Nothing is better than sitting down to a beautiful meal with a plate full of yummy food. As I savour each mouthful I unconsciously leave some of my favourite food, or sauce, or whatever it is I like best, until last. Why do we seem to do this. Maybe so the taste that is left is a positive experience?

This term we have focussed on the creation story and I really think that God left ‘the best till last’ too. He created ‘man and woman in his own image’. God created us just the way he planned it. You and I look the way we do because God made us like that. We are all unique and different, and yet God loves us all the same.

As the year progresses at kindy, we get to know the children more and more deeply. We know more about them than what we see on the outside. Through developing our relationships with them, walking alongside them to explore their identity and who they are, we get to know these beautiful children who God made. It is wonderful to see them grow and learn, to increase their independence, and to grow in curiosity about the world around them.

We have been exploring different learning dispositions. Today I’m thinking especially about courage. We want the children to learn to be courageous. Sometimes this means taking a risk in a safe environment. It may mean taking a risk in their relationships with others or in their play. It means taking a risk outside of their familiar comfort zone. This is something we have already seen develop in the children since the beginning of term 1.

We look forward to the second half of the year where the children will further explore their identity and be prepared to take more courageous steps in their learning. Thanks for your support over the first 6 months.

We pray that you will enjoy the break from routine of kindy in these coming holidays. It will also give the children and staff time to refresh and recharge, ready for an exciting second semester.
Enforcing our healthy food policy for lunch foods has had a fairly good start. We would like to thank families for supporting us with this. I know it has not been an easy transition for all families. Several years ago we had a similar experience with our snack time change (now called fruit time), when we moved to having just fresh fruit and vegetables. Now this has been accepted as normal practice. We realise that changes can be confronting for all of us. We would really like parents to know that we want to work with you for the health sake of your children. What we do understand is that it makes each of us think about what we are packing for lunch. Thank you so much to the families who are packing food in re-useable containers, paper bags or foil. We know that the generations to come will be grateful for our efforts. You may have noticed that we now have colour coded buckets and bins in all areas so we can be more conscious of which bins we use for what rubbish too. We encourage you to talk to your child about it. Our food scraps always go in the green bins/buckets and our recyclable containers go in the yellow bins.
Night of Stars - Tuesday 10th June
This event was wonderfully supported by many families and friends.
We’d like to especially thank Daniel Cazzolato and Troy Pudney for their work with the photography on the night. They have been very generous with their support of our kindy.
We also thank the numerous families for their generosity in donating raffle prizes which were drawn on the night.
Thanks also to Unity College for allowing us to use the drama blocks and Christ Church for use of the hall.
We raised $1493 on the night on the door entry and raffle.
Currently we have the photos (on display) and DVD’s available to order. It would be really great to finalise this before the end of term. The photos will be taken down at the end of term. You will need to see Lynette to purchase them after this date. It will be still possible. DVD orders need to be made before the end of term (next Tuesday).
There has been a delay in getting the DVD’s completed. Please be assured that we have a list of families who have ordered and paid for them.

Spare Clothes
Help!! If your child has borrowed some of our kindy clothes in the last weeks please ensure they are returned asap. At the moment we are running really low on spare track pants.
It would be helpful if spare clothes were packed in every child’s bag in case they need changing. Please name everything.
Wet weather can be a good time to pack rubber boots and jackets for outside play. If you do send them along, please remember to name them.

Profile Folders
Profile folders are ready for you to pick up from kindy. You are welcome to share them over the holidays, but please bring them back during the first week of kindy next term. Please feel free to take things out to look at but please put them back in the same place. For this reason, it is great if you share with/supervise your child when looking through it!

Kindy pick-up arrangements for term 3
Please ensure that you have let me know before the end of this term, if there are any changes to who is picking up your child in term 3.

Lost Property
Please check - Un-named things not collected by the end of term will be given away to charity! Last week there was quite a bit still there.

Kindy photos
Next term we have the kindy photos in week 2. These are the padded album style, done by Image photography in Adelaide. Individual and group photos will be taken of all children.

Fee Invoices
Fee invoices have been distributed last Thursday through the notice pockets. They were in a ‘window’ envelope.

Building Fund donations
These are sent to Adelaide each month. Receipts are issued in a timely manner to families through the notice pockets. Thanks for your support.

Concordia kindy will be finishing this term on Tuesday 1st July.
Please ensure you have alternative arrangements in place for care for your child on Wed, Thursday and Friday that week.
The kindy will be closed on Thursday 3rd and Friday 4th July as the staff attend a Spiritual Retreat at Hahndorf with Unity College staff.

Next term begins on Monday 21st July

Thanks . . .
....to all parents for their support at kindy this term. It really is helpful when parents are able to come in to assist - no specific skills necessary!! See you next term.
**Diary Dates**

**Laundry Roster**
- Fri 25th July: Ellazae August’s family
- Fri 1st Aug: Emmerson Cummings’ family
- Fri 8th Aug: Ethan Piegert’s family

**Term 2**
- Tues 1st July: Last day of term 2
- Wed 2nd July: Last day of playgroup
- Thurs 3rd July: Staff Spiritual retreat
- Fri 4th July: Staff Spiritual retreat

**Term 3**
- Mon 21st July: First day of term 3
- Thurs 31st July: Kindy Photos
- Fri 1st Aug: Kindy Photos
- Tues 12th Aug: Kindy Council

**Prayer Support**
- We pray for children, families and staff who continue to suffer with their health.
- We thank God for the healing of several siblings of kindy children, who have been in hospital recently.
- We pray for the safety of all families and staff over these holidays. May God keep us safe and bring us all back refreshed and ready for a new term.

**Our Church and the Community**

**Sunday School** for 3 - 10 year old at Christ Church (Swanport Road) on Sundays. You are most welcome to join in the informal service at church from 10.45 am (children’s address - then Sunday school). All welcome.

**Messy Church**
- Sunday 20th July @ John Dohler Hall @ 4 pm

Other notices are on the parent Notice board in the foyer of kindy. Please check this out regularly.