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Term 3 Newsletter

It's hard to believe Term 3 is coming to a close. Our Kinder kids have been busy this term and no doubt they will enjoy a break on school holidays.

We hope Fathers were spoilt with love on Father's Day and that they enjoyed the Kinder events celebrating this special day. It's beautiful to see how excited and proud the children are when showing their Dad's around Kinder.

We thank everyone that has contributed to Fundraising this term, maintenance, Fruit duty, weekly washing and more!

Enjoy school holidays and we look forward to seeing you back refreshed in Term 4. There is again lots planned for next Term including Kinder Photos in October.

Thanking you,

Kirsty Eccles
Newsletter Officer



WOOLWORTHS EARN & LEARN

Thank you for supporting the Woolworths Earn & Learn program. We have until the 19th September to collect as many stickers as we can and earn some fantastic new equipment for our Kinder.



FUNDRAISING

Picture Plate orders are on their way and we hope to have them delivered to families before the end of Term.

Next Term we have some more creative fundraising on the agenda with personalised Tea Towels designed by our Kinder children.

DATES TO DIARISE:

Monday 18 September: Last day of Term, 3yo Group

Tues 19 & Wed 20 September: Footy Day Dress Up

Thursday 21 September: Last day of Term, 4yo Group

Friday 22 September: Kinder Closed, Staff PD day

Monday 9 October: Term 4 Begins

Saturday 21 October: Major Working Bee
Sanfilippo & Rizio & Morris & Rekhi & Hindley



Soft Wood for Carpentry

If anyone has access to soft wood off-cuts we would love to have them at kinder for the children to use for carpentry. Please speak with staff if you can assist.



We still have some planting in the front garden. If there are Green Thumbs that could assist, we would be grateful. Please let staff know.



REMINDER: SUN HATS

Although we are still experiencing Winter weather, please return Sun Hats to Kinder as the UV is now above 3 on some days and the children will need to wear them.





BLUE & RED GROUP

We are now well into term three. A reminder the last day of term will be Thursday 21st September due to staff attending the DEKTA conference on Friday 22nd September. Term four will commence on Monday 9th October.

A reminder to families that on some days the UV is above three so children will need to be wearing their sun hats for part of the day. Please make sure your child has their SunSmart hat at Kinder in their hat pocket. As we are still experiencing wintry weather as well please continue to send jackets and coats.

The children's portfolios went home over the holidays and we have been talking to the children about what they enjoyed about them and what ideas they had about adding to their portfolios this term.

We have welcomed a student from RMIT. Michelle will be with us for four weeks this term and again for another two weeks next term. She is working under the supervision of both Tamara and Helen.

At the beginning of term, the children created a Teddy Bear Picnic collage. They were given the materials to work with and many of them are becoming creative in expressing their ideas through their artwork and others are just beginning to recognize the relationship between oral, written and visual representations. Some of the artwork and drawings they create will be sent home and others will be added to an ongoing project they are working on completing at kinder this year.



As a sensory experience, the children had artic animals in a snow like substance. They engaged in imaginary play with the animals in small groups of two children. It was lovely to see the children using relevant language meaningful to the experience offered.

The children have used gel paints and palette paints at the easel which create a different effect when painting. The children have enjoyed this change and are showing a new interest in painting.

Nature has become a topic of interest with the children this year and naturally many of them enjoy exploring the natural environment each day outdoors at kinder. Even though it has been very cold the children have continued to enjoy sand play. Due to cold wind and rain at times the children have had to spend a little more time than usual indoors but when they have the opportunity to venture outdoors they have been encouraged to rug up in beanies and jackets. Each day they look forward to outdoor play and we are very fortunate to have such a great outdoor space for them to enjoy. Winter offers some great opportunities for outdoor play with damp sand to dig in and a moist digging patch the children can play for hours.

Each child will have the opportunity to share their knowledge about something from nature with the group. They are encouraged to share any knowledge they have about the item with the group. The children can place the items onto a nature table which will be available for them to explore using their senses each day at kinder. We have already had many items brought into kinder in the nature basket and the children have enjoyed exploring these items on the nature table each day at kinder.





It's been amazing to observe how the different items collected have promoted great discussion amongst the children exploring different topics relating to nature and the environment.

Library has continued to be part of our program each week we encourage all children to change their books weekly.

Book week was celebrated at Kinder with the children. We invited older siblings to come into read some stories with the children. It was great to see all the children engaged in these informal story times extending on their literacy skills. Thanks to all the older children for coming in and sharing their skills with us. Jenny read and dramatized the story Caps for Sale when she worked with both groups. Our props for the Three Billy Goats Gruff have been set up and the story read for the children to dramatize either alone or in small groups.

We have already experienced three dance sessions with Nicole from Energize. We began our dance program with Dinosaurs which has been a common interest amongst many of the children this year. Our second dance topic was Zoo which continued with the children's interest in the environment, nature and their developing understandings of animals around the world. Our most recent session was Dragon Safari. This session provided an opportunity for the children to use their imaginations with a range of concepts included in the program.

The children prepared for our Father's Night at kinder with invitations, cards and gifts being made by the children. They were very excited about their Father's attending kinder on the night. The weather was very kind and a very enjoyable night followed with the children very excited to have their Dads share the evening with them. The children loved participating in our 'Colours' song with their dads. It is always lovely to see the Dads from both groups sharing time with their children as well as with other parents. Thanks to Janine and Sharyn for their extra assistance with the catering. We wish all our Dads a very Happy Father's Day on Sunday.

At kinder we have also had many special events including our cooking program which has involved the making of pizza, fried rice and pasta with other meals being planned for the coming weeks. The children have been involved in the preparation of these meals and have enjoyed eating or tasting them at kinder on the days they attend kinder during lunch.



We have also enjoyed science week with some scientific experiences such as sinking and floating, magnets, colour mixing, rocket making and our volcanic eruption experiment at group time.

Our sports day was a great success. The weather allowed some experiences both indoors and out. We had the children separated into small groups developing their motor skills through experiences that had them throwing and catching, balancing, climbing hopping and skipping, hurdling and more. At group, we played games such as tunnel ball and skip ball and the children enjoyed our parachute which is always a remarkable success providing opportunities for team work and cooperation. I think some of the highlights for the children was the special snack and receiving their participation certificates. Blue Group had a child request to say a speech on the day. Thanks to all the families that assisted with supporting our kinder through sponsorship efforts. We are hoping that funds will go





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toward our sensory path, our new jouncing board and a speaker that will allow us to play our music outside.

Meetings between staff and parents have enabled the flow of information between home and kinder. Reflection on the terms gone by, planning for the remainder of the year and the childrens transitions for 2018 have been a focus of these discussions. We thank Apollo Parkways Primary School for the use of their board room for these discussions. We thank Jenny Fluck for working with the children on the days of the interviews.

The transition statements have undergone revision with the aim of them being sent on a portal to the schools. The format has changed this year to online and we are going to try to do them this way in preparation for next year. Staff will fill out their section first and then forward an electronic copy to families so they can fill in their section and return to Kinder. This will happen in term four. One of the big changes is that unless parents request them not to be sent, it is mandatory for us to forward them to each child's school.

Our footy days will be in the last week of term on Tuesday 19th and Wednesday 20th September. Children will be encouraged to wear footy colours and footy experiences will be provided on the day. We thought that this could combine this day with Footy Colours Day and families may like to make a small donation to this cause to assist children with cancer.

Families can have input into our policies. Our policies being updated are on our website apolloparkwayspreschool.com.au under information for families, policies. Please speak with staff about these policies if you wish.

We still have some of our plants to be planted out the front. If you can assist with this please contact maintenance or staff. If you have a few moments and would like to assist with the watering of the plants again please mention to staff and we can organize the equipment you need. Thanks.

Looking forward to the remainder of term three.
Tamara, Helen, Janine, Sharyn, Jo and Marilyn





YELLOW GROUP

Firstly I would like to thank Helen for working with Yellow Group in my absence while I was in Japan visiting my brother and his family. I had the most wonderful time, I got to do lots of sightseeing, experience a typhoon and bond with my 8 month old niece. Thanks also to Pauline and Ilona for their assistance.

Our last day of Term Two was celebrated with our annual Teddy Bear's Picnic. Yellow Group children were all enthusiastic leading up to this special day. They decorated their own teddy bear, choosing a coloured bear and adding lots of different materials of their choice. Buttons, googly eyes, fur, material, coloured paper and tissue paper were all offered.

We sang and danced to lots of teddy bear songs and read lovely stories while there were lots of teddy bear activities set up for the children to use. Goldilocks and the three bears was acted out in our home corner, teddy bear puzzles were completed, a tiny tea set with small teddy statues was popular too.



Yellow Group children all arrived on our Teddy Bear's Picnic cuddling their teddies from home with so much excitement. Boris our Kinder Travelling Bear joined in the fun too. He sat waiting for the children to join him for a picnic. The children spent time with their bears having a picnic on a rug and playing with the activities set up. They made their own teddy bear ears and wore them throughout the session. We all came together and ate tiny teddy bear biscuits with our teddies and had a fun day.

Boris has now completed his time at all of the Yellow Group children's homes. He had a busy time. As an extension of this, Yellow Group children have begun Show and Tell bag. Two Show and Tell bag are sent home with 2 children to bring in ONE of their favourite items from home to talk about. We have listened to many Show And Tells so far, with a variety of objects being brought into Kinder, Thomas trains, an Elsa doll and soft toys.

We look forward to seeing what things are brought into Kinder next.

This term we have been preparing for our Father's Night. Yellow Group children drew a picture of their Dads using a black texta to form part of their invitations. Yellow Group children made their own wrapping paper and cards. Ties were made with the children using corks to paint, rocks were painted with glitter and natural coloured paints to make paperweights. Handprints were taken and a page was made "Hands down best Dad".

Yellow Group children discussed what they would like to make to eat with their Dads and most agreed on pizza. The children made muffin pizzas during our session and these were cooked and eaten on the Father's Night. The children painted their Dad's hands and made prints with theirs ontop. We had





a photobooth where the Dads dressed up with a vest and hard hat with their children dressed the same. We all danced to a colour game and finished with a lovely story about Why we love our Dads? We hope that all our Dads enjoyed their special time at Kinder and had a lovely Father's Day.



Yellow Group children have been enjoying roller painting at the easel. This is a new tool for the children to use while painting and has certainly encouraged some children who usually prefer to play elsewhere, to have a go.

Insects and bugs have been an interest amongst Yellow Group children. We have provided bugs, googly eyes, corks, straws and pipecleaners with our playdough to extend on this. The children have been creating their own bugs while copying examples in books displayed and pretend bugs on the playdough table. There has been a lot of discussion amongst the group about parties. We have provided party hats, pretend candles, fairies, dinosaurs and cars with the purple glittery playdough for the children to role play with. Lots of parties and singing has been taking place here.

The children are all getting better at packing away when they have finished at an activity, making it all ready for the other children to play there. This teaches the children respect and care for Kinder equipment as well as pride and self-esteem for helping others.

More complex puzzles have been made available for the children to use. We continue to provide some simple insert and other puzzles to boost their confidence as they re-visit puzzles they may have completed successfully before.

Spring art activities have begun with lots of flowers being created at the craft area. Spring colours have been available at the easel for the children to paint with. There has been a lot of interest amongst Yellow Group children to do craft activities so this has been included in our program.

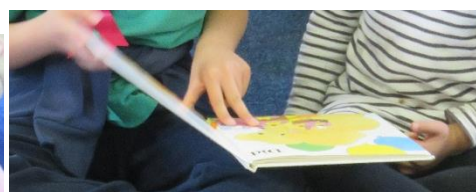




Yellow Group participated in their mini Sports Day. Unfortunately the weather wasn't that kind to us, so we had an indoor sports day. Yellow Group were placed into small groups and rotated around to each sporting event. There was balloon tennis, ten pin bowling, quoits, bean bag throwing and an obstacle course set up with the tunnel and different balancing equipment. We all came together for fruit kebabs, vegemite sandwiches and apple peeling. This seemed the highlight of the session. Each child was presented with a certificate on completion of the day. We were lucky to have two parent helpers as well.



To celebrate Book Week and include it into our program we invited siblings of Yellow Group to come into our session to read stories to their brothers, sisters and peers. We were fortunate to have a lot of support and Yellow Group were keen to listen to a variety of stories read to them. Some of Yellow Group children made book marks which were handed to our helpers as a "thank you".





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We will finish Term Three with two incursions. Nicole from Enerjive has been booked to conduct two music sessions with Yellow Group on Friday 8th and 15th of September for an hour. The children have really enjoyed music and we thought it would be a great incursion to have as it is a huge interest amongst the group. Nicole will use dance, mime, music and movement based on two themes that the children are interested in at the time. We look forward to the remainder of Term Three with Yellow Group.

A reminder to please bring sun hats to Kinder for the remaining of the year. These can be left at Kinder in the hat pockets.

Last day of Term Three for Yellow Group is Monday 18th September as Staff attend the Dekta Conference on Friday 22nd Sept. Kinder will be closed on this day.

Thank you,

Yellow Team,

Jo, Pauline and Ilona.





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APOLLO PARKWAYS PRE SCHOOL 2017 MAITENANCE ROSTER

Please see the roster below and make note of your allocation. If the allocated date is not convenient please contact Fiona (fiona_posterino@hotmail.com) to arrange an alternative date.

Please Note:

- Parents with children in 3 year old group are required to do 1 Major Working Bee
- Parents with children in 4 year old group are required to do 1 Major & 1 Minor Working Bee
- Major Working Bees are on the exact dates.
- Minor Working Bees can be either Saturday or Sunday of the stipulated weekend at the family's discretion
- Every effort has been made to have families from the same group together but again, this was not always possible.

Date	Working Bee Type	Families
Sun 29 Jan 2017	Committee Working Bee (10-12PM)	CONCLUDED
Sat 11 Feb 2017	Minor Working Bee	
Sat 18 Feb 2017	Minor Working Bee	
Sat 25 Feb 2017	Minor Working Bee	
Sat 4 Mar 2017	Minor Working Bee	Jeffery
Sat 11 Mar 2017	Labour Day Mo 13th Long Weekend	
Sat 18 Mar 2017	Minor Working Bee	Walkley
Sat 25 Mar 2017	Minor Working Bee	Eccles
Sat 1 Apr 2017	Term Break	
Sat 8 Apr 2017	Term Break	
Sat 15 Apr 2017	Term Break EASTER Fri 14-17	
Sat 22 Apr 2017	Anzac Day Sat 25th	
Sun 30 Apr 2017	Major Working Bee #1	Hardy & Hasiotis & Galarreggi & Wise & English
Sat 6 May 2017	Minor Working Bee	Wright
Sat 13 May 2017	MOTHERS DAY	
Sat 20 May 2017	Minor Working Bee	Hindley
Sat 27 May 2017	Minor Working Bee	
Sun 4 Jun 2017	Major Working Bee #2	Quattrone & De Kretser & Taaffe & Nancarrow & Donaldson
Sat 10 Jun 2017	Queens Birthday Long Weekend 12TH	
Sat 17 Jun 2017	Minor Working Bee	Rekhi
Sat 24 Jun 2017	Minor Working Bee	Morris
Sat 1 Jul 2017	Term Break	
Sat 8 Jul 2017	Term Break	
Sat 15 Jul 2017	Term Break	
Sun 23 Jul 2017	Mini Working Bee	Saxena
Sun 30 Jul 2017	Major Working Bee #3	Roberts & Webb & Siu & Mazzeo & Johnson & Stanley
Sat 5 Aug 2017	Minor Working Bee	Nancarrow
Sat 12 Aug 2017	Minor Working Bee	
Sat 19 Aug 2017	Minor Working Bee	Covalea
Sat 26 Aug 2017	Minor Working Bee	Stanley
Sat 2 Sep 2017	FATHERS DAY	
Sat 9 Sep 2017	Major Working Bee #4	Gilham & Wright & Jeffery & Covalea & Kuppler
Sat 16 Sep 2017	Mini Working Bee	Taafee
Sat 23 Sep 2017	Term Break	Kuppler
Sat 30 Sep 2017	Term Break	
Sat 7 Oct 2017	Term Break	
Sat 14 Oct 2017	Mini Working Bee	
Sat 21 Oct 2017	Major Working Bee #5	Sanfilippo & Rizio & Morris & Rekhi & Hindley
Sat 28 Oct 2017	Minor Working Bee	English
Sat 4 Nov 2017	Minor Working Bee Mel Cup Tue 7th	Donaldson
Sat 11 Nov 2017	Minor Working Bee	
Sat 18 Nov 2017	Minor Working Bee	
Sat 25 Nov 2017	Minor Working Bee	Johnson
Sat 2 Dec 2017	Major Working Bee #6	Wicklein & Wee & Towt & Walkley & Saxena & Spanner
Sat 9 Dec 2017	Minor Working Bee	
Sat 16 Dec 2017	Minor Working Bee	
Sat 23 Dec 2017	Term Break	
Sat 30 Dec 2017	Term Break	



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ENTERTAINMENT BOOK

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