



# newsletter

Box Hill South Pre School

Term 3 2011



Vice

## A Word from the President



As our president has been away I thought I would take this opportunity contribute to Term 3's Newsletter.

Term 3 has almost gone already. Am I sad? Glad? The answer is yes to both. Sad that time flies so quickly but as

we watch our children grow, make friends and learn so much, sadness turns to gladness and of-course I am glad because Spring is finally here and we can enjoy some much needed sunshine!!!!

I don't know about you, but we have had our share of colds and flu in our place and so has the kinder. Our teachers and assistants are not immune to these colds and flu and we have had a bad lot this year. If I can take this opportunity to remind all of us to keep unwell children at home. Hopefully the sun will come up again (fooled us all a few weeks ago!) so we can start to warm up and we can send our kids outside without looking like little Michelin people!

You may have noticed our beautiful red couch in our reading corner - hard to miss actually, if your child hasn't told you yet! Next time you are on kinder duty take the opportunity to take a seat and read a book to the children on "our lovely red couch - it's so comfy mummy".

The Social and Fundraising Committee have been busy this term - we had our Box Hill Miniature Railway Day a few weeks ago, but prior to that, they organised the biggest event of our pre-school calendar: Trivia Night 2011 - Hawaiian theme! Those of you who couldn't make it I will tell you that you missed out on a great night out! People were so generous with their bidding, hanging on to their lucky corner, buying raffle tickets and lucky numbers - thank you to all who dug deep into your wallets in the spirit of the evening - thank you, thank you, thank you! It was fantastic night, what a great success! A huge thanks must go to Trish and Kate and their Committee of dedicated helpers, you have donated your time and effort to organise the event and we all appreciate what you have raised for the kinder - the night raised a whopping \$6,000!

Kathy Walker presented her "Understanding Children's Behaviour" talk on Tuesday night this week at the kinder, it was a very interesting night of strategies and useful information. We had over 35 people attend! BTW did you know that Kathy Walker attended Box Hill South Pre School as a pre-schooler herself!

## Diary Dates

- **Kindergarten Photos**  
(at end of Term 3)  
with Cheryl Smith Photography
- **Koalas and Platypus**  
Thursday 22nd September
- **Kangaroos and Wombats**  
Friday 23rd September
- **Picture Plates are due at end of September**
- **First Aid for Children Course: October 2011**  
Look out for more information coming soon - make sure you don't miss out!
- **Term FEES Friendly Reminder:**
  - Outstanding fees for Term 3 must be paid ASAP
  - Term 4 Fees invoice will be in your kinder pocket
  - Term 4 Fees due: Friday 14th October.

Term 3: Ends Friday 23rd September  
Term 4: Return 10th October onwards  
Ends 22nd December



## Reminders

- Children need to bring their sunhats every day from 1st September
- Please keep unwell children at home to stop the spread of infections in the kindergarten.
- Some children are seriously allergic to nuts and eggs at our kinder, so please do not send your children to kinder with snacks containing nuts or nut products and whole eggs. If you have any questions please speak to Pam or Leanne.
- Please pick up your children on time after at the end of sessions

**Please be mindful of our shared facilities with our friends in the Family Health Centre.**

- Parents to keep the noise level to a minimum in the Reception area before/after Kinder sessions
- Parents to keep Reception area clear at all times and not to lean on the counter
- Children are not to run or be excessively loud in the Centre
- Parents not to congregate in the Reception area after Kinder Sessions

Thank you for your co-operation



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Your 2012 Committee Nominations have been coming in, so thank you to all that have put yourselves down for next years' committee. If you are thinking about putting your hand up for any of the positions, please do not hesitate to ask to speak to the current committee member for more information about the role.

Lastly, the Universal Access Sub - Committee, headed up by Andrew Parnell (Secretary) is working hard with other kindergartens to lobby the government to allow for greater flexibility in the delivery of Universal Access.

Thank you to all the families that have participated in our Universal Access Survey. The results indicated that 3yo kinder is highly valued for our children's social and cognitive development and that two years of kindergarten is very important, not just the one.

Under the current Universal Access policy, many kindergartens and children will be disadvantaged as they lack the funding, space or teachers to provide 15 hours of four year old kinder in 2013, and 3yo kinder programs will unfortunately be forced to decrease throughout Whitehorse (and Victoria). Alan Tudge MP has called for a Motion that will be presented to Parliament calling for greater flexibility of the delivery of Universal Access. Recently a petition was displayed at our kinder that many of you had signed (thank you) regarding this Motion. This will be sent to Mike Symon (member for Deakin) to encourage his support.

If you would like more information on the Motion please refer to the following web page: <http://www.alantudge.com.au/Media/LatestNews/tabid/71/articleType/ArticleView/articleId/111/language/en-US/Tudge-demands-government-action-to-save-three-year-old-kindergartens.aspx>

If you agree with the Motion, we suggest you contact your local Federal MP and let them know of your support and encourage them to vote in favour and explain the affect Universal Access in its current format will have on our kinder. If you live in the Deakin electorate your local MP is Mike Symon [Mike.Symon.MP@aph.gov.au](mailto:Mike.Symon.MP@aph.gov.au) or if you live in Chisholm it's Anna Burke [Anna.Burke.MP@aph.gov.au](mailto:Anna.Burke.MP@aph.gov.au). You could also contact the Federal Minister for School Education, Early Childhood and Youth, the Hon Peter Garrett MP [Peter.Garrett.MP@aph.gov.au](mailto:Peter.Garrett.MP@aph.gov.au).

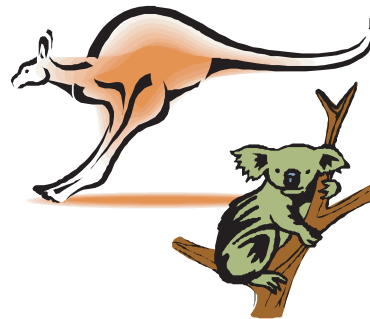
Whilst this is all happening with our sub-committee, please note, that the Committee of Management and Teachers are seeking to find a way to make 15hrs Universal Access work for our kinder, to meet the needs our kinder

community within our capacity at Box Hill South Pre School for both our 3yo and 4yo kinder groups.

All I can say now is welcome back Lou it has been interesting putting the President's hat on.

Matoula (Mihaylia's Mum - Wombats)  
Vice President

## 4yo Kangaroos and Koalas News



How did all our fantastic Dads enjoy Father's day?! Did your children treat you like kings? We had a wonderful time making plans for Father's Day and our own special Father's Nights. We hope you enjoyed it all!

Since these special sessions, the children have shared with us their thoughts about what made these sessions so special and enjoyable. Here are some of the children's own words.

"It was really good. Dad drove me to kinder and we did make lots of things together like rockets and cool cars."

"He got a fright when he looked in his bag with the black handprint. No only joking. He laughed and so did I. We were so happy together."

"When Dad came to kinder the picture of us both together was the best. We took it home to keep."

"Dad painted a painting with me. It was so good and beautiful. It made us so happy."

"I loved it just playing with him with all the toys."

"The giving him his surprises was really good and fun".

"My Dad loves to read books, so we read books together on the red couch."

Painting and drawing of all kind of things have been incredible favourites lately with many different techniques used. It is wonderful to see the children expressing themselves so creatively! When you have a little time, have a look around the playroom. In the main, drawing (as opposed to colouring in which isn't promoting creativity) becomes more popular as the children mature and become more interested in the form of their drawings. Although the children have begun to write their own names



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on their work it is not expected of them at this stage. So don't worry if your child has not reached this stage yet. They all get there when they are ready.

It would take me forever to let you know everything that has happened at kindergarten recently, but here's a little list. Making top secret plans for Fathers Night, fantastic 3D constructions at the collage table, construction of detailed block buildings - both indoors and outdoors, ribbon dancing, music and drama sessions, group news times, boards games of all kinds, care of and adding new plants to our vegetable patch, participation in exercise of all kinds including Aerobic Kinderfitness Sessions each week with Kellie, trying out a range of fruits/vegetables at snack time and visits by the students of Roberts McCubbin Primary School. They performed their Nursery Rhyme show for the children. Lots of time has been also been given to the children to use initiative, make decisions, discover, problem solve, practice early literacy/numeracy skills, develop life skills, foster talents, practice conflict resolution etc. Lots of valuable learning takes place at kindergarten each day that cannot be taken home on paper!

Thank you to everyone for your help and support throughout the term. As always it is much appreciated. Have a great time over the holidays which start on Friday 23rd September.

Pam, Keron and Jackie

## 3yo Wombats and Platypus News



Term three commenced with happy and enthusiastic children and it was lovely to see their smiling faces return to kinder feeling very comfortable in their environment.

There was much excitement during the first week as the children enjoyed a puppet show with Janette from Dove Puppets. There was lots of interaction and laughter and children were able to hold some puppets and join in. Children have also used 'monkey' stick puppets for one of their favourite rhymes, Three Cheeky Monkeys. I'm sure you may have heard it once or twice! They are enjoying rhymes and songs and we have begun using the rhythm

sticks which they have really enjoyed.

Some interest in 'space' had also been observed and we used this as a starting point for some related activities. One of the most popular by far, was our rockets, astronauts,

moon and planet scenes to use with glittery playdough. The children used them in a variety of ways and the addition of 'moon rocks' (thanks to Keron) was also a great highlight for the children.

Magic painting, marble painting and using dye with droppers has given children opportunities to explore their creativeness. Dress-ups, play with cars and roads, pasting and stories continue to be favourites. Outdoor interests have been building with the outdoor blocks, using tools, lots of cooking with sand, water play, dinosaurs, finding some treasure and more recently we have finally done some planting, which the children will be able to bring home soon.

The learning of all life skills as appropriate to individual needs is continual throughout the year. As particular needs are observed for the group we will focus on these as a group and individually. One of these is continuing to build children's independence and confidence through carrying out tasks themselves. Support and assistance is still offered as required, but our aim is for children to be as independent as possible. We are also working towards children expressing their needs and making requests. We encourage them to 'use their words' for what they need rather than just actions.

Resilience is another very important life skill we are assisting all children to build. This is an important skill, not only for children to attempt new and familiar experiences, but also to be able to build resilience with other children. Being resilient in play with others is important because it builds confidence, assertiveness (rather than aggressiveness), positive reciprocal communication to negotiate and work towards problem solving and dealing with conflict positively.

Children have recently been making Fathers Day gifts and we hope that all Dads have a great day with their families.

As always, if you wish to speak to me about your child or any other queries, please see me to make a time.

Thanks

Leanne and Keron



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## Social and Fundraising News



Thank you to all families and staff for supporting Term 3 events and fundraisers, especially our major fundraiser for the year, the trivia night.

You may have noticed that the slide in the children's play ground is up and a red leather couch is now situated in the kid's reading corner. These items and others are a direct result of your support of fundraising events. Thanks again.

### What's planned for Term 4?

#### Aprons and tea towels

Our kids have been very busy creating masterpieces to print onto aprons and tea towels. During term 4 you will be given the opportunity to purchase these items as a keepsake. They also make great Christmas gifts for Grandparents, aunts and uncles. Stay tuned.

#### First aid course

In October, we are holding a first aid course aimed at parents. As well as learning and practicing CPR skills, the course will also cover what to do in an emergency, dealing with burns and choking. This is invaluable information that could one day save the life of your's or someone else's child. We hope you can make it. Further information will be distributed in the week prior to term break.

### Events and fundraisers Term 3

#### Kid's Movie - Cars 2

We kicked off term 3 with a movie day at Palace Balwyn. 107 people attended, and by the smiles on the kid's faces at the end of the film, we know they had a terrific time. Not only did they enjoy the film (Cars 2), but also catching up with their kinder buddies outside of pre school hours. It was a little taxing for some parents, but well worth the effort. Thanks to Cynthia Hogeland for organising the event.

#### Trivia night

The Hawaiian themed trivia night was an absolute blast and we raised around \$6000 for the kinder. Thank you so much to all families who attended, made donations and/or volunteered their time., we hope you had a terrific night. A special thank you also to our sponsors who donated all the silent auction items and prizes, valued at in excess of \$13,000. Their very generous support is so appreciated (a list of businesses who donated to our trivia night is attached).

### Picture plates

For those of you who have ordered picture plates or one of the other lovely items, we have been advised that these are on track for a late September delivery. We will distribute them as soon as we can.

### Father's Day miniature railway event

What a fantastic day we had at the Box Hill Miniature Railway held on the Father's Day weekend. The weather was gorgeous and riding the train and picnicing in the park with other kinder families was very special. Congratulations to the four Dads who won the free raffle, we hope you all had a great Father's Day.

Trish (Toby's Mum - Koalas )

Katie (Ava's Mum - Koalas )

Social and Fundraising Co-ordinators

## Maintenance Report



Our Term 3 maintenance session was held on the 10th of September; we had a great turnout and completed all the jobs listed, including cleaning all indoor surfaces, sweeping outside, removing fallen branches and tree roots and plenty of weeding. Generally, the kinder is a lot tidier and safer for the children.

Thank you to all the families that helped despite the cold weather, your work is greatly appreciated. As always, the kids had a fantastic time helping out and playing together.

Our last maintenance session for 2011 will be held in early November. If we have enough helpers we plan to put some extra bark over the playing areas and down past the cubby where the children like to run around.

**Remember you will be reimbursed your \$50 Kinder Support Levy by attending maintenance day or performing an approved maintenance task**

Andrew (Grace's and Ethan's Dad - Kangaroos and Wombats)  
Maintenance Officers

## Bits and Pieces

**WANTED:** Do you or do you know someone who might be able to help us design and create/build a Sensory Garden for our kindergarten. Please speak to Pam or Leanne or any of our Committee members.



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## A special thank you to our Trivia Night 2011 sponsors

- Amcal Chemist - Wattle Park
- Anna Burke MP
- Aqualink
- Aussie Farmers Direct
- Bakers Delight - Glen Waverley
- Balgownie Estate Vineyard Resort & Spa
- Billy Lids
- Blackburn Fine Wines (Cellarbrations)
- Blackburn Motor Body
- Body Bronze - East Burwood
- Bottlemart Station Street
- Box Hill Community Arts Centre
- Box Hill Dental
- Box Hill Indoor Sports Centre
- Bunnings - Box Hill South
- Cafe Biscotti
- Camberwell Pilates and Yoga
- Channel 7
- Channel 9 Footy Show
- Chesterfield Farm
- Clarion On Canterbury
- Collingwood Children's Farm
- Collingwood Football Club
- Cooper Newman Real Estate
- Crown Casino
- David East Jewellers
- Dench Meats
- Dixon family - Wombats Group
- Dog Lovers Clipping & Grooming Service
- Endota Spa - Camberwell
- Endota, Forest Hill
- Entertainment Books
- Entice By Design - Mont Albert
- Etihad Stadium
- Flame
- Geelong Football Club
- Healthways Recreation Centre
- Healthy Smiles Dental Group
- Heide Museum of Modern Art
- Hedgend Maze Healesville
- Hoyts
- King Chooks - Blackburn
- LBA joinery
- Luna Park
- MCG National Sports Museum
- Melbourne Football Club
- Melbourne Sports and Aquatic Centre
- Melbourne Symphony Orchestra
- Mercedes
- Moose Toys
- Tricia Mendes - Avon representative
- North Melbourne Football Club
- Office Works - Chadstone
- Palace Cinemas
- Phoenix Trading - Jen Lenten
- Play Days
- Puffing Billy Railway
- Pumpkin Patch Forest Hill
- Purebaby
- Rare Bears Eltham
- Recreation Health & Fitness Club
- Rolf's Pies
- Scienceworks Museum
- Shoes & Sox
- Susi Hair Ko
- Sweeties Nuts - Camberwell market
- The Grand Richmond
- The Reformed Body - Mont Albert North
- Tien Dhat
- Top Tale Books
- Travelrite - Balwyn
- Tricia Mendes - Avon Representative
- Verve Portraits
- Video Ezy Blackburn South
- Wallies Lollies
- Wattle Park Butcher
- Wattle Park Cakes
- Wattle Park Golf Course
- Wattle Park Newsagency
- Whitehorse Council
- Windmill
- Zilzie Wines
- Palace Cinemas
- Phoenix Trading
- Play Days
- Puffing Billy Railway
- Pumpkin Patch Forest Hill
- Purebaby
- Rare Bears Eltham
- Recreation Health & Fitness Club
- Rolf's Pies
- Rugs Galore - Blackburn
- Scienceworks Museum
- Shoes & Sox
- Susi Hair Ko
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- Windmill
- Zilzie Wines

