



Dates to remember

**KINDER MOVIE NIGHT—
FRIDAY OCTOBER 23RD
5:45PM**

END OF TERM 3 DATES:

**Kookaburra Group:
Wednesday September
19th**

**Rosella Group:
Friday September 21st**

**Cockatoo Group:
Thursday September 20th**

TRAFFIC SCHOOL:

**Kookaburra Group:
Tuesday October 23rd**

**Rosella Group:
Thursday October 25th**

**DRAMA TOOLBOX:
Cockatoo Group:
Thursday October 18th**

SKPS

NEWSLETTER

TERM 3

2018



Welcome to the South Kingsville Newsletter for term 3.

As the term and the year rolls on, the 4 year old groups are in their last weeks of Bush Kinder. It has been a fantastic first year of the program and the children have thoroughly enjoyed themselves, as well as the educators. Thanks to our parent volunteers each session that enable this program to go ahead and also to our dedicated team of educators who have worked very hard to implement the program and plan so that it runs so smoothly.

Our new deck is near completion, with just the sanding and oiling to be done. This new space, open up the garden to our kinder room and gives the children new space to play and sit, whilst the educators have full view of the children.

Thanks to the fantastic volunteer parents and staff that helped out at our recent working bee. The yard looks revived with most of the areas mulched, new sand in the sandpit and new pebbles and rocks in the dry river bed.

Our Fundraising guru Nancy and Committee have organised what will be a great night for the children—MOVIE NIGHT. This takes place on Friday August 31st at kinder from 5:45pm. Please return your slip and money as soon as possible. We wish everyone a happy rest of term 3 and hope our dads enjoy Fathers Day.

SKPS ENROLMENTS

**Enrolments for 3 year old kinder are open for 2020.
Enrolment forms are on our website.**

**4 year old placements for 2019 are being offered
through Hobsons Bay City Council. Please contact
the council for details.**

From the President



POLICIES REVIEWED BY COMMITTEE OF MANAGEMENT

2018

Inclusion & Equity Policy

Environmental Sustainability

Policy

Hygiene Policy

**Governance & Management of
the Service Policy**

Nutrition & Active Play Policy

Supervision of Children Policy

Water Safety Policy

**Dealing with Medical Conditions
Policy**

Child Safe Environment Policy

POLICIES CURRENTLY BEING

REVIEWED

Interactions with Children Policy

Fees Policy

Staff Performance Review Policy

Welcome to Term 3!

The BIG news is the deck has finally been started. We are just waiting for the contractors to sand and paint the new timbers. This is a very big deal as this project has been years in the making. I personally think it looks great. I can't wait to see how the educators and children use the space. This project has been funded by money raised from our fundraising events. With the new deck and the recent working bee the outdoor space is looking great. If you haven't seen it, pop your head out the back door and have a look.

Bush kinder is well underway and I think that it has been a great success. I have heard lots of positive feedback from children, parents and the educators. I know that it is the highlight of my daughter Mabel's week. This is the first year that South Kingsville preschool has run bush kinder. There was a lot of work that went into making this happen and it has been wonderful to see it be such a success. Thank you, Elissa and Dawn, for your vision and hard work to make this happen.

I would like to thank the committee, Sue (administrator) and Elissa for all their work in updating so many policies this year. It isn't always a fun job but a necessary one. Great effort.

Special thanks to Nancy our fundraising and events coordinator and the committee. Nancy has done a great job this year in organising some great events and amazing raffles with the support of the committee. Looking forward to seeing you all at the movie night.

Hobsons Bay City council have started notifying families of places for the 4-year-old Kinder for 2019. If you have not yet heard I would encourage you to call Hobsons Bay City Council.

We are a kinder that is run by a voluntary Committee of Management and each November we hold our AGM to elect the incoming committee. It is a great way to be involved in the kinder and gain an understanding of everything that is involved in running a kinder. If you are at all interested, please feel free to come and have a chat to me or one of the other committee members. I can be contacted by my email president@skps.edu.gov.au
Louisa

Kinder information

PLASTIC BAGS

Please note, as there are no more supermarket bags available we are unable to put the children's wet clothing in a plastic bag to send home.

QIP

The Quality Improvement Plan for SKPS 2017/2018 is now complete and on our website.

IMMUNISATION

If your child has had further immunisations during the year, please send a copy into kinder of the updated immunisation certificate, so we can update our records. Thank you.

CAR SAFETY

Please ensure you are always getting your children out of the car safely onto the kerb side NOT onto the road. See the link from Road Safety Victoria.

[http://
www.roadsafetymeducation.vic.gov.au/
parents-and-carers/of-passengers](http://www.roadsafetymeducation.vic.gov.au/parents-and-carers/of-passengers)

FACEBOOK

South Kingsville Pre School
Facebook page coming soon!

SOUTH KINGSVILLE COMMUNITY CENTRE—PLEASE VOTE

"Pick My Project is a community grants initiative, with \$30 million available to fund local projects. Come up with a project idea, vote for your favourites and make your community an even better place to live." (Pick my Project website, Vic State Gov.)

Our Community Centre has been added to the shortlist and they need your vote to support the proposed project of creating a visually stimulating area for the vision impaired. It's a fantastic initiative that requires your support, so please click on the link and vote. It only takes a few minutes to register and vote. Thanks for your support.

<https://pickmyproject.vic.gov.au/rounds/pick-my-project/ideas/stimulating-vision>

Kinder information

HEALTHY TOGETHER ACHIEVEMENT PROGRAM

We are participating in this program at kinder where the children will learn about:

- Healthy Eating and Oral Health
- Mental Health and Wellbeing
- Physical Activity
- Safe Environments
- Sun Protection
- Tobacco Control

The program is part of Healthy Together Victoria, a state wide initiative by the State Government to improve all Victorians health.

END OF KINDER SESSION...

After your child's kinder session please supervise your children around the roads and carparks. Please do not allow children to run down the hallway and exit at the far door of the Community Centre. This door leads to buses that enter and exit through this gate so it is dangerous for the children.

COUNCIL OFFERING DISCOUNT ON BINS/WORM FARMS

Get up to 80% off a worm farm, compost or bokashi bin from your council and turn your food scraps into rich soil and fertiliser.

Click on the link and enter your address to see what discount you receive.

<https://compostrevolution.com.au/>

Fundraising 2018

Bunnings BBQ

Our fundraising **BBQ at Bunnings** last term was a great success. Together we raised over \$1,300 for the kinder. A big *thank you* to all the volunteers on the day and those families who came along to buy sausages!

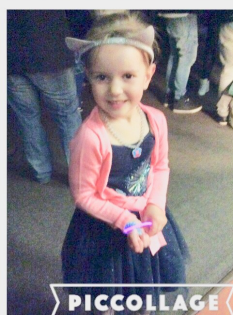
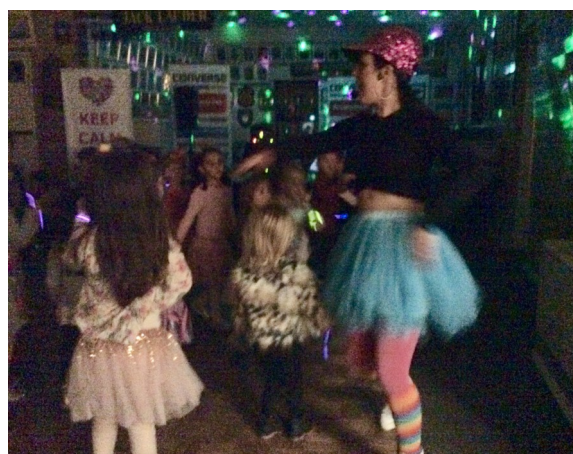
DISCO

Our **Kinder Disco** was held on last term at the Spotswood Cricket Club. The children were entertained by the fantastic Tania from 'Keep Calm the kids are with Tania' with dancing, singing, games and glow stick fun.

Thank you to all the families for joining us on the evening.



Kinder
disco!
What a
great
night!



Fundraising 2018

Upcoming events

Family Movie night and Father's Day Raffle

We have our **Family Movie Night** coming up on Friday 31 August. Each year the children love coming along in their PJs, eating pizza and popcorn with friends while enjoying a movie.

The TROLLS movie will begin at 6pm, looking forward to seeing all our kinder families on the evening.

The **Father's Day Raffle** will be drawn in this night and we have some great prizes up for grabs, so don't forget to return your raffle tickets. Thank you to the following businesses for their amazing donations – NIKE, Two Birds Brewery, Bunnings Altona, Dads Who Wine and Hudsons Road Beer and Wine Bar.

Committee Members wanted for 2019...!

Later in 2018 will have elections for our new incoming 2019 volunteer committee. Some of our current committee members, will vacate their positions early next year because their youngest child will start school in 2019. Therefore, we will have some very real and very important vacancies that will need to be filled for 2019 and beyond. Some current members will still remain on committee in 2019 so a handover of material is certainly available. Support is always available and the kinder committee is very much a team. If volunteering in some part on a committee such as ours is something that you would consider, please do think about how you might be able to play a part. Please email Louisa for more information at president@skps.vic.edu.au

THREE YEAR OLD GROUP

COCKATOOS

Lisa & Rachel

Term 3 has started off smoothly and the children have settled in very well. The Cockatoo children returned to kinder eager to get back into exploring the activities and catching up with their kinder friends.

This term the children have been very happy to take turns in acting out stories during mat time. We have read stories such as 'Caps for sale' and 'Goldilocks and the three bears'. During these plays the children take on roles and recite lines, they are demonstrating enthusiasm, persistence and commitment.

This term the children are developing their confidence by having the opportunity to stand in front of the class and communicate to their peers what their favourite song is and why.

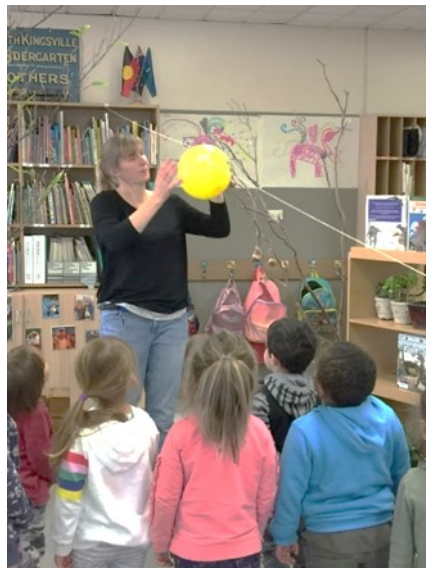


THREE YEAR OLD GROUPS

COCKATOOS

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This term we have celebrated Science week by conducting two science experiments. Rocket balloon was exciting experiment we performed together. We attached a balloon to a straw and thread the straw on a string. After blowing up the balloon we let it go and watched the balloon be propelled down the string. How does it work: Energy is created by the balloon forcing the air out, which then creates the motion or thrust that pushes the balloon forward.



The children had the opportunity to witness an imitation volcano and its eruption. The chemical reaction between the vinegar and the baking soda creates a gas called carbon dioxide. The gas gets very excited and tries to spread out and erupts out of the glass.



THREE YEAR OLD GROUPS

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Book week was also celebrated this term with a dress up day, all money going to help the farmers dealing with the devastation of the draught. This year's book week theme was titled 'Find your treasure' and the children enjoyed the treasure activity and show great commitment, enthusiasm and concentration when looking for treasure in the sand tubs.



Thank you to the children & families for a wonderful term 3 and we look forward to what term 4 may bring.

Lisa & Rachel

FOUR YEAR OLD GROUPS

KOOKABURRAS

Elissa, Dawn, Tina & Rachel

The children have taken charge of the learning occurring in the classroom over the past few months, bringing new ideas, sharing knowledge and developing projects of inquiry and investigation.

Bush Kinder has added another dimension to our program and as all the research suggests we have seen increased confidence, motivation and concentration, increased social, physical and language skills, deeper conceptual understandings and respect for the natural environment and increased social and imaginative play.

Making mud pies is good for your development...

Now you can feel even better about the time your child spends outdoors, as research links time spent in green spaces with positive impacts on education, health, development and well-being (go bush kinder!). For more details and interesting reads, please follow these links:

<http://theconversation.com/mud-pies-and-green-spaceswhy-children-do-better-when-they-can-get-outdoors-43151>

<https://aleteia.org/2017/10/18/why-nature-should-be-your-childrens-playground/>



FOUR YEAR OLD GROUPS

KOOKABURRAS

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We have also been practicing traffic and pedestrian safety as well as safety in public places when we walk around Newport Lakes and walk back to kinder. While these social and key life skills have played a large part in forming the educational program of the Kindergarten, we have also seen the children display a great interest in early literacy and numeracy experiences. Reading signs, looking at letter-boxes, looking at the maps and identifying the numbers around Newport Lakes Reserve.

FOUR YEAR OLD GROUPS

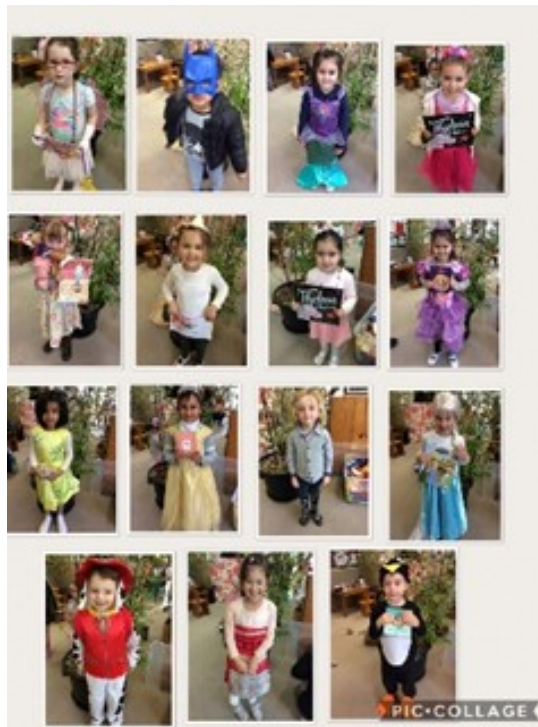
KOOKABURRAS

Elissa, Dawn, Tina & Rachel

Book week was amazing! A big thank you to all of you that have been involved. Here the children have brought in their favourite books and have dressed up as their favourite characters. The children shared their stories at group time. What an amazing opportunity for children to use their imagination through play but also for the children to further develop their language as they learn new words through these stories.

The children also had the opportunity to create their own story book. The children illustrated the pictures and with the help of the educators wrote their story. They did an amazing job and the stories were shared and displayed for all to see. This also provided a great opportunity to extend on language, use their imagination to create a story and to tell a story. All this, is early literacy skills.

In preparing the children for school next year, we aim to promote these experiences and create excitement about reading and writing as we begin to introduce them to these academic tasks. The children have been very excited that they are beginning to recognise their names as well as other words in their environments.



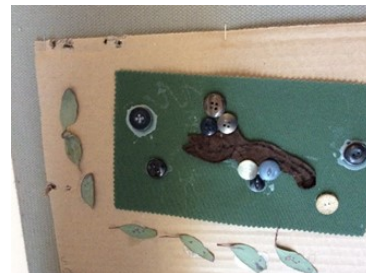
We thank you for all of your donations for our farmers. We spoke about drought with the children and how this has an impact on us. We are growing our own crop of "grass" where we will watch one flourish and the other die. This has embarked on great conversations, as we discussed water saving strategies, how this will affect the animals, farmer's crops and where we/supermarkets get our food from.

FOUR YEAR OLD GROUPS

KOOKABURRAS

Elissa, Dawn, Tina & Rachel

The children explored our indigenous culture, looking at all the different languages across Australia, read stories regarding the dream time, making manungs, and looking at bush tucker. We explored the bush tucker plants growing in our playground and we made damper and muffins using wattle seeds.



The camp fire was a great hit, with the children conducting a risk assessment and laying down the safety rules. The children thoroughly enjoyed cooking the marshmallows over the coals. Having this experience created discussions on why people have fires, for cooking, for keeping warm, for storytelling. We looked at good fires like these and fires that destroy properties, land, people, animals and homes. We have been watching the weather each day to ensure we have a “good” day for fire, with no wind or rain. We have been waiting very patiently for this day.

FOUR YEAR OLD GROUPS

KOOKABURRAS

Elissa, Dawn, Tina & Rachel



We look forward to
working alongside you on
our last term!

Elissa, Dawn, Tina &
Rachel



FOUR YEAR OLD GROUPS

ROSELLAS

Cathy, Dawn, Vicki & Robyn

Hi Everyone,

Wow, term 3 is here already!

Term 2 was a busy one but it was also a really fun term!

A huge thank you to Elissa, Dawn, our committee and everyone else that was involved in planning and creating our wonderful, new, outdoor deck. I know that this decking has been a long time in the making and it has certainly been a dream come true for the kindergarten staff. This amazing decking has added so much to our outdoor area. The children think the decking is our new stage and each session they put on a new performance of dancing and singing which is great to see.



ROSELLAS

Cathy, Dawn, Vicki & Robyn

Our Fridays at Bush Kinder have been so exciting. The Rosellas have enjoyed exploring our new designated area, building cubby houses, climbing trees, discovering bones and other interesting objects and working together to create amazing play spaces. On one occasion we met Ranger Clem from Hobsons Bay City Council who assisted us with planting trees at Newport Lakes. This was a really good way for the children to connect with our local community and environment



Another way that we have connected with our community is by walking down to the Yarn Shop in Vernon Street. Throughout our visit we learnt about wool; where it comes from, things we can make with wool and tools that we can use to create things with wool. The children really enjoyed our trip to the yarn shop.



ROSELLAS

Cathy, Dawn, Vicki & Robyn

Last term we had a visit from the Mozhdah Martial Arts Club. They showed the Rosellas some different Taekwondo moves, concentrating on their arms, hands, legs and feet. They learnt how to stand for '**attention**' (legs and arms together by your side and listening) as well as '**respect**' (legs and arms together by your side, head bowed and listening). The Rosellas really enjoyed the class; it was fun, exciting, new and challenging.



A couple of weeks ago we each created our own pizza from a range of ingredients such as ham, salami, cheese, pineapple, capsicum, mushrooms and olives. Once the pizzas were cooked we enjoyed eating them outside on the new deck.



ROSELLAS

Cathy, Dawn, Vicki & Robyn

Last term we had a visit from Zaine's Grandfather (Nonno Bob) who is a dentist. He spoke to the Rosellas about the importance of caring for their teeth and eating healthy food. It was lovely to have Nonno Bob at our kinder and Zaine was very proud to have his grandfather there.



Last week we made a safe fire inside our fire pit, which was situated in our kinder yard. We chose a day with the perfect weather, where it was not too windy. We have been preparing the children for this amazing experience for some time. Each Rosella understands the safety aspects of the fire and they know the importance of the fire circle. A HUGE thank you to Dawn for leading this amazing experience.



ROSELLAS

Cathy, Dawn, Vicki & Robyn



We will celebrate Book Week on Thursday 23rd August. We ask the children (if they wish) to dress up as a character, bring along their favourite book, together with a donation for drought-affected farmers. In the next couple of weeks we will be looking at drought and how this has affected our farmers. We will donate the money raised to this worthwhile cause.

We are excited about our Father's Day/Special Friend evening on Thursday 30th August. I know it will be a fun and happy evening for all.

HAPPY FATHERS DAY

Looking forward to an exciting term ahead,

Thanks,

Cathy, Dawn, Vicki and Robyn

Ready for school? “Play is the highest form of research”... Albert Einstein

Around this time of year a few parents begin to ask “When are we going to stop playing and start getting ready for school?” What they are really asking is when are we going to get the children to sit down and learn their alphabet and numbers, similar to the way many of us learnt when we were at school. The answer is that we are NOT. Whilst we understand the importance of children being well prepared for school and having the skills necessary to cope, kinder is not merely a dress rehearsal for school. Instead we would rather show children the uses of literacy in everyday life. Literacy is explored when we read stories and engage with the rhythm of speech, make signs to inform or warn others or when we write down children’s thoughts and ideas. Numeracy occurs when we measure how much rain we have had, count how many chairs we need for the children sitting at the table or work out what shape is best for the base of a block building.

We ensure that children understand that numeracy and literacy is entwined in everything we do, we highlight their uses and children actively engage, having a deeper understanding and a stronger foundation in which to continue to learn. Children understand letters and numbers, patterns and sequencing, shape and size through the use of the materials, the interactions they have with each other and the kindergarten environment. We stand by our kinder philosophy and strongly believe children learn through play. We will continue to offer a play based curriculum that focuses on learning dispositions and interest based experiences, sometimes child initiated and sometimes adult initiated.

Over the next term (amongst other things) we will be focusing on providing opportunities for children to not only increase their concentration skills but to also continue to learn the skills needed to work as part of a group. Group projects will provide opportunities for listening, compromising, knowing when to take a stand and knowing how to make a positive choice. All this will enable your child to embrace school (and life) with ease.

Elissa

Educational Leader