



Newsletter Issue 4 June 2018



Hi everyone,

Winter has well and truly kicked in now with some very cold mornings so don't forget to get those extra layers on for the kids – a complete struggle with mine who never feels cold!

We had our Bunnings BBQ on 2 June and it was a huge success as we raised roughly \$1,500 in total. A very big THANK YOU goes out to Fiona and her husband Peter who coordinated the whole event and stayed to help out the entire day. Thank you also to everyone who helped out on the day - be it to cook, serve or handle money and also to those who couldn't be there but donated products and sponsored a sausage. This fundraiser wouldn't have happened without all your help.

DATES TO DIARISE:

Thursday 21st June— PIE ORDER FORMS HANDED BACK

SUNDAY 24th June—Major Working Bee: Wu, Dal Pra, Cao, Heinicke, Marett, Rashvand, Beresfod –Long, Kornilowicz

Thursday 28th June— PIES READY FOR COLLECTION

Thursday 28th June—Teddy Bear Picnic Red Group

Last day of Term 2 Red Group

Friday 29th June—Teddy Bear Picnic Blue & Yellow Group

Last Day of Term 2 Blue & Yellow Group

Monday 16th July—Start of Term 3

Monday 23rd July—Marlies from DV Library Story Time

Yellow Group & Red Group

Tuesday 24th July—Marlies from DV Library Story Time

Blue Group

Thursday 2nd Aug—Dance Program with Nicole from Enerjive

Thursday 16th Aug—Dance Program with Nicole from Enerjive

Thursday 23rd Aug—Dance Program with Nicole from Enerjive

Thursday 30th Aug—NO KINDER, Staff DEKTA conference

As such thanks to the fundraising committee and their works, we have purchased a new desktop computer for the teachers replacing the old one which was coming to about 10 years old. We hope this will assist and quicken the day to day running of the kinder. I would also like to thank Jon for taking the time and spending a good few hours at kinder to assist with setting up security for all the other teacher laptops.

FRUIT DUTY

We are heading well into the middle of the year and have noticed a drop in parent volunteers for Fruit Duty across all groups. Please let us not lose our enthusiasm for these sessions as it is a wonderful opportunity to be involved as children love having their Mum, Dad, Grandma, Grandpa etc at kinder. Your active involvement not only enhances their kinder journey and create some treasured memories along the way, but is a big help to the teachers. So please consider putting your name down on the roster where its empty! Even if you couldn't stay to serve the fruits, just assistance in cutting and prepping the food is still a big help. You can easily apply for your Working With Children via this link if you have not already done so. <http://www.workingwithchildren.vic.gov.au/>

MAJOR WORKING BEE – 24th JUNE! (SUNDAY)

Our major working bee is coming up with families **Wu, Dal Pra, Cao, Heinicke, Marett, Rashvand, Beresfod –Long, Kornilowicz** rostered on. I hope you have a great time working together. If you are unable to make it, kindly contact our Maintenance Officers - Gavin de Krester at 0477 875 044 or Todd Bates 0404 016 659 well in advance for alternative arrangements to be made where possible. Failure to attend without communication will result in your levy forfeited.

TERM FEES

Our Term 3 invoices should be on its way out. Just a gentle reminder again that all Term 3 fees are due prior to the start of the Term and prompt payment truly helps with the running of the kinder. 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. Failure to make contact or outstanding Term 2 fees might result in your child being unable to start Term 3.

Well that's all from me for now! Have a good remaining few weeks of term before we reach school holidays!

Cheers,
Hui Ping

Fruit duty help needed



Dear parents and guardians,

To ensure our teachers can give their full attention to our children, it is crucial that we have a volunteer on fruit duty.

At the moment one of our teachers are having to leave their class in order to prepare the fruit leaving the other to monitor 20 children.

This task also adds to an already busy and jammed packed day.

Please consider helping. It is as easy as getting your **Working with children** check and signing up on the fruit duty sign up sheet.

Getting a 'Working with children' check.

Simply go to:

www.workingwithchildren.vic.gov.au

Click on **Applications** followed by **apply for a check**.

Fill in the application form and verify your identity online.

Check your inbox for an email from workingwithchildren@smarteform.com.au with instructions on how to finalise your application at Australia Post.

Attend a participating Australia Post outlet; have your photo taken (at no charge to you).

This is free and wont take up much of your time and will make a huge difference to our fantastic and already hard working teachers.

Thank you

Committee team



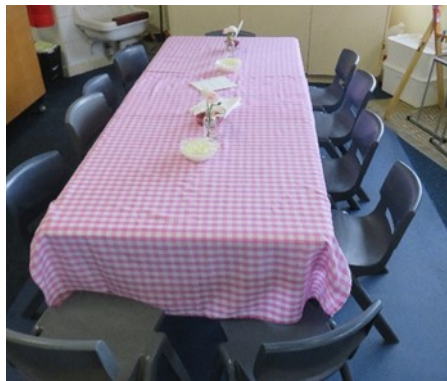
Red and Blue Group

We are now well into term two. We are all adapting to the cooler weather with sunhats away and coats, jackets and beanies being worn for outdoor play. It's important that the children continue to get fresh air and exercise during the winter months, so they are required to have a coat every day to wear at kindergarten. Beanie's can also be brought for the children to wear.

We hope all our Kinder Mum's had a very special Mother's Day and enjoyed the gifts the children had been so busy preparing in the weeks prior to this day.

The children had a wonderful time celebrating Mother's Day at kindergarten with a special morning tea. To prepare for the arrival of the Mums the children assisted with the making of scones. They washed their hands and assisted to mix the ingredients cut out the shapes and place them on the baking tray to cook in the oven.

Before the Mum's arrived the children prepared the tables with table cloths and vases of flowers. The weather was cold and wet (for Blue Group) so we had lots of indoor play time to prepare. During the morning tea the children sat with their Mums to have a scone with jam and cream and some fruit.



The children then had time to play with their Mums in the various play spaces of the kindergarten before sitting as a group and singing songs to them. The children sang songs about their Mum's and then listened to stories about mums.

A big thankyou to all the Mum's/family members who attended our Mother's morning tea. The children loved having the Mum's attend kinder. They enjoyed the making of scones and the Mum's seemed to enjoy chatting together while they shared this day with their children. We had fine weather for one but an inclement day for the other. We hope the Mother's had a lovely Mother's Day and enjoyed receiving the gifts and cards the children had prepared for them.

Before our excursion to the Diamond Valley Library the children revisited the songs they learnt during our responsible pet program. They have become skilled at knowing what to do if a dog approaches them out in the community.

We would like to thank all the families that volunteered to assist us on our library excursion without your assistance the children would not get to enjoy these visits and experiences in our local community.

The weather was fine for our walk and the children carried their own back packs and drink bottles to the library. On arrival the children were greeted by Doris the librarian and were then read some stories in the children's section of the library. We discussed the types of experiences the children can enjoy while visiting the library such as Storytime and Lego club. We spoke about borrowing and about caring for the books at home. Both groups sang songs using the egg shakers from the library. Blue Group were fortunate that Sharyn played some songs on the guitar with the children whilst they played along with the shakers.

The children then had the opportunity to enjoy time reading books with a parent helper in the children's section of the library before viewing the guinea pigs in their hutch and doing a quick tour of the library.

Due to fine weather Blue Group were able to enjoy an afternoon tea in the library garden before walking back to kindergarten. Red Group had their snack back at Kindergarten as they hurried to try to avoid the rain. The excursion was a lovely experience for all involved and gave educators a very good idea on the needs and abilities of the children in the groups and how they respond when out in the community.



At group times the children have been using a visual scheduled to assist them with the daily routine. The children are involved with posting the experiences into the finished box after they have been completed. The children are continuing to complete artwork at kinder that will form part of an ongoing project that will be something they can keep to remember their kindergarten year. The children will use a variety of skills throughout the process and will develop their skills in fine motor, creativity and learning.

Throughout our children's kinder year Aboriginal culture has been embedded in our program through puzzles, books, natural materials. To acknowledge our aboriginal culture and heritage during Reconciliation Week we decorated our display wall in the colours of the indigenous flag.

We will read the story "Bartja and Maylia" to the group. This story was written by two indigenous women from Victoria. It gives young children an insight into indigenous Victorian culture. Following the story, the children will be able to work with natural materials to create collages like the ones represented in the illustrations within the story.

We are very fortunate to have some lovely indigenous puppets, and materials that were enjoyed by our children during the week of reconciliation as well as throughout our kindergarten year in many of our play-based learning areas.



We had a work experience student from Greensborough College, Catherine, working with us for a week from Monday 14th May. She was a great help and she enjoyed her time here working under the guidance of staff. The children looked forward to seeing her every day.

Teddy bear picnics will be held on the last session of term two by each group. The children will be encouraged to bring along their teddy bears to share this special day. We hold it each year as a way of recognising our previous much-loved director, Mrs. Cheryl Hoggins. Cheryl loved teddy bears and included them often in her program.

Marlies from DV Library will visit for story time on Monday 23rd July at 1.30 for yellow, 3.00pm for Red and Tuesday 24th July at 2.30 for Blue. We are looking forward to sharing story time with her.

Our dance sessions with Nicole from Enerjive commence on Thursday 19th July. We have arranged for five sessions. The rest of the sessions will be on 2nd, 16th and 23rd August and 13th September. They will be in normal session times. In past years we have found the children really enjoy these sessions with some great learning occurring during them.

We have been fortunate to organise visits from Thingle Toodle, a great excursion for road safety education. Educators will attend the required PD on 15th June. We will need a parent volunteer for both of these sessions. These visits are on 6th at 2.30pm and 7th August at 1.15pm. Please let staff know if you can assist this session for about half an hour.

On 30th August staff will be attending the DEKTA conference in South Morang. There will be no Kindergarten session on this day.

We have just had our new desktop computer installed and our laptops are now ready for us to use as well. We look forward to being able to be more productive with our time using these new (faster) machines. Thanks to committee for these initiatives.

Thanks to all our helpers during sessions. Your assistance is greatly appreciated.

We look forward to the remainder of this term. It is a longer term and we are sure many children will be quite tired and really needing the holiday break.

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

Yellow Group.

A special mention to Helen, Sharyn and Janine who relieved for us while we were on holidays. We both had a great time away and are grateful for the staff who covered us. Thank you.

Yellow Group children have been busy this term. We celebrated Mother's Day with an afternoon tea. The children had made a special gift which they presented to their Mums on the day. A photo booth was set up with lots of fancy props for the children to dress their mums up with. Fruit kebabs were made and enjoyed together, the children's portfolios were available for the mums to look through and lots of other activities to share in together. We came together at the end for a special Hug song which Yellow Group had been practising and we finished with a lovely story called "My Mum is Fantastic". Thank you to all our mums for attending our special afternoon, the children were delighted to have you there.

The season of Autumn has now finished and we have been discussing Winter and what that means for the weather now. The children were asked what Winter means for us and the weather, some of their ideas were – "rain, snow, cold, wet, muddy puddles, umbrellas, wind and warm clothes." The children have made their own raindrop window decoration using various materials stuck onto contact. These look great above our windows at Kinder. Some children who prefer not to do craft because of the feel of the paste, have been keen participants in this craft activity. They have also scrunched crepe paper and tissue paper and pasted these onto rain drops.



Yellow Group children celebrated Reconciliation Week at Kinder. They all had their handprints taken using the colours of the Aboriginal flag, which are displayed on our Kinder wall with Red and Blue group's. The children also painted with sticks at the easel with red, yellow and white paint on black card. A very different experience rather than painting with brushes. We read lots of Indigenous stories and talked about respecting our land, our family and friends.



Boris our Travelling Bear has been very busy visiting Yellow Group's homes. He has been to many parks, rode on a train, had many picnics, eaten porridge, cupcakes and fruit toast, played board games, jumped on trampolines and gone down slides and attending Taekwondo, soccer and dance classes. It has been wonderful listening to each adventure Boris has and great to see the confidence grow with Yellow Group as they stand up in front of the entire group talking. It is also a great opportunity for the rest of Yellow Group to listen and extend their concentration skills. We look forward to listening to the remainder of the children who are eagerly waiting for their turn.

PLEASE REMEMBER TO PACK YOUR CHILD WITH A WARM WINTER COAT AND BEANIE AS WE WILL STILL BE GOING OUTSIDE ON COOLER DAYS.

We have begun introducing Teddy Bears to our program. The entire Kinder include Teddy Bears to recognise and remember a past staff member, Cheryl, who loved them. Yellow Group are learning new teddy bear songs, acting out different movements while holding a small teddy bear. We are reading lots of beautiful stories about bears and are going to decorate bears too. We will conclude Term Two with a special Teddy Bear's Picnic at kinder on our last day. Yellow Group children are invited to bring one of their own teddy bears from home on this day. We will be having a special treat of teddy bear biscuits and include lots of fun activities, music and a story, all focused on Teddies.

We look forward to the remainder of the term with Yellow Group. The children are now all settled into routines and managing independence skills well. Friendships have developed and challenging experiences are fostering further skills and development. Concentration and listening skills are increasing and we are witnessing lots of individual achievements. Keep up the great learning Yellow Group.

Yellow Team,

Jo and Pauline.

APOLLO PARKWAYS PRE SCHOOL 2018 MAINTENANCE 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****

Date	Working Bee Type	Families
Sat 16 Jun 2018	Minor Working Bee	Lauri-Hasiotis
Sat 23 Jun 2018	Minor Working Bee	Gilham
Sat 30 Jun 2018	Term Break	
Sat 7 Jul 2018	Term Break	
Sat 14 Jul 2018	Term Break - Minor Working Bee	Sitch
Sun 22 Jul 2018	Minor Working Bee	Webb
Sat 28 Jul 2018	Major Working Bee #4	Brown & Li (Ross) & Coelho & Sanfilippo & Mazzeo
Sat 4 Aug 2018	Minor Working Bee	Smith (Emma)
Sat 11 Aug 2018	Minor Working Bee	Juleff
Sat 18 Aug 2018	Minor Working Bee	de Kretser
Sat 25 Aug 2018	Minor Working Bee	Bates
Sat 1 Sep 2018	FATHERS DAY Minor Working Bee	Li (Lucas)
Sat 8 Sep 2018	Major Working Bee #5	Yang & Byrne & De Poi & Barbante & Badhe & Webb
Sat 15 Sep 2018	Mini Working Bee	Wagner
Sat 22 Sep 2018	Term Break	
Sat 29 Sep 2018	Term Break	
Sat 6 Oct 2018	Term Break- Minor Working Bee	Smith (Emma)
Sat 13 Oct 2018	Mini Working Bee	Lauronce Sardina
Sat 20 Oct 2018	Major Working Bee #6	Lacey & Cunningham & Siu & Sitch & Wee
Sat 27 Oct 2018	Minor Working Bee	Juleff
Sat 3 Nov 2018	Mel Cup Minor Working Bee	Suryahardja
Sat 10 Nov 2018	Minor Working Bee	Towt
Sat 17 Nov 2018	Minor Working Bee	Gilham
Sat 24 Nov 2018	Minor Working Bee	Caneva
Sat 1 Dec 2018	Major Working Bee #7	Smith (Lila) & Brown & Wright & Zhang & Li (Lucas)
Sat 8 Dec 2018	Minor Working Bee	de Kretser
Sat 15 Dec 2018	Minor Working Bee	Sayour
Sat 22 Dec 2018	Term Break	
Sat 29 Dec 2018	Term Break	



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SUNDAY 29 JULY 2018

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NARRATED BY CHRISTOPHER CAROLANE & CONDUCTED BY SIMON WALTER

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