

After Jesus had come alive, it was time for Him to return to His Father in Heaven. He blessed the disciples and an amazing thing happened. They saw Jesus taken up into Heaven. The disciples worshiped him with great joy and the Holy Spirit came to be with them. (Luke 24; 50-53) As we prepare to celebrate our preschools 40<sup>th</sup> birthday we too can experience great joy knowing Jesus loves us and blesses us every day. Every one of us can experience God's presence in our preschool community, as the spirit of God is present in our love and care for each other.

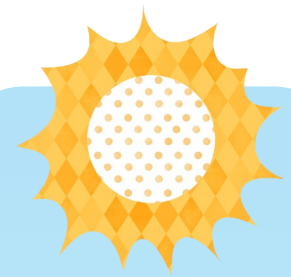
## Fun Friend's program

We are up to week two in our Fun Friends program. Last week we focused on how special we are. Each child looked into a box, which had a very special person in it and in that box was a mirror. We looked in a mirror that was sat on the table and attempted to draw our face. We introduced Confident Croc, a soft toy that we passed around the group and told him our names. This week we will continue the theme of how special we are. We will get to know each other a bit more and find out how we are the same and different from each other. We will look at the person next to us and using a person template, try and replicate that person with collage and felt pens. Confident Croc will help us think of happy things that we have done recently. Week three we have a survey finding out some more about each other, asking questions like do you have a pet at home? Do you like yoghurt? Each child will bring home an information sheet to fill in with your child to tell us more about them and how special you think they are.

Week 4 and 5 we start to talk about our feelings and how our body gives us indications to those feelings. We look at some teddy bear emotion cards and discuss the feelings of the teddy bears by looking at their body and face. Your child will bring home a cup and a straw with an information sheet. This will be a visual demonstration of trying to slow our breathing down when we feel anxious. We read the story Jelly Legs by Colin Varney. Confident Croc will tell us a story about listening to his body and its feelings.

Week 6 and 7 the teachers will be doing some acting exploring the feelings of sad, happy, angry and scared and how our bodies might feel. Week 7 is How to make a friend and developing resilience. Confident Croc tells us a story. The last week is about thinking about our behavior, problem solving and finding solutions. Your child will be bringing home some Stop, Think, Do traffic lights to help with managing their behavior.

So, that's an overview of the topics we will be covering. I hope that you will feel that this is a very important part of our Preschool year. Some samples of the children's work each week will be hung up on the blue wall hanging inside by the making table. Please find a few minutes to have a look. If you would like to discuss any of these topics come and speak to me or Sam. Thanks Karen.



## Important Dates

### Friday Mornings

Playgroup 8.45-10.15

### Church Services

Monday 20th and Tuesday  
21st May at 2.15pm

### Reconciliation Day

Wednesday 29th May

Excursion 9.30-2.00

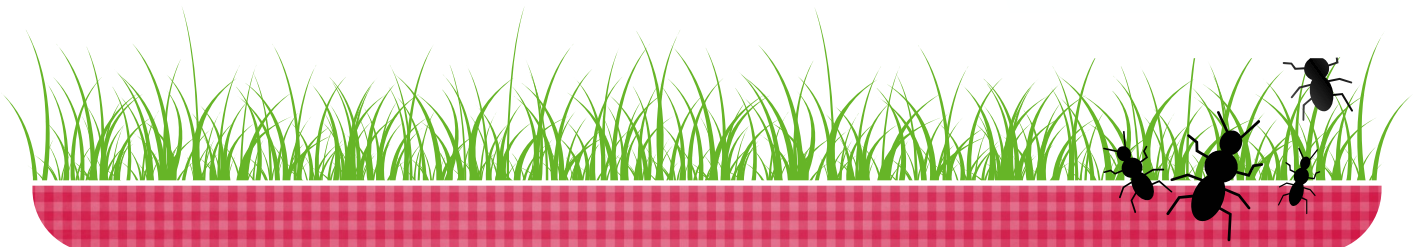
### Health checks

Group 2 Tuesday 4th June

### Emergency Drill

We will be practicing this  
on Wednesday 5th and

Thursday 6th June



We are flying through the term the end of week 3 already.

### **Reminder Early/Late fee:**

\$3.00/ early drop off or late pick up. This can be arranged with the Director or will be incurred if you are 10 minutes early or late with your child without contacting the centre staff.

### **Sleeping Children**

If you have a young child sleeping in the car when you come to do Kindy pick up, please call the Kindy and we can bring your child out to the car, especially as we are going into winter.

### **Friday Kindy**

The session starts at **10.30**, please arrive as close to this as you can. We have playgroup until **10.15** and families with young children will be leaving.

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## **Zion Preschool 40th Anniversary**

On Sunday June 2nd we will be celebrating the Kindy turning 40 and of course you are all invited. There will be a worship service in the church starting at 10.45am and the Kindy children will be singing songs. There will be a shared lunch to follow and displays of years gone by, activities for the children and the cutting of a special cake. We hope you can join us on this special day.

### **Fees**

**Just a reminder that Term 2 Fees are due**

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### **Interviews**

We will be offering face to face and phone interviews during week 6, please see the teachers or myself to organise times, if you have not already done so.

### **Reconciliation Day Excursion**

On Wednesday 29th May the Kindy will be taking part in a Reconciliation event at Apex park in Gawler. We will be walking to the event and would love to have some parent helpers on the day. If you have done your Valuing Safe Communities certificate and would like to come along with us, please see Sam. More information to follow.

### **Fire Service Visit**

We will have the fire service coming to visit us at Kindy during week 6 on Tuesday 4th and Wednesday 5th of June. The children will get to look at the fire truck and talk to the Firemen.

