect a few more tears on arrival but rest assured that we will call you if your child does not settle quickly.

**KINDY ROUTINES**

Library will be every Wednesday and Thursday. Please bring a library bag to borrow or purchase one for $3

**Please ensure that children's fruit/ vegetable break is in their bag**, if your child needs it chopped it assists us greatly if you can do this at home.

We have seen lovely nutritious lunches provided so thank you to all our carers for that. Please remember that fresh is best so fruit and vegetables are the choice for snack time— not pureed fruit tubs or squeezyes. We also do not endorse LCM bars or fruit bars with chocolate etc.

Many of the children have been particularly hungry so it is fine to send an additional snack for them to access at their leisure.

We had an unfortunate accident this week with a bottle of sunscreen, in that the lid came off and filled the child’s bag with the product. Can you please ensure that your child has a roll on sunscreen for application after lunch. This is much easier for them, it gives them an opportunity to be in control and assists us with infection control.

**CURRICULUM**

The kindergarten follows the Dept of Education curriculum which is now known as Belonging, Being & Becoming. We refer to this as the 3 B’s! Our program is based on 5 learning areas that are divided across the year. During Term 1 we will be
concentrating on IDENTITY.
Our child protection curriculum centres on children feeling safe, secure and confident; to develop resilience and to interact with care, empathy and respect.
We will be looking at our feelings and how to stay safe over the coming weeks– what makes me happy and what makes me sad.

**School Dental Service**- The SA Govt provides a free service for all children at the School Dental Service. Check ups are free however there will be a fee for additional work. If you would like to access this service it is located at Prospect Primary School and can be contacted via the school, or go to the website- www.sadental.sa.gov.au

**FEES**-
Your fee notice is now available from your communication pocket. Please collect this asap. Payment can be made by direct debit, cheque/cash or eftpos.

**WE NOW HAVE A MOBILE PHONE**, Please feel free to send a text if your child is ill, we will use this for reminders, to take on excursions with your details etc, can you please add this to your contact list– 0427 950525

**FUNDRAISING**:

Term one sees us represented at the **Prospect Fair on Saturday March 19**. This event is one of the MAJOR fundraisers for the year and requires help from every family. Whether you can sew, glue, wrap, bake, or stand on the stall we need your help.

Last year we raised over $3000 on the day which paid for additional staff support for all children in the program. **We are looking for volunteers to help organise the stall**, as well as on the day. We will be looking for lots of helpers on the day to assist. If all families give only 1/2 hour on the Saturday the day will be easy! We start at 7am through til 4pm so it is a big day for all. Without your help we cannot get through the day, so get in early for your best time.

There will be NO kindy on Friday March 18 as we use this day for cake/biscuit/donation delivery and all goods need to be priced. If you can help on this day it would be greatly appreciated– there is lots of wrapping and labelling to do!

Does anyone own a supermarket or shop that could provide us with 2kg of ground coffee to be used on the day in our percolator? Also long life milk and a variety of Twinings tea bags? with thanks.

We will also be selling **THE ENTERTAINMENT BOOK**, please get ready to purchase this in a few weeks. There are fabulous savings in this book, and I am aware that many places promote this– **WE NEED YOU TO BUY IT HERE THOUGH!!**

**TRAIN DAY**-
We are very fortunate to have been offered a day at the **Miniature Steam Railway** on Regency Rd, for Sunday May 22. We get to keep all gate takings, and it is open to the general public as well, so start asking family and friends to keep this day to support us. There will be a sausage sizzle and cake stall to man, along with the drinks window. More information to come.

**PARENT NIGHT AND ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**-

The 2015 committee invite all parents and caregivers to the kindy on Wednesday February 17 at 6.30pm to meet with staff, and find out about the wonderful year ahead. **We will also be inviting you to join our parent committee to assist in organising some functions for the kindy!**

We hope you can come along and meet new friends, put names to faces of the children your child has made connections with and chat to the staff about the first few weeks of term.

**RSVP** to any staff member for catering purposes. We expect the evening to finish at 7.30pm. If you cannot make the meeting but would like to help on the committee please add your name to our list. I will format a email list to keep everyone in the loop. Meeting days and times will be decided by the new group.

Thankyou for your support over the last 2 weeks, and your comments on how your child is coping. This is invaluable to us in creating a safe and supportive environment.

The staff team.