

Kinder Kronicle



Term 3- September 2013

Welcome to Spring!

Well another very busy term with lots of exciting learning experiences. We have had pyjamas, rabbits, chocolates, storytellers, music, dress ups, special visitors, conferences and more...

Our Cadbury chocolate drive has just finished. This is a very beneficial fundraiser for our pre-school. We do encourage that you enjoy any Freddo frogs in moderation. Thank you to all of the families who participated in this fundraiser. Please ensure any unsold chocolates and money is returned. We also appreciate the families who contributed to the fundraiser with a donation instead of selling chocolates.

You will soon receive our annual toy fundraiser catalogue. This toy catalogue provides some great, durable, educational gift ideas for your children for Christmas. Please take some time over the term break to browse through the catalogue and see if anything looks appealing. It will also save fighting the crowds at the shops for Christmas shopping.

We still have positions available for our 3 year old program for 2014. Thank you to the families who have participated in a flyer letterbox delivery to encourage some more enrolments. Our flyer has also been included in many local primary school newsletters.

Kristy Ratten

Newsletter Editor

Term Dates:



Term 3: 15th July
- 20th September

Term 4: 7th October-
19th December (4YO)
13th December (3YO)

SAVE THE DATE

**ANNUAL
GENERAL
MEETING**

The date of our Annual General Meeting has been booked for **Monday 18th November**. Please make note of this date in your diary. Important information will be shared and committee roles will be available for nomination.

FLYER DELIVERY

Thank you to the wonderful families who have delivered some flyers advertising vacancies for our 3 year old sessions for 2014. We greatly appreciate your efforts in spreading the word!



Enrolments for 3 YO and 4YO Groups

2014 enrolments for 4 year old groups are now full. We still have vacancies available for 3 year old sessions. If you know of anyone who may be interested in attending our 3 year old program please give them Louise's details from below.

3 and 4 year old enrolments are also open for 2015. If you or anyone else is interested in being involved in our wonderful centre for 2015 please contact the numbers below:

2014

3 Year Old Enrolment Officer- Louise Ingram
9727 4787

4 Year Old Enrolment Officer- Heather Reynolds
0412 267 700

THANK YOU

A very big thank you to Bakers Delight Croydon for their generous donation of bread in support of our 4 year old Pyjama Day.



FACEBOOK



Bimbadeen Pre School is now on Facebook. We are using this technology as another way of keeping in touch with our families. Photos of children **will not** be used on this page! Like our page to keep up to date.

FUNDRAISING



Mmm Chocolate!
A big thank you for your efforts in selling

Cadbury chocolates in our latest fundraiser. Hopefully they have been enjoyed in moderation!! This is a very beneficial fundraising opportunity for our pre-school.

Our next fundraiser will be the annual Toy Catalogue. This will be sent home very soon so you can browse and make your selections over the holidays.

GENERAL REMINDERS

- Make sure now the weather has started to heat up that you pack your child's hat in their bag. Make sure it is a brimmed hat!
- Ensure that as the UV levels increase you apply sunscreen to your child prior to their pre-school session.
- It is a great time to enjoy all of the fresh fruit which is coming back into season. Pack a healthy snack for your child to enjoy!
- Always remember to pack a drink bottle of water for each session.

APPLE MUFFINS

Makes 12-18

Ingredients:

- 2 cups SR Flour
- 1 tsp cinnamon
- 1/2 cup caster sugar
- 1/3 cup olive or vegetable oil
- 1 cup low fat natural yoghurt
- 2 eggs
- 1 red apple, grated
- 1/2 cup pecans, chopped (optional)
- 1/2 cup dates, chopped



Method:

Preheat oven to 180°C and place paper cases in muffin tray.
Sift flour and cinnamon into a large mixing bowl. Add caster sugar.
In a jug, measure out oil and yoghurt and add eggs. Whisk to combine.
Pour liquid into dry ingredients and mix until just combined.
Stir in apple, pecans and dates.
Spoon mixture into paper cases.
Bake for 20-25 minutes until a skewer inserted into the muffin comes out clean.

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THANK YOU

A big thank you to Susan Emary and Wrights Wholesale Supplies for donating seeds for our vegie patch. The children have managed to keep the pests off by creating many deterrents and our vegies are now growing well. We look forward to picking some vegies soon!

SPRING CRAFT - PAPER CATERPILLAR

You will need: construction paper, scissors, pipe cleaner, marker, pen or pencil.

To make: Cut different sized and coloured circles out of construction paper.

Punch holes in the centre using a pen or pencil. Thread onto pipe cleaner. Continue to increase the length. Fold the pipe cleaner at either end to secure. Draw eyes.

<http://www.busybeekidscrafts.com>



Don't forget having your newsletter emailed to you is a very sustainable option and supports our Seedlings project!

NEWSLETTER VIA EMAIL

Would you like to receive an email version of the Kinder Kronicle? If so complete the details below and return the slip to receive your next copy via your Inbox!

Name: _____ Child's Name: _____ Group: _____
Email: _____ Hard Copy & Digital Copy Digital Copy only

Sustainability

At the beginning of term 3 we sent out a "Sustainability Survey". Thank-you to all the families who participated. The reason for the survey was to establish your understanding of sustainability in the early stages of the pilot and from this information plan activities or provide information to you to develop your knowledge and understanding. Families will be surveyed again, later in the year, to see if your understanding of sustainability has changed and for us to gauge what learning has occurred.

The initial survey revealed that many families wanted to know how they could incorporate sustainability into their homes.

Some ideas are:- Getting the children to help sort the recycling rubbish and getting them to put it in the recycling bin, establishing a worm farm so you can fertilise the garden with "worm tea", turning lights off when you leave a room, buying second hand goods as an alternative to new ones, using recycled materials for craft, using a clothes line or airer to dry clothes rather than a clothes drier.

There is an organisation called "Resource Rescue" in Hosie Road Bayswater. It is a place where you can purchase at a reasonable cost recycled off cuts to use with children or for some jobs around the house.

Coming Events:

Below are a list of some of the free workshops designed to give you new skills, promote new habits and help you create a more rewarding and sustainable lifestyle. There is a pamphlet on the notice board with these and many other workshops as well as booking details.

Climate Change 101

Tues 10 September 2013, 10.30am -12pm Mooroolbark Library

Tues 19 November 2013, 10.30am -12pm Lilydale Library

Tues 18 February 2014, 1.30am -12pm Chirnside Park Community Centre "Everything you wanted to now about climate change but were afraid to ask". Come along to this interactive workshop to learn some of the basic science & what the future holds for you and your family.

Beginners Bee Keeping

Sun 15 September 2013, 10am - 2.30pm ECOSS, Wesburn

The perfect, introductory bee keeping workshop to find out how bees work and what is needed to work with them.

Indian Myna Traps

Wed 18 September 2013, 9am - 12pm Ben's Shed, Yarra Junction

Find out how this feral bird is now the second worst threat to native birds and small animals. Learn how to make your own cage to help minimize their numbers.

Sausage Making

Sun 20 October 2013, 10am - 1pm

Woori Community House, Woori Yallock Sun 27 April 2014, 11am - 2pm

Wild Oak Restaurant, Olinda In this workshop you will learn how to make your own homemade sausages from sustainable meats.

Sustainability Cont.

Cloth Nappy Workshop

Fri 25 October 2013, 12.30pm - 2.30pm Lilydale Library

Want to know the 'bottom line' behind modern cloth nappies? A workshop presented by two mums will discuss the various types of nappies available, and how you can save money. Great door prizes to be won for attendees.

Biodiversity Bike Ride

Sun 27 October 2013, 10am - 12pm ` O'Shannassy Aquaduct Trail, Millgrove

Bring your own bike for a 2hr (14km) ride. Stopping at several points along the trail to talk about a range of interesting biodiversity topics.

Recycling Tour

Wed 13 November 2013, 9.15am - 2pm Bus departs Lilydale Library

Ever wondered where all the contents from your recycling bin end up? Join us during National recycling Week on this educational tour to see where it all ends up and how it's recycled. Lunch included.

Yoga the Planet and You

Thurs 21 November 2013, 9.30am - 11am, Sat 22 March 2014, 9.30am - 11am Lilydale Lake Community Room

"Dru yoga is a gentle, flowing form of yoga which is accessible for all abilities and will help you to re-connect with your body and our natural environment."

Recycled Paper Stars

Sun 24 November 2013, 2pm - 4pm Faraway Tree Cafe, Montrose

Join us just before the 'silly season' starts and relax whilst you chat over a coffee & cake whilst making a 20 point star out of recycled papers.

Basket Making

Sat 15 March 2014, 1.30pm - 4.30pm ECOSS, Wesburn

This workshop will guide you through the process of making your own basket using coil stitch and thread from locally collected native grasses.

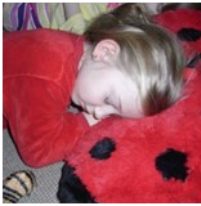
GREEN GROUP'S REPORT

It has been a really busy term for Green Group and the weeks have just flown. This term has seen the children really grow and mature. Socially we are seeing friendship groups building and changing.

The collage table seems the place to be this term. There have been many sessions where we have had to add tables to increase the work area due to interest, and we have been unable to keep up with the demand for boxes and in particular cardboard cylinders.

The children have been making iPads, phones, people, robots, cars, hats and pets which have then been used in their imaginative play.

We had lots of fun and excitement on our Pyjama Day! We ate breakfast together, listened to stories and participated in activities and songs about the night sky and bedtime.



We had our Responsible Pet Ownership Program on Wednesday, 14th August with Bec and her dog Lucy.

Bec ran a session for the parents and then one for the children.

In the children's session they learnt :

- ***How to approach a dog in a safe way.**
- ***What to do if they are approached by an unknown or angry dog.**



Last week in the park, 3 of our kinder children were playing when an unknown dog came running towards them. Due to the quick thinking of a parent who called out, "What did you learn at kinder"? The children were able to respond and implement what they had learnt and the dog left them alone. This situation reinforced how valuable this program is and that the actions the children are taught really works.

Great work girls!!!!

We were fortunate to have good weather on Thursday, 15th August for our
"PET PARADE".

The children were invited to bring their pet/s to kinder and participate in a parade. We had pets of all shapes and sizes. The animals included dogs, guinea pigs, birds, a Blue Tongue Lizard, stick insect and a number of cuddly toy pets.



Special Visitors



We have had a number of special visitors share their talents and skills. Ellen (Brody's grandma) taught us how to make and decorate cakes.

Greg talked about his job in traffic control and the importance of safety. He also showed the children some of the equipment he and other workers would use in the work place.



Glenn (Hayley's dad) talked about his job as a fitter and turner, and how his company builds truck towers. Glenn highlighted the importance of being safe at work and showed the children some of the equipment he uses.

Glenn also showed Green Group his Mustang and we found out it has a V8 engine, it is a left hand drive and it only has lap belts.



Bruce (Brody's grandpa) talked to the children about sprout farming and the children were able to taste test sprouts raw and in soup. He had a tough audience!!!

We ran a Father's and Special Person's Night on Tuesday, 27th August. Below are some pictures from the night.



Coming Events

Monday, 9th September- Fitness session with Michelle (Maddi's mum)

Thursday, 12th September- Glitz Gymnastics, 1.00 – 3.00pm

Tuesday, 17th September- Footy Colours Day

Thursday, 19th September- Dinosaur Incursion

A big thankyou to all our families for your contributions to the program this term. We really appreciate your help with duty, sharing your knowledge and skills and your many donations. We wish you all a safe and happy holiday break!

Gill and Sam

Program report for Blue Group

Here's a snapshot of what we've been up to during Term 3.... We've been busy !



Pj Day & Breakfast at Kinder



The children have enjoyed learning this song- (sung to the tune of Twinkle, Twinkle Little Star)

Twinkle, twinkle, little moon
How I wonder what you're doin'
Up above the world so high
Like a pancake in the sky

Twinkle, twinkle little moon
How I wonder what you're doin'



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We've had lots of special visitors

Emily and her family came to Kinder and bathed Zoe.



Louise (Oakley's mum) demonstrated her crocheting skills and inspired us to make pom-poms....keep a look out around the room as we complete these projects.



Our Night Session was a great chance to share the Kinder experience with our Dads and other special visitors....

