



Newsletter Issue 7 October 2018



Dear Kinder Families,

Last term is upon us and the coming weeks are just going to be flying by with a few important events taking place. The first, being the **Farewell Afternoon Tea** on **Sunday 18th November** for Helen who has been teaching with Apollo Parkways Preschool for the last 19 years. Thank you Fiona for getting out and printing the lovely invitations! We hope most families will be able to make it and please help share the news with past families whom you may know of and invite them along. It will be good to see all the little ones grown up now! For our internal families, we hope you'll be able to contribute a plate to share and kindly RSVP at the sheet next to the sign in books as this will help the fundraising team with their planning and efforts.

The second important event is our **Annual General Meeting (AGM)** which will be held on **Monday 26th November**. We are needing to replace our outgoing committee members so if anyone is able to help and take on a role for the next year please put up your hand.

Our preschool cannot run and operate unless we have a Parent Committee and it is for the benefit of our children that the kinder is run well, so please consider taking on a position. This is my 8th and last year at the kinder and my 5th year on committee and I can assure you it has been a very rewarding experience being able to work closely with the teachers and other families in the community. So I urge all 2019 families to consider nominating for a position on the committee and by doing so have a say as to how Apollo Parkways is run.

On to a lighter note, have any of you or your kids noticed the latest addition to our outdoor area? I know Avalyn definitely has had some fun playing with the new sensory path with her friends. A very big thank you to Todd (maintenance officer) and Jamie (Policy Officer) for taking their time on a Sunday to build this for our kids to enjoy! There have also been a few other new equipment bought thanks to the money raised by our fundraising team – great effort all around!

DATES TO DIARISE:

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

Friday 02/11/18—Kinder Photos BLUE GROUP

Wednesday 07/11/18—Red Group Kite Flying

Thursday 08/11/18—Blue Group Kite Flying

Monday 12/11/18—Yellow Group PJ Day at Kinder

Tuesday 13/11/18—Blue Group PJ Day at Kinder

Wednesday 14/11/18—Red Group PJ Day at Kinder

Sunday 18/11/18—Helen's Farewell 2-3.30pm

Monday 26/11/18—Annual General Meeting 7pm

**Thursday 29/11/18—NO Kinder (orientation for 2019 kinder)
2019 Yellow 9-10am**

2019 Red 10.30-12pm

2019 Blue 1.30-3pm

Monday 10/12/18—Red Group End of Year Concert

Thursday 13/12/18—Blue Group End of Year Concert

Friday 14/12/18—Yellow Group End of Year Concert

Friday 14/12/18—Kinder Christmas Party



We are also very lucky that our 4yo kids were able to enjoy an incursion initiated by Jamie where he came with his colleague and brought along a police car amongst other things for the children to play with and explore. They had a chance to turn on sirens and flashing lights, have a sit in a police car and dress up in real attire amongst other things. Thanks again Jamie for taking the time to organise this and come out - And also for telling the children that policemen are not there to take away naughty children but to help them J It was indeed a very informative session!

Last but not least, that time of the year has also come where orientation for school is coming up and some of the children are heading off to school next year. Along with a few sad moments about our little cherubs growing up, I know my daughter couldn't be more excited. Thank you to Helen and Tamara for preparing all their Transition Statements which will be forwarded to their schools and please don't forget to hand our completed statements back to the teachers.

If you still know of anyone looking for a place in 3yo and 4yo kinder for 2019, please do get them to contact the preschool or have a visit as we still have a few vacancies to be filled for both groups.

Hope to see all you at our AGM, small or big role - its always important to be involved. Have a great month!

Cheers,
Hui Ping

Save the date:
This years AGM
26th November 2018
7pm

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



PLEASE JOIN US IN WISHING HELEN STRAY ALL THE BEST AND THANKING HER FOR HER 19 YEARS OF SERVICE AND CARE TO APOLLO PARKWAYS PRE-SCHOOL WITH A SIMPLE AFTERNOON TEA.

Helen's Farewell

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November 18th, 2018 | 2-3:30 pm
Apollo Parkways Pre-school
31 Plenty river drive, Greensborough.

RSVP ON THE SIGN UP SHEET PROVIDED AT THE KINDER. IT WOULD BE VERY MUCH APPRECIATED IF FAMILIES COULD SUPPLY A SHARE PLATE AND ALSO INDICATE WHAT YOU WILL BE BRINGING ON THE SIGN UP SHEET.

HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE.

Blue and Red Group October Report

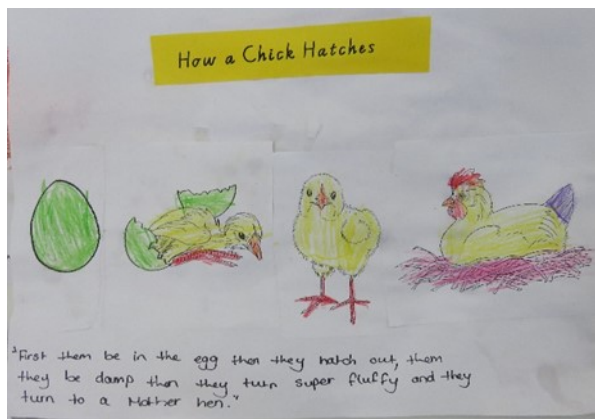
Welcome to term four. It was lovely to see the children after the holidays and hear about some of the things they had been doing with their families.

We welcomed Asha, Bella and their family at the end of term three into the blue group and the children have been wonderful at welcoming them into the program.

The excursions to Apollo Parkways Primary School last term went well. The children really benefited from visiting the school and being part of the Preps library session. Hopefully this is something we can plan to do again next year. The children enjoyed the walk to the school and blue groups children enjoyed testing out the bubble taps for a drink before the walk back to kinder.

The eggs made for an exciting first week of term four. Nine chickens hatched on Thursday and both groups were fortunate to see at least one chick hatch. The children are learning about the hatching process at group times through discussions and through songs and dances. We have read lots of story books about animals on the farm and chickens and the children's paintings and drawings are beginning to reflect their learning and developing interest in this topic. They have also participated in a sequencing experience, sequencing 'How a Chick Hatches'.

The children have also been busy drawing pictures of themselves for the tea towel fundraiser and many of them also have been writing their names on these.



The children have also become excited about the upcoming Grandparents day at kinder. We have begun practising singing a song for their Grandparents to share with them on the day. The children will also be making Potato People with the help of their Grandparents and sharing the story of The Potato People with them at group time.

Staff are currently working on transition statements for all children moving to school in 2019. We intend handing out the statements for families to complete sections 2 and 3 of in the next couple of weeks. When they are returned from families they will then be scanned and forwarded to the schools.

Term four is a busy one with many activities being arranged. We do try to fit in with school transition days as much as possible, but it can be difficult as the children are enrolled at a variety of different schools between them all. Apologies in advance for any clashes.

Grandparent's and special friends Days have been planned for Blue Group Friday 26th October and Red Group Monday 22nd October. The children are looking forward to these special days in the Children's Week. It is lovely to share their kinder experiences with their extended family.

Kindergarten photos have been organised for Monday 29th October for Yellow and Red Groups and Friday 2nd November for Blue Group. These will be taken during kinder session with families being able to view on line and purchase if they wish.

Our Police incursion/excursion is on Thursday 25th October. Many children are very excited to be having a visit from Jamie (Olivia's Father) from Blue Group who is a Police Officer. He will be arriving with his Police Car. During this visit the children will learn more about the role of police in our community and about keeping ourselves safe.

We are proposing to take the children Kite Flying to Partingtons Flat. Red group will possibly be going on Wednesday 7th November and blue group on Thursday 8th November. Further details will go out when arrangements are confirmed.

We are proposing Pyjama Days for all groups in November. Blue group's will be on Tuesday the 13th, Yellow group's on Monday the 12th and Red Group's on Wednesday the 14th of November. The fours will arrive at kinder in their Pyjamas have breakfast at kinder and then get themselves dressed and ready for the day. Many independence skills will be practiced on this morning.

In past years all groups have prepared a 'Concerts' for their families. If the children decide this is something they would like to plan for the proposed the dates could be Red Group Monday 10th December, Blue Group Thursday 13th December Friday 14th Yellow Group TBC.

Orientation day for 2019 children will be on the Thursday 29th November. Due to this day there will be no kindergarten for red or blue group on this day.

Thanks to Jamie and Todd for the work done on the sensory path. The children are really enjoying using it.

Thanks to our many families who continue to help us with preparing fruit for the children. The children really enjoy having their parents visit their kindergarten and assisting with the program.

Our new air conditioners were installed in the school holidays. We look forward to testing them out in the warmer weather.

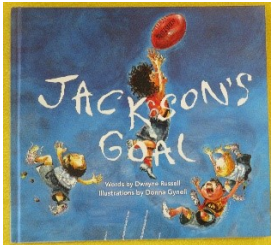
We look forward to working with you for the rest of the term.

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

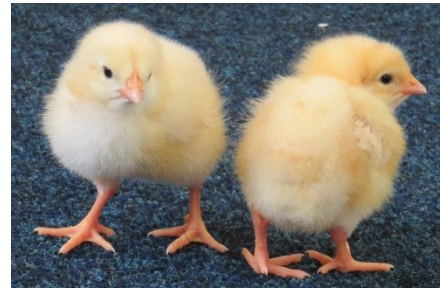
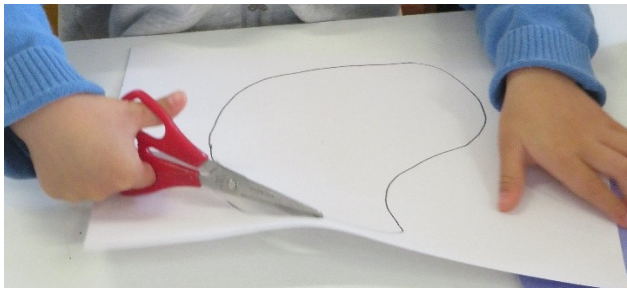
Yellow Group.

Welcome to Term Four. We hope you all had a wonderful two week break with your beautiful children. We welcome back Adrian to the group after his time overseas with his family and look forward to seeing Ruby and Mavric when they also return.

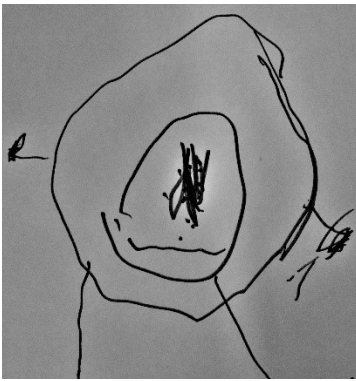
Yellow Group celebrated the end of Term Three with a footy afternoon. The children came excited to kinder, dressed in their team colours and ready for a fun afternoon of football activities. Footballs and team jerseys were available for the children to paint or colour and were displayed around the room. The weather was kind to us, so we made the most of the beautiful sunshine and spent most of the session outside. Our goal posts and footballs were set up on the grass area and a handball station encouraged the children to have a go at handballing a football into a wooden cube. We played the footy theme songs, many children singing along and dancing to their team's anthem. The children had their cheeks painted with their team colours and we all enjoyed a picnic together eating hot chips with tomato sauce. Our Footy Day finished with a lovely story called 'Jackson's Goal'.



Baby Butterflies
Baby Crocodiles
Baby Snakes
Baby Chickens
Baby Pandas
Baby Birds



Yellow Group have also completed their tea towel drawings for our Kinder fundraiser. The children worked really hard drawing a picture of themselves and writing their own name. These have now been sent off to be processed and will be ready for families to purchase shortly.



Term Four is going to be a busy one as we prepare all the children for Four Year Old Kinder in 2019, promoting independence, fostering friendships and encouraging the children's skills in all areas of development. Language barriers has continued to be a challenge with a few children who do not speak English. Staff continue to encourage English language and use a lot of sign language and gesturing as we communicate with them. Pic cards with our routine and activities aids staff to show these children what to expect next, as well as cementing to the rest of the group what is happening. Our friendship book with the children's photos is a great tool that we use to transition the children from routine changes and has also helped to teach the children each other's names.

TERM 4 DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES.

Monday 22nd – Friday 26th October – Children's Week. To celebrate children's week, the children are making grass heads on Monday and on Friday we have Nicole from Enerjive doing an Incursion on music and movement.

Monday 29th October – Photo day. A photographer will take photos of the children during their session at Kinder for parents to purchase if you choose.

Monday 12th November – P.J. Day. Yellow Group wear their pyjamas to Kinder and remain in them for the session.

Friday 14th December – End of year concert. 2:15-3pm. More details to come...

Monday 17th December – Last day of Kinder for the year. Party Day. The children are asked to provide a plate of food to share. More details to come...

Thanks, 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	Minor Working Bee	Families
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	

FUNDRAISER REMINDERS

Photo days- Monday 28th for Yellow and Red groups

- Friday 2nd November for Blue group

Tea towel order forms to be returned by Friday 26th of October

Thank you to all families who donated on 'footy day'.

We raised \$134. Thanks to Footy Plus more from Greensborough for there lovely donations which were raffled on the day.