

# Nangwarry Preschool Newsletter Term 1, Week 5 2017



## **We have been asked to forward this letter to you from DECD.**

Dear Parents & Caregivers,

Immunisation is a simple, safe and effective way of protecting children and others in the community by reducing the spread of disease. It also helps to protect those who cannot be vaccinated for medical reasons from being exposed to preventable diseases.

Your child's immune system is particularly important as the early years is the time when their immune system is still developing.

With this in mind most DECD early childhood services currently ask parents to show that their child has received the scheduled childhood immunisations during the enrolment process. From 2017 that request is being consistently applied across the state.

This means that families with children enrolled in a DECD preschool are asked to provide immunization evidence to their service by the end of term 1, 2017.

Please show your service a copy of your child's:

- SA Child Health and Development record (known as the Blue Book) or
- Australian Immunisation Childhood register (ACIR) history statement.

If your child is not up to date with their immunisations and there is an occurrence of a vaccine preventable disease at the service, then your child will be asked to stay away from the service for the period of time known as the exclusion period.

The exclusion period is determined by SA health and is designed to protect those who are at risk of getting the disease and those who may be able to pass the disease onto others.

If we do not have evidence of your child's immunisation status and there is an outbreak of a vaccine preventable disease, your child will be treated as not up to date with their immunisations and excluded.

While individuals, families and public health are ultimately responsible for the prevention and control of infectious diseases, government early childhood services also have a role to play in preventing the spread of vaccine preventable diseases.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your cooperation and support to protect the children at our service and, more broadly, the South Australian community. For more information please visit [www.decd.sa.gov.au](http://www.decd.sa.gov.au)

*Yours in Education and Care, , Helen Wood*

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We have been enjoying lots of cooking at Kindy this term, from tomato soup and fruit kebabs to coconut and lemon zest cupcakes. We have very keen chefs who keep asking for more. It's amazing how much children learn from cooking. It is an effortless and joyful introduction to mathematics as you talk about fractions, weight, size, length and time. The link between cooking and literacy is clear when you think about all the new vocabulary as you use as you whisk and chop, fold and spread, not to mention 'reading' the recipe and following directions. Last but not least, learning to cook is a life long skill that can bring love, good health and cheer into our lives. Next term with our "Eat a Rainbow" program we will continue to cook nutritious and exciting dishes so watch this space!