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FROM THE DIRECTOR

Hello!

We have had a lot of changes at RICE over the last couple of months!

We have farewelled Heather Scanlon, who has returned to Western Australia to be closer to her family. Heather has been a wonderful contributor to RICE over the years and we wish her all the best in her new ventures.

Jasmine Kimber has moved out of her position as the Resource Educator and into a casual role with RICE. Jaz has been an amazing asset to RICE and the Resource Library and we are thankful for all that she has done over the years.

Teagan Karger will be taking over from Jaz and moving into the Resource Educator role. Teagan previously worked for RICE and is really excited to learn more about the library.

In August we welcomed Renee Bell as an Educator. She joins us with previous experience as a governess and is very excited to join her recent uni studies in with her new role with us.

We also welcome Deb Tuip as an Educator. You'll see Deb at our creche's and around the office. She has a passion for working with children and brings many years of experience in family day care, as well as a love for wooden resources.

Along with the Board of Management, we have been working on finalising the strategic planning, updating both the vision and mission statements and later in the month we'll have further opportunity to work on updating the constitution. You'll see a sneak preview further down in the newsletter.

I was super excited to get to the William Creek Bronco Branding Activity Day. The weather was perfect for Renee & I to pull out the water play, painting and playdough. We were very popular and had a lot of fun with all of the children that stopped in!

Finally, we've started our end of year planning, so please *save the date* 1st and 2nd of December 2021 for our end of year and Christmas festivities.

Enjoy the rest of Term 3 and the school holidays and I look forward to seeing more of you in Term 4.

Chloe Hunter
Director



FROM THE BOARD

Hello families!

It's hard to believe how quickly 2021 is passing by and it has been great as COVID restrictions have eased to see play & activity days taking place once again.

I will start by thanking our departing staff - Thanks Heather Scanlon for her contribution and enthusiasm during her time at RICE.

Also we farewell Jasmine Kimber from her position in the Resource Room. Jasmine's knowledge and experience will be missed but you will still see her from time to time at activity days as she is staying on as a casual.

The board has been meeting regularly throughout the year via Zoom meetings which seems to be the way of the world at the moment but we are all very excited to meet in person on the 22nd & 23rd of September in Port Augusta.

Have you wondered what the board of RICE is all about? It is a group of like minded members who are passionate about continuing to run and improve upon the services started in 1976.

We participate in monthly meetings and try and get together face to face twice a year.

If this sounds like something you would be interested in becoming a part of speak with one of our current board members and keep an eye out for nomination forms when the AGM is announced.

Cheers for now,

Anna Nunn
Zone Representative



CHLOE & THE BOARD OF MANAGEMENT
JUNE 2021

PLAYDAY REPORT



Hi families,

Even though COVID changed our plans this term, we were able to make it to Fowlers Bay, Carrieton and Blinman. It was great to be able to provide an engaging environment for children to interact, have fun with one another and to provide a space for parents to come together, during these uncertain times.

This term we have been creating small worlds using everyday materials. Below are two of the small worlds that we created that the children loved.



Planning is underway for term 4, we are excited to hopefully get out to more locations. If you are interested in hosting a play day or would like more information, please contact the office on 08 8642 4477 or email myself at tmurray@rice.org.au.

Teagan Murray
Educator



CRECHE REPORT

Hi all,

We have had a fun and exciting term 3. We welcomed a few new faces to creche. Our new educator Renee, plus three new friends for our children - Ben, Ned, and Edward.

With new enrolments still coming through we are very excited to see children create new friendships and watch their skills develop weekly.

We said goodbye to Winter and enjoyed the sun of Spring set in. Our favourite things at creche this term were fairies, bugs, and magnetic construction.

With one week left of term 3 I hope you all have a lovely holiday, and we will see you again next term.

If you have any questions, ideas or concerns please email me at tmudge@rice.org.au or call 08 8642 4477

Tegan Mudge
Creche Team Leader



CRECHE OPERATING TIMES
ORROROO: MONDAY 8:45AM - 3:15PM
HAWKER: FRIDAY 8:45AM - 3:15PM
REMOTE CRECHE: ONCE A TERM AND ONCE DURING SCHOOL HOLIDAYS.

KINDY REPORT

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT KINDY EXPERIENCE IN TERM 3?

Kindy Experience Week will be such a great way to end the term!

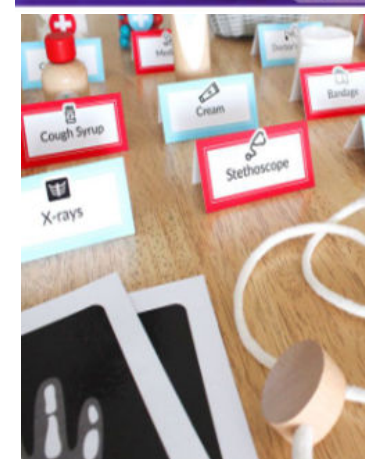
This Kindy Experience will allow for a lot of social and dramatic play opportunities. The children don't come together too often so Kindy Experience is an excellent time to focus on team building and interpersonal skills which are vital skills for learners. Furthermore, dramatic play spaces allow for the development of key vocabulary whilst children also explore aspects of humanities and social sciences.

Aspects of numeracy and literacy can easily be integrated into dramatic play experiences. As children count out items (such as pretend food) they are able to demonstrate their accurate counting skills. They also notice digits and numerals (for example on a cash register, and on play money) and have the opportunity to develop a basic understanding of the concept of money. Written language will also be integrated into dramatic spaces. For example, the children will notice the print on a menu and they will have opportunities to write as part of their play, as notepads and pencils will be aesthetically presented.

During our group times we will be extending on our learning from the prior fortnight. We will be exploring big books and noticing some of the features of texts: including punctuation and the beginning sounds of some of the words on a page. We will use art as a tool to develop our awareness of what 'symmetry' means.

The Child Protection Curriculum is a curriculum that is mandated in Kindy. During this Kindy Experience we will be noticing the anatomical names for body parts. Research shows that using the correct terms for body parts can act as a preventer for child abuse.

Megan Hamper
Kindy Teacher



RESOURCE CENTRE

Hello everyone!

I'm Teagan and I am excited to announce that I will be the new Resource Educator for RICE, and can't wait to bring fresh ideas, an outgoing, forward thinking and bubbly personality to the position.

Before gaining the Resource Educator position with RICE, I began working for RICE back in 2017 and enjoyed travelling parts of South Australia and meeting new people ever since.

With this new position I hope to bring fresh ideas to the Resource Room, like tailoring the resources to be more versatile, culturally diverse, inclusive to all families and tailoring certain resources required for children with additional needs and developing their skills and needs within the service.

The more that you read, the more things you will know. The more that you learn, the more places you'll go.

Dr Seuss

I can't wait to see everyone along my travels with RICE.

Teagan Karger
resources@rice.org.au



KIDS CORNER

Recipe: Fruit popsicles

Ingredients:

Popsicle molds or plastic cups

Popsicle sticks

Variety of fruits

Apple juice



Fruits to try:

Strawberries

Blueberries

Raspberries

Mango

Orange

Chop the fruit to an appropriate size.

Place the fruit into the mold, add as much as you can.

Insert popsicle stick and pour in apple juice, leaving a small space at the top for the juice to freeze.

Freeze overnight or 4-6 hours.

Enjoy!

Activity: Salt dough

Ingredients:

1 cup flour

1/2 cup salt

1/2 cup water



Mix ingredients together in a large bowl

Add food dye if you wish

Get creating

Use cookie cutters to cut shapes or create free handed.

Riddle



If you don't keep me, I'll break. What am I?

Answer: A promise.

UPCOMING EVENTS

SEPTEMBER

18 September - Activity Day, Copley Gymkhana

OCTOBER

1 October - In Office Creche, Port Augusta RICE Office

9 October - Activity Day, Glendambo

22 October - Activity Day, Coober Pedy NRM Day

NOVEMBER

SAVE
THE
DATE

End of year Christmas celebrations

Kindy Graduation - 1st December 2021
Office creche - 2nd December 2021

Keep an eye on our socials for details

CaFHS to attend Glendambo Gymkhana on Saturday 9 October

Child and Family Health Nurse (CaFHS), Christine McCracken will be attending this event to offer families of children 0-5 years, the opportunity to discuss their child's health and development, and access parenting information and support.

The Child and Family Health Service (CaFHS) provides free support for all South Australian children 0-5 years.
www.cafhs.sa.gov.au



Exciting things are happening...



VALUES

Community - Respect - Authentic - Diversity

VISION

Our vision is to foster a vibrant and successful early years' service for outback children.

MISSION

Our mission is to ensure children and families in Outback South Australia have access to quality early years services, including education and childcare, that are not readily available due to geographical location.

PROGRESSIVE

Updating our Constitution and strategic plan.

Modernising our programs.

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