



# Port Augusta West Childhood Services Centre

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### **DATES TO REMEMBER:**

19th Oct / 21st Oct - family chats

21st October - Body shop party

28th October -STUDENT FREE DAY

25th November - Family night

19th November - CaFHY visit

*Please remember we are a nut and seafood free kindy*

Have a look at this web site for some great ideas to support children's development.

[www.greatstart.sa.edu.au](http://www.greatstart.sa.edu.au)

### **On a personal note:**

*A lovely person took the time to nominate me for the SA teaching awards. I am completely honoured and overwhelmed, even though I didn't go through to the next stage of nominations but I believe I did win!!!!*

*THANKYOU ..*

*Cheers Deb Martin*

Welcome back to term 4. Hope you all had a lovely relaxing school holidays. In each child's Learning folder is a term 3 review. Please read and comment. We will be organising family chats early term 4 to discuss your child's progress as this is the last term before children start school.

### **Staffing for term 4:**

At the end of last term we said goodbye to Mrs Humphrys as she was given the opportunity to return to the Port Augusta Special School. We were very lucky to have her working with us for 5 terms. We will miss her very much!!! And wish her all the best. She has assured us she will try and pop in to see everyone very soon. We now have a new teacher appointed in Belinda Clohessy who will be working on Wednesday and Thursday. Some of you may know Belinda from when she worked as part of the Flinders Health Team. While working and having her family (3 children one at school and two little ones) she completed her Bachelor in teaching. Look forward to Mrs Clohessy being apart of the team! Tenille French who worked with us on Thursdays in term 3 will be a relief staff member this term. Our new ECW relief worker for term 4 will be Shalet George. Shalet completed her Certificate III Early Childhood Education and Care placement with us last term - Welcome aboard!!!

### **University student:**

For the first 4 Weeks of this term we will have Anne Baker here with us to complete her Preschool placement as apart of her University course Bachelor of Education. Anne currently works at the Port Augusta Child Care Centre so I am sure she will know many faces. She will be planning and conducting many observations on all aspects of our preschool. She will need to obtain permission from a variety of children to complete her case studies.

### **Acknowledgment's**

A huge thankyou to the families who brought in the woollies stickers. We ended up with 83 sheets so be interesting to see what we end up with "love shopping when you don't have to pay for it". I would like to thank all our families who helped get us through a VERY busy term 3. We had so many highlights. We are very lucky to have so many wonderful families supporting us... THANKYOU !!!

### **Toy Catalogues:**

Parent Direct order forms were sent off late last term. Will let you know when they arrive.

A percentage from each order will also contribute towards credits for us to purchase new resources.

### **School visits:**

Each school will have some orientation visits for children in term 4. Each School will have slightly different days and times. We will working closely with Caritas College and Westside Primary schools to organise additional visits ensuring the transition to school is successful. I will advise these dates and times when they become available.

### **Pre entry session for new Preschool children:**

We will be offering pre entry sessions for our new 2016 children early in term 4. On Friday the 16th October at 12.00pm we will conduct our new family information session. Visits will be in weeks 3,4,5 & 6 on either a Thursday or Friday. Each child has been allocated a session to ensure minimal interruption to our preschool program.

### **Sun smart preschool**

We are very lucky to have plenty of shaded areas outside, but as the weather is getting warmer we will be following the Sun Smart UV APP to ensure children and staff are sun safe. Please ensure your child has a hat and sunscreen on in the morning, we will reapply sunscreen during the day. If you would like for your child to use a specific sunscreen please see Deb.

**Term 4 events:**

You thought term 3 was busy enough well hang on for term 4 events....

- **Monday 19th October** and **Wednesday 21st October** will be allocated for Family chats. Available times are next to the sign in book.
- **Wednesday 21st October** - 7.00pm. A Body shop party will be held at the preschool. Everyone is invited please bring a friend. All proceeds will go towards our Christmas raffle.
- **Wednesday 28th October** - **STUDENT FREE DAY**. There will be no kindy on this day due to a staff training day.
- **Friday 30th October**– Governing council meeting 12.00 –1.00pm
- **Thursday 19th November** - Last CaFHS visit for the year
- **Wednesday 25th November**– Annual family night. This will be at West Augusta Football club from 5-7pm. Families will be asked to bring a shared plate. Additional detail will be provided closer to the event.
- **Friday 11th December** - Last day of 2015!!



The photo above was the creation of Mrs Green who has helped each child create a beautiful mural for the Gulf Ranges Optometrists. Children were encouraged to look in the mirror and draw what they saw. While developing their self -concept and language skills, children observed their unique features, including shape, colour and positioning.. They also learnt about mixing primary colours to produce secondary colours and how some colours compliment each other.. We wondered what we would look like if we wore glasses..

*You are welcome to pop in and have a look!*



***If you have any questions please see staff -Term 4 will have a huge focus on ensuring your child's transition to school is successful. We look forward to working with you to accomplish this!***

*Regards Port Augusta West Childhood Services Centre staff!*