Forbes Children’s Centre Newsletter
Term 2, May 2016
Welcome back for Term 2!

Coming up in Term 2…

There are lots of exciting educational opportunities coming up in Term 2. In May, we will once again be participating in National Simultaneous Storytime where people all over Australia read and engage with the same book. This year’s book is “I Got This Hat” by Jol and Kate Temple.

Also happening this term is both “Sorry Day” and Reconciliation Week. Both these events provide opportunities to discuss and learn more about the identity and culture of Indigenous Australians.

During this term, we also hope to organise Preschool photos as well as an End of Term celebration to give parents, children and educators a chance to mingle and relax. More details coming soon!

Term 2 is also the time we send out our Annual Feedback Surveys. These surveys give you a chance to let us know what we’re doing well and where we can improve. The survey will be available both online and in hardcopy from the start of June.

We look forward to a great term with all of you!

Important Dates

National Simultaneous Storytime: Wednesday 25th May
National Sorry Day: Thursday 26th May
Reconciliation Week: Friday 27th May to Friday 3rd June
Preschool Closure Day: Friday 3rd June
Governing Council: Wednesday 8th June, 6:30pm
Queen’s Birthday Public Holiday: Monday 13th June
End of Term: Friday 8th July

QIP Updates
To help continue our focus on Literacy and Numeracy concepts, the Preschool staff will be attending a training day with other local schools and preschools. This training will take place on the preschool closure day in June and give educators a chance to discuss and unpack the National Literacy and Numeracy indicators.

We can’t wait to see how this will inform experiences both in the River room and throughout the Centre.

Reminders

The seasons are quickly changing so please remember to pack some spare warm clothes for your child when they come to the Centre.

We hope to continue offering mud based experiences throughout the cooler weather so if your child has a pair of rainboots or other water-safe footwear, please feel free to bring them along as well.

This term there is both a public holiday and a Preschool closure day. We know that last term some parents had questions about fees and bookings when there are changes to the week. If you still have questions, please come and speak with Neetha or Nat.

Term 2 Staffing

After the lengthy recruitment process in March, Erina and Brooke are settling into their Team Leader roles in the Nest and Reeds room, respectively.

We have recently been trialling some new relief staff throughout the Centre. Please don’t hesitate to say ‘hello!’ if you see any new faces around.

We want to wish the best of luck to Imane, who has recently gone on maternity leave. We can’t wait to meet your special little person!
News from the Governing Council

In order to maintain our standard of care as the cost of living increases, the Governing Council has approved a fee increase from 9th May. This will allow us to continue to pay higher ratios of staff and provide high quality resources and meals to your children. If you have any questions or need to arrange a payment plan, please speak with Neetha.

Email Correspondence

As you know, there are always so many things happening at the Centre and lots of notes we need to send home. Email correspondence not only saves paper but lets you check notes wherever you are and search for past information.

If you have recently changed your email address or would like to receive correspondence via email, please let the front desk know.

What’s Happening

Here are some fun things to do in Adelaide during Term 2:

**SA History Festival**, 1st May to 31st May, Various locations, [historyfestival.sa.gov.au](http://historyfestival.sa.gov.au)


We wish you all the very best during the new term!

Kind regards

Ros, Kim, Nat and Cathy