Welcome everyone.

What an amazing start to the new preschool year. Both the Kookarki and Nhaalha group have settled in well and already leading lots of the learning. We have brainstormed kindy safety rules like “no jumping the fence!” , “no calling names” and “be kind to each other.” The children all had a really clear idea about what behaviours keep them safe, the teachers will be talking about these and supporting children to make good choices about being safe at kindy and at home.

We also welcome some new staff to our team. Some of you may have already met our new Community Development coordinator (CDC) Darjana. She is very excited to be working at Taikurrendi and has spent the last two weeks getting to know families– Darjana will be back with us in term 2 (she is getting married and going overseas) so it is a quick hello and see you next term! We also have Lili, a TAFE Diploma of Children Services student completing her placement with us– please make her feel welcome. We would also like to extend an invitation to our Annual General meeting (AGM) on Wed 1st April and also the opportunity to be part of the Parent Advisory group that form part of our decision making team. Please let Catherine know if you are interested. In closing thankyou for entrusting us with the opportunity to be part of your children’s learning we look forward to an exciting year ahead.

Catherine Cavouras and the staff team

Special dates
- Toiletting information with Johanna (OT)
  Fri 27 Feb 8.30-9.30am and Fri 13 March 8.30-9.30am
- Adelaide Cup Holiday
  Mon 9th March-no kindy
- CaFHS 4yr old health checks at Taikurrendi
  Thur 19 March 9-1pm –book with Catherine or Tahnee
- Play and Stay Family BBQ with staff team & supported by Peta from PACE
  Thur 19 March 2.30-4pm

Come and enjoy a play and stay, have a chat with teachers about your child’s learning in our beautiful space. All welcome.

Families– we need you!
Join us for our AGM
Wed 1 April
5.30-6.30pm

Your opportunity to find out about what is going on and helping shape where we want to go! We will also be forming our Parent Advisory Group and your input would be appreciated. Creche available & refreshments provided.

All welcome. See Catherine for more info 8186 1102

HAPPY BIRTHDAY to
February children
9th Shay-Lee
13th Elroy
14th Elivia

March children
5th Chevvy
13th Keira

Taikurrendi Preschool
Welcome song
in the Kaurna language.
Niina marni, niina marni
Marni ie, marni ie
Wanta-niina, wanta-niina
Wodliana ,wodliana
Learning program news

“Taikurrendi office— can I help you?” said Ryley.

A telephone was found in the shed and was brought into the preschool and placed on a table, we added paper and envelopes and the children started writing letters. Our mini office was formed. Nhaalha group especially liked answering the phone— and many conversations were heard! We then set up a larger office in the preschool which included things like keyboards, stamps, printers and a typewriter. Many of the children enjoyed exploring the different levers, buttons and cogs that make up the typewriter. Thankyou to Gus’s dad who managed to fix the ribbon! The level of play in the office space supported—exploring how machines work, lots of conversation— with each other and on the phone usually with our mum! And, lovely letter writing. Although just a though that by the time our children enter the workforce their offices and the machines they will use will be completely different!

Child protection curriculum

The Child Protection Curriculum is part of a required teaching component within our learning program. Providing a child protection curriculum is our best opportunity to ensure that all children and young people increase their learning:

- About feeling safe and their right to feel safe
- To recognise acceptable and unacceptable behaviour and attitudes
- That they have the right to be listened to and take action if a person engages in abusive behaviour towards them and threatens safety.

Throughout our preschool program children are supported to display a strong sense of social justice and empathy, to question a range of unfair behaviours and practices and to take action to positively influence and affect their environments. Our teachers have completed professional training to teach the curriculum. The learning is based on two main themes.

Theme 1: We all have the right to feel safe and Theme 2: We can help ourselves by talking to people we trust.

The teaching team have written up a program that explores Feelings— and have chosen songs, books and activities that support children's understanding of feelings in different situations. We are focussing on a book titled ‘Giraffe’s can’t dance’ which has the main character experiencing a range of emotions and how he manages to feel confident in himself— ask your child what they know about the story. Please see staff if you need any extra information and check out the kindy program board at the entry to see what other learning activities are part of the program.

Finance News from Jane

- Preschool term fees are due
- Part payments happily accepted—see Catherine to organise a payment plan. Thankyou for your support.

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Taikurrendi CFC
BSB: 105-119
Account #: 056 591940

*Please include your child’s name for reference.