ART SHOW
Well we had a fabulous night, the weather was just right and we estimate that we had approximately 220 visitors on the night. Thank you for all the positive feedback we have received. We did try to gather some feedback on the night however the sheets turned in to creative pieces of work themselves. On the sign in desk we have put some feed back pages for your comments. The auction results were amazing and in total we have raised approx. $3,361.80 towards our new pergola.

A special thank you goes to Kath and Justin Nugent for donating 12 bottles of Bird in Hand Sparkling Pinot 2015, The Crown Inn Hotel, Kingston for the donation of 2 cartoons of beer, Kersbrook Hill Winery and The Stirling Cellars for their donations of wine, Foodland Stirling for donations of pop tops and ice and to Cathie and Sarah for donating pop tops, serviettes and sauce for the evening.

WINE ORDERS
To help our fundraising efforts for the pergola The Bird in Hand winery have made available to us a SPECIAL ORDER FORM for their wines. $50.00 from every dozen of bottles sold will go to the kindy. If we get orders for 12 dozen that means another $600 for the pergola, if we get 30 dozen that means $1,500.00. Order forms are available at the sign in desk and can be emailed on request. Ask your work colleagues, extended family members and neighbours if they would like to order too. Please return your order form by Wednesday 30th June to the kindy. Orders will be delivered during the term break. Please DO NOT make payment for orders for wine into the kindergarten account.

Farewell to Jalna
This is Jaina’s final week with us for her placement. We will be having a small celebration on Thursday morning so children are welcome to bring some party food on a small plate to share. Please ensure there are NO NUTS in foods provided as per our NO NUT POLICY.

Preparation for our new Pergola
We do need to relocate two plants and a raised vegetable garden prior to the pergola being built in the holidays. If you can help please let me know.

TOOTHBRUSHES FOR SALE.
The kindy has quality Colgate toothbrushes for sale for only $2.50.
Pick yours up today from the sign in desk. All money goes into an envelope into the fee box.

Peoples Choice Community Raffle books were due in last week. We still have many outstanding. Please return all sold books and money this week.

End of term clean up.
Can you spare an hour to help clean the children’s furniture at the end of term? All chairs, tables, painting easels, painting stands, home corner furniture etc. needs cleaning and wiping down with disinfectant. Please add your name to the helping list in the locker room.

Any kindy monies due can be paid directly into the kindy account. Please use child's name as the reference.
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Curriculum Update from Angela, Hannah and Jalna

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The children have continued to enjoy mud play this week, mixing and making fantastic creations in the mud kitchen. The children have mixed an enormous chocolate cake in the wheelbarrow. It has been lovely to see such imaginative, collaborative play, as well as rich and varied language shared. We have retold “Wombat Stew”, sung songs like “Stir up the Pudding” and made up our own stories, songs and rhymes as we play. The children have enjoyed exploring the living creatures in the mud patch and have been learning about how to care for them. We have talked about these creatures habitats and made sure they are kept in an environment that is safe for them. We have continued to care for the worms in our worm farm and have enjoyed feeding them our fruit scraps.

It is often the simplest things in nature that create the most precious discoveries and learning moments. The children's sense of awe and wonder when they discovered that the bird bath was frozen over on their arrival to kindergarten one cold and frosty morning was a delight to see. This led to thinking about how and why it had happened. They excitedly ran off to find more things that were frozen such as the top of the hay bales, the ice around the edge of the trampoline and even the soft Lamb’s Ear leaves were hard and icy. This led to the children noticing the steam coming out of their mouth when they talked and breathed. A little later on during their explorations outside we discovered that the frozen things in the sun had melted. It was lovely to see the children excitedly share their discoveries with their friends as they arrived and to watch and share in the learning opportunities as they evolved. Another beautiful day outside at kindy!

The play dough this week has been sea themed and a beautiful shade of blue. The children have enjoyed a range of small world activities including sea creatures with the blue play dough, a jungle scene and a mouse house.

We have continued to explore create activities over the last two weeks. The children have enjoyed playing with techniques including revisiting some they used for their art show canvases. We have been counting down the days until the Art Show in group time as a part of our numeracy program. The children are developing their understanding of what the Art Show will be, as well as learning the order of the days of the week within a meaningful context.

The children were very keen to dabble in photography for our art show. They see us take hundreds of photographs every week and were very enthusiastic to handle the camera and take their own unique pictures. They had fun experimenting with close-ups and finding interesting subjects to photograph. We captured pictures of beautiful flowers, chook heads, wind chimes and photos of friends and selfies to name a few. Some of the children were interested in the movement of action shots. Once the children began to explore the outdoor environment with the camera they were having such a great time they were reluctant to hand it back. Children are very observant and find the most interesting things. The photographs looked amazing when
they were printed out and mounted on card.

We have been enjoying playing ball sports as the weather has been cold and wet and the lawn is becoming very muddy. The children have enjoyed the tethered soccer ball as well as footballs, basketballs and tennis balls and have been practicing their throwing, catching and kicking skills. They have played cooperatively in pairs or groups, taking turns and negotiating rules in their games.

We have some fantastic gymnasts in our kindergarten, with children demonstrating their skills on the trapeze this week. They have practiced hanging upright and upside down, pulling themselves up or flipping over the bar! We have had some challenging balance beams and climbing courses this week which have been very popular. Children have played follow the leader games as they climb and balance, and built the climbing course into their dramatic play.

The making table has been a hive of activity this week with children undertaking a wide range of projects individually or with a friend or two. We have seen butterflies, robots, shields, boats, handbags and a hot air balloon, to name a few. The children practice fine motor skills including cutting, drawing, folding and tearing as well as developing their creativity and problem solving.

Over the past two weeks our writing area was transformed into the Kindy Post Office. In here we have been writing and drawing letters and folding into envelopes to be put in the Kindy Post box to be delivered to our friends. We have also been using computer keyboards, telephones, mobile phones, cash register with play money and ink stamping. During group times we have sung the silly postman song and played pass the parcel, which has prompted children to make their own parcels. Throughout these activities children have used numerous amounts of skills such as dramatic play, communication, literacy reading and writing, numeracy, fine motor skills, roles in the community and more.

To conclude our post office unit, we walked to the local post office in Stirling where we posted our self addressed stamped letters, and had a tour behind the scenes where we learned the process of mail sorting and delivering. The children thoroughly enjoyed the trip.

This week you may have seen the glass box at the inside entrance of kindy which is the home of our two rats which we have on loan for two weeks. Almost all of the children have been keen to pat and hold them and are all very gentle with them. As they had no names, the children nominated a few names which were then put to a vote to decide the final two names which resulted in ‘Rainbow’ and ‘Fluffy’. Children will learn how to care for the rats, including handling and feeding it. Next week as Jalna’s last week, through interests of the children and the presence of our two rats, she would like to plan activities around pets, and set up a vet area for dramatic play. If you are able to either bring in a photo of your family pet, or email to Catriona and she can print off we would love for everyone to share their pets and make a collage.