This week is BOOK WEEK – as part of our commitment to literacy learning we thought we would have a dress up as your favourite book character day on Thursday 25th August.

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- We will shortly be reviewing the FOC policy so be sure to read this carefully and come and see either Sharyn or Sarah if you have any questions.
- It is so important that you label everything that you send with your children, including bags, wipes, clothing and hats!!

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Every Tuesday morning for the remainder of the term we are lucky to have Bev Low from the community library come to visit our kindy for storytime. Every second week we will also be going up to the community library to share some stories and become familiar with the fabulous resource that is the library and the amazing staff that run it so successfully. How very lucky we are!!!

Last week we got together with the Junior Primary teachers and coordinator to discuss what programs were being used at kindy and to organise some cross age visits. We are very excited to welcome the Reception class to share some of our learning through our play activities this Wednesday and then we are off to visit the Rec class in week 7. These visits are such a great way to engage all the children in lots of sharing and learning together and to offer another opportunity for the kindy children to begin a smooth transition to school by meeting their future teachers, classmates and to see first hand the classrooms they will be moving into.

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Have you all had a look at the fantastic learning environment that Melissa has created in the kindy? She got busy making a shop/post office, outdoor kitchen, dress up & baby area and setting up a new space for our brand new duplo sets. The children are so engaged in their learning, keep an eye out for photos stuck up around the kindy of the children being busy, busy, busy!

On top of the small filing cabinet next to the sink in the paint area is an ART TREASURES box. It has been organised into alphabetical order and in there you will find examples of your child’s fabulous art work. Please be sure to have a look and take the work home to make a wonderful display of your child’s brilliance!!

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On Wednesday 21st September I am again going to offer you all the opportunity to come and have a chat with me. You can come and ask about your child, any Preschool program, how we organise stuff or just have a chat & a cuppa. You can speak to me about anything you want to talk about. I will pop a roster on the parent info board outside so please come and say g’day! Sarah x

What did you do today??
When children come home from a busy day parents will often ask their children “What did you do today?” to which they reply, “played,” or “nothing.” This is very common so don’t despair. Preschool children are learning all the time – getting along with others, constructing and making, using manners, sitting down to eat, packing up, creating stories, listening to instructions and singing. So, after being so busy they may not have anything to show you but you may hear a new song, recognition of a shape or colour or the name of a new friend.

Lastly just a reminder that the door is always open and we really encourage you to come and have a chat about anything and everything. Even if you have a gripe about something or have concerns we need to hear about it otherwise we just don’t know so therefore we cannot fix it! Of course it is always nice to hear we are doing great things as well!!

Enjoy the weather and we look forward to seeing you at our parent info sessions and at kindy!!

Cheers,
Sarah, Amanda, Melissa, Katherine, Julie, Sharyn & Corinna