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DIRECTOR'S NEWS

Welcome to 2020!

The new year has come with some big changes nevertheless we are all still feeling very positive and motivated for an exciting year. 2019 we farewelled Jess French, Niamh Mackay and Courtney Rowe. We wish them all the best in their new endeavours, they will be missed.

I am thrilled to announce Heather Scanlon was the successful applicant for the Senior Educator position ensuring that our valuable playdays are continued throughout the year. Some more encouraging news, Debra Cornelsen started with us this week in the role of Outback Childcare Educator. Debra will be inducted and ready to take on Outback Childcare from middle of March.

[2020 RICE will Stay positive, Work Hard & Make it happen!](#)

Samantha Mundy
 RICE Director

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BOARD REPORT

Hi Everyone.

2020... It feels like it was only yesterday I was getting excited for the big 'Millennium New Year's Eve' ...definitely showing my age! I hope everyone managed to enjoy a break over Christmas and recharge their batteries - it is nice to know that it still knows how to rain seeing some good falls across the State in some areas earlier in the month however many missed out and are still waiting.

This year looks like it will be just as busy as ever for RICE. We farewelled a number of staff at the end of last year with Niamh Mackay, Courtney Rowe and Jess French moving on to new things. We thank these girls for all their hard work, big smiles and help throughout their time at RICE and wish them all the best.

The RICE Board of Management continues to work hard behind the scenes towards further improving current activities to ensure families receive support where needed. Whether you are involved in kindy, childcare, creches, borrowing resources or in any other way, shape or form, feedback of any kind is always welcomed to help know what is and is not working well. We look forward to a positive 2020.

Cheers,

Kirsty Williams

UPCOMING EVENTS

PLAY DAY

11th of March 2020 - Carrieton Club Rooms

24th of March 2020 - Oodnadatta gym

ACTIVITY DAYS

28th of March 2020 - Super Saturday Orroroo sporting oval

4th of April 2020 - Flinders Ranges Camp Draft Club

18th of April 2020 - William Creek Gymkhana

25th of April 2020 - Yunta Racing Club

9th of May 2020 - Oodnadatta Racing & Horse Sports

16th of May 2020 - Gawler Rangers Progress Association

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KINDY UPDATE

It has been a great start to the year! It was so nice to meet with the Kindy children and families face-to-face during induction week. This face-to-face time with the children gave space for relationships to develop which is a crucial step in the learning process. The children engaged in getting to know one another's names and they discussed some things that they like and what they got up to in the holidays.

The class learned the importance of relationships as they learned to reflect on the group as a "Kindy Family". The Kindy children discussed care and listening as factors within a family. We also got to know of how we are all different and special for being unique.

I look forward in continuing to get to know the Kindy children across this month. Through small groups and large group settings there will be opportunities to build on listening and collaborative skills as well as to build on oral language and reciprocal social skills.

Megan Hamper
Kindy Teacher



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CRECHE

The creches at Hawker and Orreroo have started back for the new year! I am very excited to announce that we are welcoming 5 new children to our service! The staff and I are over the moon with such a positive and booming start to 2020.

Over the holidays the staff have been busy planning and creating resources for the children, everyone is looking forward to a fun and engaging term one. We are kicking off our theme days with a teddy bears picnic, an opportunity for the children to bring a loved toy from home that can participate in a group picnic and various other activities throughout the day. I look forward to sharing some photos with you in our next newsletter!

Creche Operating Times

Orreroo: Monday, 8:45am - 3:15pm

Hawker: Friday, 8:45am - 3:15pm

Creche Contacts

Team Leader, Eliza McIntosh

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For creche, we use a program called Xplor. This allows parents to sign their child in and out while also allowing the parent access throughout the day to view data such as toileting, sleeping etc. I would like to take this opportunity to apologise to the creche parents for the stressful time of enrolling for 2020 and getting documentation organised. This is a learning experience for all, and I can guarantee next year will be a smoother process. Thank you all for your patience and cooperation.

Eliza McIntosh
Creche Team Leader



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OUTBACK CHILDCARE

As mentioned in the directors' report RICE has undergone a recruitment process in hiring a new outback childcare professional. We can confirm that we have a successful applicant who will officially join our team mid-February to begin the induction stage. Our new member will be ready to take on outback childcare from March. Exciting times!

If you have any questions or inquiries regarding outback childcare please don't hesitate to make contact via the front office or email: occ@rice.org.au

PLAYDAY NEWS

Hi there! My name is Heather, I am the new Senior Educator who will be running the playdays! I am very excited to announce that the first play day of the year will be held at Carrieton club rooms on Wednesday, 11th of March. This program will run from 10am until 2pm, all I ask you to bring is a share plate, hat, water bottle and a change of clothes (just in case).

Play days are a place for families with babies, toddlers and preschoolers to have fun, make new friends and learn through play. We will be providing the children with the opportunity to explore messy play, Easter crafts, outside play and so much more! If you would like to attend or if you require more information, please contact me at: hscanlon@rice.org.au or just call the office. I am looking forward to meeting many new faces, hope to see you there!

Heather Scanlon
Senior Educator



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TOY LIBRARY

Hi Everyone!

Hope you are all having a great start to 2020. The Toy Library is in the process of being renovated so it is currently not accessible for families to come in and borrow items. If you would like some resources give me a call or email in advance and I can have a Toy Box ready to pick up or I can post out to you.

I have finished the stocktake for last year and there are still several items outstanding. If you have not discussed loan extensions with me, could please give me a call and have a chat. This year I will need families to ensure that any items borrowed from the library are scanned in and out through the Bookmark system. If toys/resources are not returned you may be charged a fee based on the cost of replacing these items. It is very important games/puzzles etc are returned with all pieces otherwise they become unusable for others to borrow.

I think the new Toy Library is going to be amazing and I cannot wait to show families once it is all complete. Hopefully it will be much easier to view the range of toys and resources we have available to borrow. Please help me keep the Toy Library resources in great condition for everyone to enjoy 😊

Jasmine Kimber
Toy Librarian

Library Progress Photos



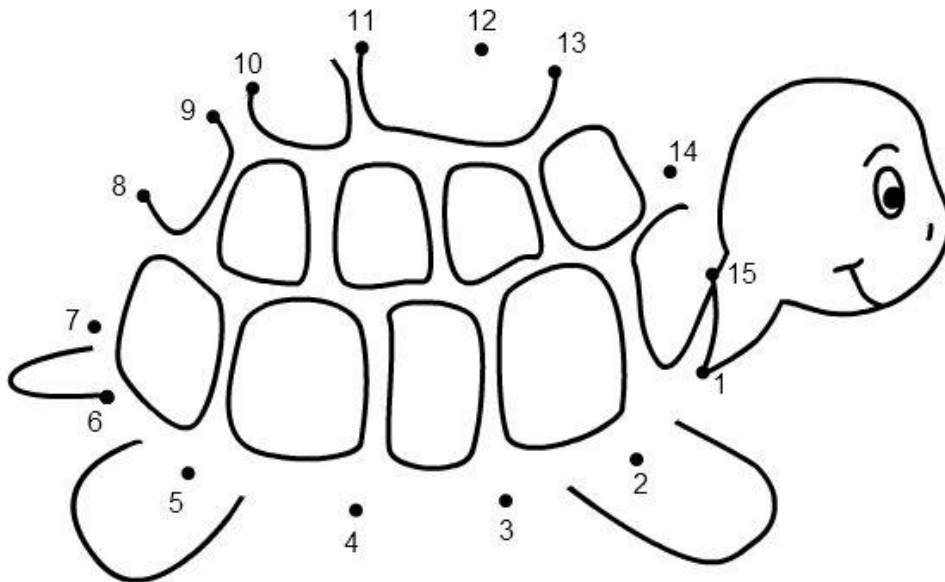
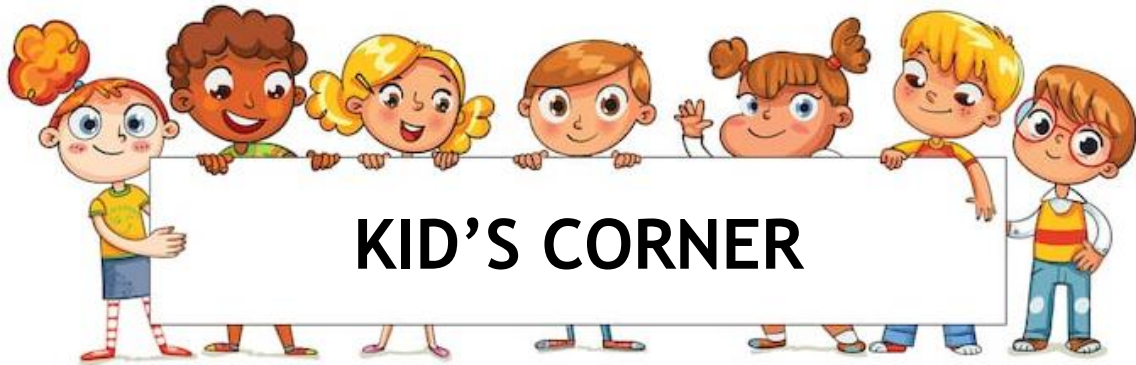
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OUT AND ABOUT WITH RICE

Kindy Experience Week, Term 1 2020.



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Jokes

Q1. Why do giraffes have such long necks?

Q2. What do you say to a fancy cactus?

Riddle

I never ask questions, but I'm always answered.

What am I?

Answers on page 8.



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Jungle Animals Word Search



E	I	S	B	Q	L	N	C	K	H
U	F	Y	N	C	I	N	R	J	G
G	F	F	H	A	A	K	O	O	D
Y	B	R	A	C	K	C	C	I	P
E	O	R	U	R	X	E	O	C	L
K	S	O	Q	A	I	Z	D	R	B
N	T	V	S	J	M	G	I	L	K
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M	T	U	R	T	L	E	E	Z	I
W	P	Q	J	L	O	T	E	F	G
T	P	Z	W	D	T	B	W	F	E
F	D	C	U	Y	R	Z	O	N	R
G	O	R	F	A	Q	N	M	F	H



crocodile
elephant
frog
giraffe
lion
monkey

snake
tiger
toucan
turtle
zebra



Answers
A1. Because they have stinky feet.
A2. You look sharp!

Riddle Answer
A1. A doorbell.

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PIZZA PINWHEEL RECIPE

Ingredients

- 1 package refrigerated pizza crust or puff pastry.
- Pizza sauce
- Ham
- Mozzarella Cheese
- Pizza toppings of choice

Method

- Lightly grease a baking sheet. Set aside.
- Unroll a pack of refrigerated pizza crust or puff pastry onto a cutting board.
- Spread a light layer of pizza sauce over the dough.
- Sprinkle with ham and any other pizza toppings.
- Spread mozzarella over the top.
- Carefully roll the dough to make a log shape.
- Pinch the sides and using a pizza cutter or knife, slice into individual pieces.
- Bake at 180°C until the cheese is melted, and rolls are a light golden brown.



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Educator (In Home Care)	TBA
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Hawker & Orroroo Educators	Micaela Nicholls, Lorena Shackelford, Anna Shories, Tasman Key

BOARD MEMBERS

Executive	
Chairperson	Kirsty Williams
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Director	Samantha Mundy
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Sponsorship for 2019

Oz Minerals

\$25,720



Oodnadatta Race Club

\$6,000



Kingoonya APRC

\$2000



William Creek Gymkhana

\$1500



Black Oak Quarries

\$400

Copley Gymkhana

\$300

Southern Flinders Ranges

\$250

Yunta Race Club

\$200