I would like to welcome back all of our Kindergarten and Occasional Care families for another Term. It has been fantastic to meet all of our Parents, Caregivers and Children over the past 3 months and look forward to getting to know you all better over the next term.

I would like to take this opportunity to let Families know that I have won the position as Director for another term, with the hope of further extending the contract indefinitely. Thank you to all the Families, Children and Staff for having welcomed me in to your Community; I truly feel at home :)

Parents and Caregivers are more than welcome to come and see me for a chat. You may have something on your mind, want to know more about me, or may just have a comment you want to make - so please don’t be shy.

**NEW STUDENTS**

This term we have 3 new students starting Kindy - Campbell, Oliver and Sarah. We also have Lachlan starting pre-entry this term.

Welcome to you all.

Miss Nikki :)

**Term 2 Program**

This term we will be learning about Living Things; Insects, Plants, Animals and People.

We will learn about the parts of Living Things (ie leaves, stem, petal, etc), what Living Things eat/live on (ie water, bugs, meat, etc), the different types of Living Things (People, Animals, Plants, and Insects; and more specifically types of Insects/Plants/Animals/People, ie: grasshopper, elephants, flowers, babies, etc).

We will also be planting some native plants in our backyard to attract different Insects and Birds to our garden.
**Focus on Healthy Eating**

Under the new National Quality Agenda, an emphasis has been placed on the importance of Healthy Eating in young children. Here at Quorn Kindergarten & Occasional Care, we too believe this is important for our children as it helps give them the best start to life.

We would like to ask Parents and Caregivers to supply their child with fresh fruit, vegies or dairy for snack options in their lunch boxes as much as possible. This is our preference in place of other snack options available.

Morning tea will be provided for children attending both Kindergarten and Occasional Care. We ask Parents and Caregivers to continue to bring in a vegetable or piece of fruit for the children during morning tea. The Kindergarten will still supply cheese and dry biscuits as a second snack option once the fruit/vegetables are eaten.

If you would like more detail or have questions, please feel free to talk to our staff or myself (Nikki).

**Sun Smart for Life**

Sun Smart behaviours will be a focus here at Quorn Kindergarten & Occasional Care. We believe that it is our job as Educators and Parents to ensure our children are safe from the sun’s harmful rays.

We will be enforcing the ‘No Hat, No Play’ rule during outside play times, especially during Terms 1 & 4 when the sun’s rays are most dangerous. We ask Parents and Caregivers to support us by supplying their children with a Broad-brimmed hat, if they have not already got one.

**Meet n Greet – All Welcome**

Our Governing Council has decided that Quorn Kindergarten and Occasional Care will hold a Meet n Greet this term for all new Families and Caregivers to our Centre.

The Meet n Greet will give individuals the opportunity to find out more information about our Centre and the services we provide. Our Director will give a brief about the Centre, its routines and the services we provide. An opportunity will be given for Parents and Caregivers to ask questions about any aspect of the Centre.

*Meet n Greet: Thursday 3rd May at 9am*

*Tea/Coffee and Nibbles provided.*