



Newsletter Issue 3 May 2018



Hi everyone and welcome back to Term 2 of our Kinder year. Hope all our kids are well and truly settled in by now with lots of new friendships forming. The cold will be with us shortly but thankfully the sun has still been shining mostly so the children are still able to enjoy the outdoors during their sessions.

Last Saturday, our kinder had a stall at the Early Year's Expo at the Diamond Valley Library. It was a great day with lots of people walking through. A big thank you to Melanie, Peita, Jon, Jo and Helen for organising and representing our kinder and doing a fabulous job at it. It is important to be present at such local events amongst other pre-schools and we appreciate Diamond Valley Library's effort in organising it.

Dates for the diary:

Thursday 10th May—Mothers Day RED Group 10.45am-12pm

Friday 11th May—Mothers Day BLUE Group 10am—11.30am

Friday 11th May—Mothers Day YELLOW Group 2pm-3pm

Monday 21st May—RED Group Excursion to the library 1pm-3pm

Thursday 24th May—BLUE Group Excursion to the library 1pm-3pm

Saturday 2nd June - Bunnings sausage sizzle Fundraiser

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Sunday 24th June - Major Working Bee **Wu, Dal Pra, Cao, Heinicke, Marett, Rashvand, Beresfod – Long, Kornilowicz**

Monday 23rd July - RED Group Story Time with Marlies from DV Library 3pm (visit us at kinder)

Thursday 26th July—BLUE Group Story Time with Marlies from DV Library 2.30pm (visit us at kinder)



We also had our Family Portraits Fundraiser held on 22nd April. Thank you to the 19 families who participated and had some very beautiful photos taken. Thanks to Alisha for organising and ensuring our kinder was well taken care of during the session! With that being said, our major fundraiser for the year is coming up – the **Bunnings BBQ at Eltham on Saturday, June 2**. A schedule has now been put out at the sign in desk for volunteers. Please do spare an hour or two of your time to help out as many hands make light work so that it doesn't fall on the same people who need to be there the entire day. If you truly are unable to assist on the day, there are also many other ways you could contribute via donating an item or 2 that can be used during the BBQ.

Working Bee

There has been a major revamp in the schedule so please do take note of new dates. Thank you to Todd for working on this! Apologies also for the late notice and cancellation with the recent major working bee but moving forward we hope all families will be attended the major and minor working bees they have been allocated to.

If you are unable to attend your nominated working bee please contact our Maintenance Officers, **Gavin de Krester at 0477 875 044** or **Todd Bates 0404 016 659** prior to the working bee for alternative arrangements to be made where possible. It is very important that notice is provided as many tasks have been pre-planned based on families attending and failing to attend may result in your levy forfeited. Please also contact Gavin/Todd should you face any difficulties during the working bee.

Term Fees

Just a gentle reminder again that all Term 2 fees need to have been paid in full by now. If for whatever reason u have difficulties in making the term payment, please contact Marisa Puccio our book keeper on apollo.parkways.account@kindergarten.vic.gov.au



Last but not least, as mentioned in earlier newsletters, the Kinder operations are managed by a voluntary committee of management, consisting of parents whose children are enrolled. We now have 2 vacant positions to fill – Publicity/ IT Officer and Assistant Grants Officer. If you would like to find out more about what these roles entail, please do not hesitate to contact me at 0432 232 829 or huiping11@hotmail.com. We would love to have you on board! Don't forget the committee is responsible for efficient operations of the kinder so please consider being involved. There is only so much we can do to make the kinder a better place J

That's all from me for now, till next month!

Cheers,
Hui Ping

Blue and Red Group

Welcome to Term Two. We are a few weeks into the term and the children have enjoyed a busy start. Baxter has begun in Blue Group and attended on the first day back. We welcome him and his family to our kindergarten community.

The end of Term One was busy with the variety of events including our incursion from the "Litter Sisters". Following the incursion, the children have been talking about healthy food options to include in their lunches and we have discussed limiting the wrappings for environmental sustainability.



During the final week of term there were quite a few children absent due to holidays. The focus during the final week was the celebration of Easter and the children were engaged in a variety of Easter related activities. They created Easter baskets which practiced skills in cutting stapling and folding. Blue Group made Easter Garden bonnets which they paraded in the outside yard on the last day. Easter bunnies were painted at the easel and the children enjoyed singing and acting out a song about the Easter Bunny at group times well as finger plays that focused on the Easter celebration. The children had an Easter hunt on the last day and a basket of eggs was found in the kinder yard. The children discovered that there was an egg for each of them.



The children took home their Kinder Portfolios to share with their families. They had the opportunity to look through them at kindergarten and were encouraged to add to them over the holiday period.

On returning to kindergarten the children have engaged in preparations for Mother's Day. The date for Mother's Morning Teas are Thursday 10th May from 10.45am to 12.00pm for Red Group and Friday 11th of May from 10:00am -11:30am for Blue Group. The children have discussed some ideas on what they would like to do with their Mum's on this day. Invitations have been made and the children have been making cards and gifts for their Mums.

Our Mini Sports Day was an exciting start to the term. The children were dressed in comfortable clothing and ready to engage in many of the different sporting experiences offered at kinder. We separated them into groups and together they were encouraged to choose a name for their team. Blue group had the Koalas, Wombats, puppies and Australians. Red group had Australia, Aussie, Flash 6 and Greensy Aussie Oi.

The children were given some direction outdoors on how to use the equipment in the various spaces of the playground. We had table tennis, weight lifting, basketball, gymnastics, cycling, hockey and track and field. When the whistle blew each team moved the next experience. Once the sports were finished we had a ceremony where we listened to the national Anthem and the children were presented with a medal for participation. Sports day was a more structured day in the playground than usual and considering it was held quite early in the year the children managed well overall with the day. They were given the opportunity to participate more freely in these experiences in the days after our Sports Day.



Thanks to a cultural grant and committee/fundraising support we experienced an incursion “Kinder Dreaming” which focused on aboriginal culture. Tristan an Aboriginal Elder shared his playing of the didgeridoo making various sounds representing animals indigenous to Australia. The children were then encouraged to make movements according to the different animal sounds he played on the didgeridoo. They also had their faces painted in an indigenous representation of people and stars. The children seemed to enjoy the incursion and participated actively throughout. The best part of the day was the didgeridoo playing, We have included a variety of indigenous resources in our program including indigenous puzzles, books and games which we will continue to use throughout the kinder year.

The children have begun borrowing books from the kindergarten library. They are required to bring a library bag on Thursdays so they can borrow a book. We have also begun introducing favourite stories to the children. Each day a child brings in their favourite story to share with the group. This experience will expose the children to a variety of books and authors and assist them to develop an interest and enjoyment in literacy learning. We hope that families take time to read these books with their children at home.



Both groups are planning to visit the library this term. This will be held during the libraries normal opening times and teaching staff will be reading some stories and discussing some of what the library offers to the children. They will also have the opportunity to browse the children’s section of the library and have afternoon tea in the garden. Red Group will go on Monday 21st May and Blue Group on Thursday 24th May from 1.00pm to 3.00pm. We will need the assistance of parents to assist with supervision on this day. A Working with Children Check can be obtained free of charge for volunteers on the following website. <http://www.workingwithchildren.vic.gov.au/home/applications/apply+for+a+check/apply+in+victoria>.

A risk assessment will be completed and placed in the foyer for families to read.

We have arranged for Marlies from the DV library to bring her Storytime to our kindergarten in term three. She is coming on Monday 23rd July at 3.00pm and on Thursday 26th July at 2.30. We look forward to her visits.

The children have continued to enjoy outdoor play on returning to kinder. Our routine has changed to allow for the cooler weather and they are beginning their mornings engaged in indoor play. Sunhats are still required while the UV is above 3. We would be happy for families to pack warmer hats for their children to wear in the cooler weather in their bags. The children will also require coats to be warm outdoors.

At group times the children have been introduced to their names written on cards which are used to disperse them from the mat. They have become more familiar with identifying their written names through the experiences offered.

We will be talking with families about their children’s progress, especially those we think may need a second year of Kindergarten this term. The process for a second funded year commences at the end of term two. Discussions are held with parents and a term three plan drawn up. At the end of term three more discussions take place and if necessary an application done for a second funded year. Applications need to go into BCC to hold a place for all children who may need a place. The process can be viewed in the Kindergarten Guide.

<http://www.education.vic.gov.au/Documents/childhood/providers/funding/The%20Kindergarten%20Guide%202015.pdf>

Also, if we have other concerns we need to chat with families as especially with the community health programs there is often a three plus month waiting time. It is best to get children's names down on waiting lists and then if not needed cancel it when necessary.

Maria our PSFO is available to work with families with specific concerns. Her advice is always helpful.

We also have other specialists who visit children with their parents' permission, including speech pathologists and key workers from Kalparrin.

We look forward to having parents come into our program and assist each day. Your assistance is greatly appreciated. Please check the roster and add your name if you can assist.

We look forward to continuing working with you and your child this term.

Tamara, Helen, Janine, Sharyn, Marilyn, Jo, Sylvia

Yellow Group newsletter report.

Welcome to Term Two. We hope you all had a wonderful break and Easter with your families. We had a busy Term One. The children have now established their Kinder routines, are beginning to form friendships and are able to sit for more time during our group music and story time. 'Listening skills and language development are encouraged during this time.

Yellow Group is at full capacity now with 20 children in attendance. We welcome Sophie, Mavric and Natalia to our group. Some children are still finding it difficult to separate from their parents, so we are experiencing a few tears initially. Staff are working really hard to comfort those that need it but are also mindful of the rest of the group that require their attention too. It certainly is a busy group this year, a very young group, children requiring lots of comfort, language barriers, nappy changing, toileting and several reminders of Kinder behaviour and routines.

Thank you to all the parent helpers with our fruit. It certainly helps the staff out a lot. When there is no helper, one of the staff need to cut/serve fruit, which leaves only one staff to supervise the remainder of the group. We find this very challenging and exhausting. If you only have time to cut the fruit, that is a massive help to us. A reminder that you do require a Working With Children's check, which is easy to compete online. Thank you to those parents/grandparents who have supplied theirs to Kinder already.

Yellow Group participated in our own Mini Commonwealth Games. Unfortunately, we didn't have a parent helper that day, so staff were extremely busy providing a fun Commonwealth Games with Yellow Group while outside. The children jumped over hurdles, climbed the ladder swing, balanced like a gymnast holding ribbons, lifted weights, jumped from a height landing into a hoop, shot basketball goals and did rocket rolls down the soft foam equipment. The children made their own medals, sticking yellow and green stars to represent Australian colours onto gold round disks. Green and yellow ribbon was tied onto these to create a wonderful Commonwealth Games medal that each child proudly wore home. Yellow Group stood in front of the Australian flag as a group, proudly wearing their gold medals and all posed for a group photo.



This term we have been completing Mother's Day invitations, cards, wrapping paper and gifts. Without giving too much away, the children came up with the idea of what they would like to give their mums. Lots of wonderful suggestions, some we couldn't possibly deliver, but I am sure the hard work of Yellow Group will be loved.

We are holding our Mother's Day afternoon tea on

Friday 11th May from 2pm – 3pm.

Yellow Group have been practising a special song to sing on the day and have made a little extra gift to give them as they leave. We look forward to our special afternoon with our Mums.

The season of Autumn has been introduced into our program with the children using Autumn colours at the easel, pasting and threading activities. Corks were used to decorate Autumn leaves with paint. The children had fun making these and they look great up on our wall.



The children's threadings are hung above the block area, with many children choosing not to have a go because they "didn't know how to" in their words. Staff will continue to encourage these children at a later date and praise their efforts once they have had a go.

Boris our Travelling Bear started his sleepovers at Yellow Group's houses on Friday. Today we heard of his first experience and loved hearing about Boris eating sushi, dumplings, going to the park and playing on the swings, feeding the ducks and watching a movie. The children then choose whose turn it is next. We look forward to hearing about many more exciting adventures yet to come.



Jo and Pauline have some leave coming up over the next few weeks.

Jo will be away on Monday 14th May and Friday 18th May. Helen will be relieving Jo for these two Kinder sessions.

Pauline will be away on Friday 18th May, relieved by Sharyn and away on Monday 21st May, relieved by Janine.

Yellow Group children have met these staff and we hope that they will enjoy their Kinder sessions while Jo and Pauline are away. We apologise for the inconvenience but are confident that Yellow Group have fun.

In Term Two Yellow Group children will continue to establish friendships, extend their concentration skills, practise their listening skills, learn about Boris' adventures at each other's homes and we hope that they will learn new skills as well. Activities will continue to be offered to enhance their interests, needs and challenges. We look forward to a wonderful term with your children and what lies ahead for Yellow Group.

Please pack warm Winter hats and jackets as Yellow Group children will still go outside on cold days. Sunhats are still required when the UV is 3 and above, staff check this for each session to determine whether the children need to wear them.

Regards,

Yellow Team,

Jo and Pauline.

APOLLO PARKWAYS PRE SCHOOL 2018 MAINTENANCE ROSTER

*****PLEASE CHECK YOUR ROSTERED DATE *****
AS CHANGES HAVE BEEN MADE TO THE ROSTER

Please see the roster below and make note of your allocation.

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 & all families must have a representative/s sign in at 10am to start the Working Bee

If you do not attend, you may forfeit your Maintenance Levy as the discretion of the APPS Committee

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.

If you have not been allocated a Major working bee, you may have been allocated two minor working bees

Keys are kept in the Key Safe. Please pick up the code and location of Key Safe prior to your session

A list of jobs to be completed will be provided for Minor and Major Working Bees

****If the allocated date is not convenient please make every effort to make a direct swap *yourself* with someone from your group, then notify Gavin (gdekrester@hotmail.com) or Todd (toddbates@hotmail.com). They will update the roster so you are not recorded as absent****

2018 MAINTENANCE ROSTER

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Sat 5 May 2018	Minor Working Bee	Wagner
Sat 12 May 2018	MOTHERS DAY Minor Working Bee	Smith (Lila)
Sat 19 May 2018	Minor Working Bee	He
Sat 26 May 2018	Minor Working Bee	Towt
Sun 2 Jun 2018	Minor Working Bee	Gilham
Sat 9 Jun 2018	QUEENS BIRTHDAY Minor Working Bee	Wright
Sat 16 Jun 2018	Minor Working Bee	Lauri-Hasiotis
Sun 24 Jun 2018	Major Working Bee 2	Wu, Dal Pra, Cao, Heinicke, Marett, Rashvand, Beresfod – Long, Kornilowicz
Sat 30 Jun 2018	Term Break	Wise
Sat 7 Jul 2018	Term Break	
Sat 14 Jul 2018	Term Break - Minor Working Bee	Lacey
Sun 22 Jul 2018	Minor Working Bee	Siu
Sat 28 Jul 2018	Minor Working Bee	McDonald
Sat 4 Aug 2018	Minor Working Bee	Smith (Emma)
Sat 11 Aug 2018	Minor Working Bee	Juleff
Sat 18 Aug 2018	Minor Working Bee	Coelho
Sat 25 Aug 2018	Minor Working Bee	Baldwin
Sat 1 Sep 2018	FATHERS DAY Minor Working Bee	Li (Lucas)
Sat 8 Sep 2018	Major Working Bee 3	Yang, Byrne, De Poi, Barbante, Badhe, Brown (Ayesha), Li (Ross), Coelho
Sat 15 Sep 2018	Mini Working Bee	Mazzeo
Sat 22 Sep 2018	Term Break	Hardy
Sat 29 Sep 2018	Term Break	
Sat 6 Oct 2018	Term Break- Minor Working Bee	Zhang
Sat 13 Oct 2018	Minor Working Bee	Lauronce Sardina
Sat 20 Oct 2018	Major Working Bee 4	Lacey, Smith (Lila), Siu, Brown (Matilda), Wright, Sanfilippo, Mazzeo, Li (Lucas)
Sat 27 Oct 2018	Minor Working Bee	Galarregui
Sat 3 Nov 2018	Mel Cup Minor Working Bee	Suryahardja
Sat 10 Nov 2018	Minor Working Bee	Li (Ross)
Sat 17 Nov 2018	Minor Working Bee	Gilham
Sat 24 Nov 2018	Minor Working Bee	Brown (Ayesha)
Sat 1 Dec 2018	Minor Working Bee	Taaffe
Sat 8 Dec 2018	Minor Working Bee	Willis
Sat 15 Dec 2018	Minor Working Bee	Sayour

FUNDRAISING

The biggest fundraiser for the year is coming up

**Bunnings BBQ at Eltham on Saturday,
June 2nd.**

Please fill out the volunteer sheet when you drop off or
pick up your child

or if you can't help on the day

Sponsor a sausage, envelopes were left in your child's
pocket last week

There is also a plastic bucket for people wanting to
donate tomato sauce, napkins etc



PICTURE PLATE

Please return by Friday 18th May

These plates are a great gift or something your child may treasure for years to come.

These were handed out Week 1 Term 2

FINAL



WILD BYTES - STORIES FROM YOUR BACKYARD

FREE EVENT

WHAT CAN YOU DO TO HELP YOUR LOCAL WILDLIFE?

**JOIN WILDLIFE VICTORIA AT THIS FREE
EVENT TO FIND OUT!**

**WEDNESDAY 23RD MAY,
1ST GREENHILLS SCOUTS HALL
GREENSBOROUGH, 6.30PM**

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FROM LIBBY'S KOALA &
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