



TERM 2 NEWSLETTER 2019

WELCOME

A NOTE FROM OUR KINDER COMMITTEE PRESIDENT, MEAGHAN RYAN

Welcome back to Term 2! I hope you and your children have settled into Kinder again and are looking forward to the term ahead. A huge **thank you to our wonderful teachers** for our Mother's Day gifts and Super Mums days/nights at Kinder. I know we all love receiving gifts our kids have made at kinder and how special it was to spend time at kinder with them.

Movie Night: Thank you to those families who attended and showed their support for our Kinder. We had nine very lucky winners of our Mother's Day raffle who received huge prizes full of your wonderful donations. Thank you to the families who donated items for our raffle. We were able to raise \$959 through raffle ticket sales. Well done everyone!

Our **Open Day** was well attended by our future families looking at enrolling their little ones at our kinder in 2020. If you have friends or family members who are kinder age for 2020, don't forget to send them our way. Remember we are not zoned and children from Cardinia or Casey Councils are welcome.

The committee recently voted to keep running the **Kinder Readiness Program** at Woods street for those children who turn four between 1 January and 30 April and will be attending 4yo kindergarten the following year. This program is not government funded, however we as a committee feel it is important to offer programs such as this to ensure all our children thrive and achieve great things.

Lastly thank you to all our committee members and group reps for sharing our news and fundraising events. We are a community run kinder and rely on your support, so thank you.

UPCOMING EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES

FREE PARENTING SEMINAR

THE POWER OF POSITIVE PARENTING

Beaconsfield Kindergarten are proud to be hosting a free parenting seminar for our families on the Power of Positive Parenting.

This seminar will help you understand why your children behave the way they do and provide practical strategies to help make raising kids easier and more fun. Please register your interest on the sheets near the sign in books at each centre.

Date: Tuesday, 11 June 2019

Time: 7.30pm – 9.00pm

Venue: Beaconsfield Neighbourhood Centre

SAVE THE DATE – WEDNESDAY 31 JULY

Parenting and educator session featuring **Robyn Papworth**, development educator and exercise physiologist – *more details to come*

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Our next meeting committee meeting will be held on **Monday 17 June** at 7pm at our **O'Neil Road Campus**. Everyone is welcome.

KINDER READINESS PROGRAM

Do you know anyone with children who will be turning 4 years old between 1 January and 30 April 2020? If so, please spread the word about our Kinder Readiness Program.

This program:

- fills the 'gap' for children who may be too mature for a three-year-old program but aren't quite ready for four-year-old kinder (children who turn four between 1st January and 30th April).
- provides opportunities to develop social skills and engage with peers of a similar age in two 2.5-hour sessions per week.
- helps children to develop a sense of connectedness and belonging in a large group setting.
- is run by a Bachelor-qualified teacher and Diploma-qualified co-educator.

"Our March born child wasn't ready for 4-year-old kinder but seemed much older than the children attending the 3-year-old program. The Kinder Readiness program allowed him to learn with children his own age. He's now well placed to thrive when he goes to school rather than just keep up. We couldn't recommend this program more highly". – Carly Welburn



PROGRAM AND EDUCATOR UPDATES

WELCOME TO RENATA HULSE – DIAMOND GROUP

We are very pleased to welcome Renata Hulse (Mrs H) to our Beaconsfield Kinder community as the new permanent teacher for Diamond Group.

Renata started with Diamond Group on 20th May and is settling in well with the children.

A big thank you to Mrs Newman for her work with Diamond Group over the past five weeks and for providing the children with wonderful support during this transition period.



WRAP UP OF ANOTHER SUCCESSFUL OPEN DAY

On Saturday 11 May, we had our annual Open Day. We were very pleased with the turn out on the day, and have already picked up a few new enrolments.

Please keep talking about our programs to your family and friends. Remember, the kinder is not zoned so we can accept enrolments from Casey and Cardinia shire. We always aim to run at full capacity to ensure we can continue the great programs we offer our children and the community.

Enrolments for our 3yo and 4yo programs are done through Cardinia Council, and enrolments for our Kinder Readiness Program are done directly through our kinder.

A big thank you to all the educators, staff and parents who helped make our Open Day such a success.

BUSH KINDER – A FIRST FOR BEACONSFIELD KINDER

We are very excited to announce the first of our Bush Kinder sessions took place on 29th April. The children from our Emerald group absolutely loved it!

For those not familiar with the Bush Kinder program, this is where kinder education for children is held outdoors, allowing children to engage in a variety of activities in a natural setting not typically available in a traditional kinder setting.

As part of the Bush Kinder program, children visit various local locations including Wilson Botanic Park and Akoonah Park for one kinder session each week. Whatever the weather, children are encouraged to play, explore and learn in a bush or natural environment. Physical activity is encouraged, and the children and adults' benefit from using only what nature has provided.

At Beaconsfield Kindergarten, we want to give children a chance to spend quality time in nature with passionate teachers to encourage them to explore and learn. Learning in nature invigorates the senses, stimulates the imagination and nourishes wellbeing. By exploring nature, building cubby houses, climbing trees, splashing in puddles and playing games, the children are learning with their whole bodies.

A massive thank you and well done to Emerald Group's Jeanette Bartlett and team and Sapphire Group's Jolene O'Halloran and team for having the passion to make Bush Kinder a reality in 2019. We look forward to seeing how the program grows and develops in years to come.





REMINDERS

NO KINDER TUESDAY 28 MAY

A reminder that there will be no kinder sessions held on Tuesday 28 May, as our services will be closed for a staff professional development day.

HAPPY 'HEALTHY' BIRTHDAYS

Our centre is proudly part of the Achievement Program, which supports healthy lifestyles for all in our kinder community. As such, we ask that parents bring in "non-food" treats if you wish to share something special for your child's birthday.



CAR PARKS – O'NEIL ROAD AND WOODS STREET CENTRES

Both of our centres' car parks are very busy and we ask all parents to assist us in minimising safety risks for everyone by observing speed limits, and the one way traffic flow at O'Neil Rd.

Please closely supervise children at all times when in the car park, and encourage them to cross only at designated crossing points. Please remember that it is strictly prohibited to leave children in cars while picking up/dropping off.

Please do not use the disabled car parks out the front of kinder unless you are displaying a disabled pass. Also, at Woods St please refrain from parking in the reserved car parks as these are for staff parking. If you are staying for kinder duty please collect a parking permit from staff.

Thank you for your understanding and cooperation in making our kinder facilities safer for everyone.

DO YOU HAVE ANY BOOKS YOU NO LONGER NEED?

On behalf of 'St Kilda Mums' we are collecting pre-loved children's books to send to children in Fiji.

So, if you're in the mood for a clean out and want to lend a helping hand, please drop your spare books in the boxes in the foyer at either of our centres.



NUDE FOOD

We encourage families to send along "nude food", to reduce the amount of packaging that is being sent to kinder.



UNIFORMS STILL AVAILABLE

We still have a range of Beaconsfield Kinder branded uniforms available if anyone missed out or would like some additional items. Items available include: zip and no zip hoodies, windcheaters, t-shirts and hats.

If you are interested in purchasing any items, please complete a uniform order form from our website (please see link below):

<http://www.beaconsfieldkinder.com.au/index.php?page=t-shirt-order-form>

We will confirm if there are any issues with stock once orders are placed. Second hand uniforms are also in a box at both centres for a gold coin donation.

PIGEON HOLES

Please remember to check your pigeon holes regularly for mail, raffle tickets, forms and invoices. Pigeon holes are located in the foyer of each kinder.

DOORS AND GATES

Please be vigilant about closing the door/gate behind you and ensure that no door/gate is left open. Please do not let any child other than your own through the door/gates at any time.



FUNDRAISING

SO WHY ALL THIS FUNDRAISING?

Did you know our kinder is one of only a few Committee-run kindergartens in the Casey and Cardinia shire areas? This means that we don't receive any additional support from outside sources.

While government funding covers the basic costs of our 4yo programs, our Kinder Readiness and 3yo programs currently don't receive any funding. With this in mind, in addition to fees and grants, our kinder relies heavily on the support of families through fundraising to ensure we keep our kinder running as wonderfully as it does with great resources.

Fundraising not only helps with key items such as toys, books, games and play equipment, it also helps fund key facility upgrades such as landscaping works and ongoing maintenance.

So, with our kids in mind, we really appreciate your continued support and help in all our fundraising activities. Beaconsfield Kinder really is a community kinder, and we thank you for being such an essential part of that community.

FUNDRAISING - TOTAL YEAR-TO-DATE

Thank you all so much for your incredible support for our fundraising efforts year to date. We are so pleased that from our term one and term two fundraising activities we have raised \$3,916 which is a great step towards our overall goal of \$15,000 for the year.



TERM TWO FUNDRAISERS

Entertainment Books - Your children would have all been sent home with one of these books which you are able to purchase for \$70. These books are filled with deals, special offers and bargains from around our local area and throughout Melbourne. Funds from each book sold goes back to supporting the kinder.

There is the option of the hard copy book, or a digital app depending on what version you prefer. There is no obligation to purchase the book, in which case you can simply return the hard copy book to your room or reception area.

Pie Drive – Shortly you will receive an order form in your child's pigeon hole for a Pie Drive. *Griffin & Morris Village Butchers* in Berwick will be making family sized chicken & leek and chunky beef pies which families are able to order for \$25 each. These pies will make the perfect quick winter weeknight meal!

Orders need to be in by *Thursday 13 June*, and they will be delivered on Wednesday 26 and Thursday 27 June. Keep an eye out in your child's pigeon holes for the order forms.

Emerald Rotary Raffle - We will be selling raffle tickets for this next month. Tickets are \$2 each and all the money comes back to the kinder, and there are some amazing prizes up for grabs including:

- 1st Prize: Nissan Qashqai ST - \$33,970.00 - Drive Away
- 2nd Prize: \$1000 Westfield Gift Card
- 3rd Prize: \$500 Westfield Gift Card

UPCOMING FUNDRAISERS

Don't forget to save the date for some of the other activities we have planned for the rest of the year. More details to follow.

Trivia Night - Save the date – Saturday 3 August

Our Trivia Night will be taking place on Saturday 3 August at the Beaconsfield Neighbourhood Centre.

Parents Night Out - Save the date - Saturday 26 October

A fun night out for parents and friends to enjoy good food and good company.

Kids Disco – Save the date – Friday 6 December

This is our annual end of year dance where all our kinder kids are invited to come down for a boogie!



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ZUMBA NIGHT!

Thanks to everyone who attended our super fun Zumba Night in May. It was a great success. A special thank you to Carmen Charlton for hosting and helping us all get our Zumba moves on!

