



Newsletter Issue 6 September 2018



DATES TO DIARISE:

Thursday 20/09/18—RED Group Footy Day

**Friday 21/09/18—BLUE Group Footy Day &
YELLOW Group Footy Day
End of Term 3**

Monday 01/10/18—Term 4 Starts

Saturday 20/10/18—MAJOR WORKING BEE

Lacey, Smith (Lila), Siu, Brown (Matilda), Wright, Sanfilippo, Mazzeo, Li (Lucas), Suryahardja

**Monday 29/10/18—Kinder Photos YELLOW GROUP
& RED GROUP**

Friday 02/11/18—Kinder Photos BLUE GROUP

Hi everyone,

How quickly has Term 3 gone by and it is another round of school holidays! Love not having to rush around in the mornings. Hope you all have a nice break especially the lucky ones going away. Spring is well and truly in the air with that little teasing of summer days!

Session times have been decided for 2019 and will remain unchanged. We still have some spots available for 4 year old group next year so if you know of anyone that might be interested, do tell them how wonderful our preschool is and send them up for a look or get them to ring the kinder for more information.

As with the news of Helen retiring at the end of the year, committee is currently working hard at recruitment to ensure that Helen's role is replaced with a suitable candidate and also ensure a smooth transition.

Well that's all from me for now! Once again, have a lovely break with your little ones. It won't be long before our 4yos will be off to school!

Cheers,
Hui Ping

Please let your friends and family know that we still have a few places available for 2019 in both the 3 year old and 4 year old program.



APOLLO PARKWAYS
PRE-SCHOOL

We currently have places available for our **2019 3 Year Old & 4 Year Old Program.**

If you are interested or know anyone who would be, please contact the kinder on 03 9435 8752 or apollo.parkways.kin@kindergarten.vic.gov.au

Blue and Red Group

We are nearly at the end of term three. It has been a very busy term with much learning taking place.

We welcome Asha, Bella and their family to Blue Group and the Apollo community for the remainder of the year.

Children's attendance has been regular. A few children have been absent on holidays with their families and a few have been unwell.

Nature talks have been a feature of many of our group times with children having the opportunity to talk with the group about something from nature that interests them. The children have now all participated in this experience.



Library has continued to be part of our program each week. We encourage families to read these stories with their children and to help them to remember to bring in their books to change on a Thursday.

We have experienced our five 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 the vegetable garden which continued the children's interest in our vegetables that we planted with Bunnings. Our next program was 'Step Back in Time'. This was a fun session with lots of different dance moves for the children and instructions to follow. The helmeted honey eater, a Victorian bird that is endangered was the centre of our dance program. As well as dance and movement the children were made aware of the needs of these birds to stay alive. The last program was clowns. This theme offers a fun session with lots of movement, balance and ball skills being practiced.



The children were busy preparing for Father's Day and Fathers Night at kindergarten with invitations, cards and gifts were prepared and made by the children. They were very excited about their Father's attending kindergarten on the night on Wednesday. It was great to see so many dads make a great effort to attend and spend time with their children. We hope they all enjoyed a special day on Sunday.

At kindergarten children have been involved in our cooking program which has involved the making of soup, pizza and pasta (with red group) and fried rice. The children have been involved in the preparation of these meals and have enjoyed eating them or at least tasting them at kinder on the days they attend kindergarten during lunch.

The prep co-ordinators at Apollo Parkways Primary School have invited us to attend a library session with their preps. Red Group visit on 17th September and Blue Group on 18th September. These were the only times that fitted in with both the school and the kindergarten. This excursion will help familiarise children with a school environment within our kindergarten environment.

Our footy days will be held on the last day of term on Thursday for Red group and Friday for Blue and Yellow Groups. Staff will organise the special activities for the day. Children are invited to come dressed in their favourite footy team outfit or colours if they wish.

All children moving to school next year will need to have a transition statement written for them. The transition statements are intended to assist with the transition of children from kindergarten to school. They have recently undergone revision and staff will need to upload them to government school's 'portal'. Statements for children attending other schools will be sent to the school. Families will have an opportunity to have input into these statements. This is a new innovation and staff will take some time to learn about the process.

Staff attended the DEKTA conference on Thursday 30th August. The morning keynote was about including children with additional needs. The afternoon session was about digital technology and its place in early childhood learning environments. Both these topics were very interesting, well delivered and meaningful. We look forward to adjusting our practice to incorporate our new understandings.

All staff attended the same workshop and look forward to implementing the information we learnt about communication with children. The use of sign language and in particular Auslan was discussed and modelled.

Discussions held with families have been very worthwhile, providing an opportunity to touch base with each family about their children's progress, plans for the remainder of the year and the transition process for 2019.

Due to lack of space at kindergarten these were mostly held in the board room at Apollo Parkways Primary School.

We have also arranged for chicken hatching in the first week of term four. The eggs are brought to kindergarten and hatch either on the Tuesday or Wednesday. The chicks stay with us until the Friday of the following week. The children learn about the hatching process and about caring for the chicks.

Some new equipment was purchased. Outdoor recycled furniture similar to the pieces we already have were purchased. One for mud cooking and two benches that are quite versatile and can be used in a variety of places including in the sand, digging path and as seats in or near the new cubby.

Four mirror blocks were purchased for indoors.

Two bug hotels for the children to construct and watch and see new bugs move into them.

A wooden set of a crescent moon and numerous stars that can be used in various ways as well as being a fine motor experience with the children attempting to balance the stars on the moon.

Banyule city Council will be installing our new air conditioners in the school holidays. We look forward to using them in the summer time.

We are waiting to hear how our office plans are progressing at BCC.

We would like to thank all those who have assisted with our fruit times this term. We would encourage you to continue to assist with this special task in term four.

A reminder that we all need to be SunSmart when the UV is above 3. This time is increasing as we move into our hot summer months.

Term three ends on Friday 21st September and we resume for term four on Monday 8th October. We hope we have some great spring weather over the holidays so that families can spend some time outdoors together.

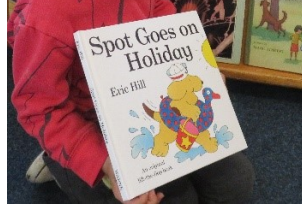
Looking forward to our busy term four together.

Helen, Tamara, Janine, Sharyn and Marilyn

Yellow Group Newsletter Report.

Where has Term Three gone? We have had a busy term, Yellow Group have been working hard and learning so much while at Kinder. We welcomed back Isaac from his time overseas and look forward to Adrian, Ruby and Mavric's return in Term Four.

Yellow Group all had their turn to take the Show and Tell bag home. We all learnt so much about one another as we listened and saw each other's favourite things. Some items that were brought in were – 'Spot goes on holiday' book, footy card, soft toys, Shopkins, dolls, battery operated trains, that moved, cars, a dinosaur, a dragon that roared and had red eyes, Qantas and lego. It was great to see the confidence that each child gained while speaking in front of their peers as well as listening skills for the others.



In preparation

for Father's Day, we were lucky to have Bec from Eltham Bunnings, do an Incursion with Yellow Group. They made mobile phone stands, painting and placing stickers where they wanted. We added photos of each child onto them. Bec provided all the materials free of charge and Yellow Group really enjoyed this Incursion. They made her a Thank You card to show our appreciation for coming and doing this special activity with the group.



Father's night was held on Friday 31st September and we had a great turn out by our Dads. Thanks for all the Dads that attended Kinder to share in a special night for them. Yellow Group had spent many Kinder sessions preparing their gifts and making pizzas for their Dads to eat. They decorated wrapping paper, painted rocks, had their hands painted, dressed up for photos and told staff what they love to do with their Dads and painted ties that were worn on the night.



Our Dads arrived with Yellow Group children all excited for their time at Kinder. Activities were set up for them to do together, portfolios on show, handprints were taken of the Dads and children's handprints on top. A photo booth was also set up which all Dads and children smiled and took part in. Pizzas smelt delicious and were eaten with joy. We finished the night with a special dance called 'Dads feet' where the children stood on their Dad's feet and danced. A story called 'My Dad is Fantastic' was read and gifts were handed out. We would like to Thank all our wonderful Dads for taking the time to attend Kinder with their children.



Yellow Group children are beginning to show interest in letters and their name and some are attempting to write their own name. A letter recognition activity was set up for the children to place dot stickers over the first letter of their name. Each child completed their own letter and were proud to see these displayed at Kinder. This is extended when they attend Four year old Kinder next year and place sticker over their entire name!!



The season of Spring is now here, so we have been excited to spend more time outside in the sunshine and fresh air. Often on our Friday sessions the weather has been absolutely beautiful, so we have spent the entire time outside. Indoor craft activities have been brought outside for the children to do these if they choose. We have had many picnics on our grass area and the group have enjoyed spending time together exploring nature and extending their skills. Yellow Group have made their own Spring flower pastings which look colourful and amazing on our Kinder wall. A variety of materials was offered for the children to create their own Spring pasting, most choosing to paste flowers using icypole sticks, patty pans and who couldn't resist some glitter too!!!



Sun hats are now worn at Kinder for the remainder of the year and we have been thrilled with ALL of Yellow Group remembering to bring and leave their hats in the hat pockets. This is now part of their routine, finding their own hat and putting it away, allowing for independence and responsibility.

We look forward to our last day of Term Three as we celebrate with a special Footy Day. Yellow Group are invited to wear their team colours to Kinder and share in some fun football activities as well as eating some hot chips with fruit. Theme songs will be played and lots of footy skills practised outdoors (fingers crossed, weather permitting).

We wish all our families a wonderful two week break together. We would like to Thank our amazing parent/grandparent helpers who assist with cutting and serving fruit and for all our washing helpers too. See you all in Term Four.

Yellow Team,

Jo and Pauline.

APOLLO PARKWAYS PRE SCHOOL 2018 MAITENANCE 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	Minor Working Bee	Families
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), Suryahardja
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
Sat 22 Dec 2018	Term Break	
Sat 29 Dec 2018	Term Break	



Footy Day Fundraiser!

Footy Day is an awesome day for the children to celebrate Footy Fever!

We are having a special day where the children can come to Kinder dressed in their footy colours.

They will participate in various football activities and enjoy footy food.

There will also be a raffle drawn on the day!

Please provide a donation by the last day of term for this event. All donations are to be placed in the fundraising letter box in the kinder foyer.

Thank you from the fundraising committee.

Footy Day for your group:

RED THURSDAY 20/9

BLUE 21/9

YELLOW 21/9