

NEWSLETTER TERM 1

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WORKING BEE

We would like to give a BIG thank you to all the families that contributed to our first working bee for the year on Saturday the 24th February.

We had an amazing response to our Working Bee's held at both O'Neil Rd and Woods St.

It was fantastic to see kindergarten parents and staff working alongside each other for the ultimate benefit of the children.

Some of the tasks completed during the morning at O'Neil Rd included pressure washing the back wall and verandah area, set up of new greenhouse and garden beds, sanding of the outdoor blocks, trimming of trees and shrubs, weeding, washing of equipment, fertilising garden beds, raking the sandpit, installing hooks for storage indoors, sorting of craft supplies and more !

Whilst at Woods St jobs completed on the day included cleaning drains near gate and roller doors, cleaning of fans/ windows/doors/fly screens and building, trimming branches from trees and shrubs, trimming of hedges, weeding garden beds and synthetic grass, attaching soap dispenser in the lower bathroom, sanding/lacquer carpentry table and the attachment of allergy buddy bags to wall in bathroom as well as lots more cleaning and repair work..

As a Community Kindergarten run by a volunteer Committee of parents we rely on the support of families to help maintain our facilities and grounds. Our Working Bee was a great example of that can be achieved when we pull together ~ thanks again everyone !!



Hot Cross Bun Drive

Thank you so much to those of you who have already handed back your HOT CROSS BUN orders ! Families still have until Wednesday 21st March to place orders ! YUM !



Sun Smart

Please Remember to apply sunscreen on your child **before each session**. We would also like to remind you to ensure your child is wearing clothing with sleeves rather than shoestrings singlet straps and a hat.



Nude Food

We encourage Families to send along "Nude Food" to reduce the amount of packaging that is being sent to Kinder.



a reminder:

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.

PARKING AND TRAFFIC AROUND CENTRES

Drop off and pick up can be a hectic time at both Woods St and O'Neil Rd. To ensure the safety of all our families, can drivers please be mindful of 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 the designated crossing points. Also be reminded that parking in the disabled spaces without the appropriate permits is strictly prohibited.

Parents please be mindful when parking in Woods St. Adhere to parking signs and requests from retailers to avoid any disruption to local businesses. 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.



**SPEED
LIMIT**



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We are currently in talks with council to have a new speed limit sign erected at the O'Neil Rd carpark. Until this time please be advised that a safe speed to travel in the carpark with families around is 5km/h. Please be extra cautious when approaching the pedestrian crossing on a Wednesday when the Library truck is parked there obstructing the view.



Sign In Books

Please remember to sign your child in and out of each session. All details in the sign in book must be accurate. Please also sign yourself and your toddler into the Visitor's Book when staying to help at kinder. Parents are asked to wear a visitor's lanyard and keep their Working With Children Check with them whilst helping.


**KEEP
CALM**
AND GET YOUR
TICKETS

**PLEASE HELP
MAKE OUR
FIRST
FUNDRAISER
THIS YEAR A
SUCCESS**



FAMILY NIGHTS

Throughout February all families at kindergarten have been invited to a Family Night for their child's group held in the outdoor playground at kindergarten. Fortunately, fine weather prevailed and each evening went ahead as planned. Families were able to set up rugs and outdoor chairs on the grass area and enjoy a picnic dinner alongside one another. Educators from each group were also in attendance and enjoyed the opportunity to chat with families, including parents, siblings and grandparents. Family inclusive practise is integral to our service delivery and programming at Beaconsfield Kindergarten. Significant focus is given to supporting children and families feeling a sense of belonging to their specific group, and to the kindergarten community as a whole. Educators and Committee of Management look forward to sharing many more fun and rewarding experiences with children and families throughout the year.

**MOVIE
NIGHT**

**Come along and support Beaconsfield Kinder with our
Fundraiser Movie Night!**
Get a group of friends together and enjoy a night out.



When- Wednesday 21st Of March

Arrive at 6.30pm- Village Fountain Gate

Tickets \$30 each which includes a popcorn and drink

Lucky door prize and raffles on the night

Feature Movie - Game Night

Tickets can be purchased through the try booking link -

<https://www.trybooking.com/UGFW>

OR <https://www.trybooking.com/355728>

Tickets go on sale Monday 19th of Feb

Any enquires please contact Jacinta 0419 403 745



Harmony Day

Recognising and respecting diversity is embedded in our educational programs, practice and policies at Beaconsfield Kindergarten.

The curriculum frameworks which underpin our programming focus on the richness of our society, respect for diversity, learning about similarities and differences, interdependence and how we can all learn to live together. Wednesday, 21st March, is Harmony Day ~ a nationwide celebration of cultural diversity and respect for everyone who calls Australia home, from the traditional owners of the land to those who have come from many other countries around the world. The Teaching Teams at Beaconsfield Kindergarten view this as an opportunity to celebrate and appreciate the richness and diversity of culture within our local and wider communities, and to promote greater understanding of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander ways of knowing and being.

Beaconsfield Kindergarten is planning to collate a Community Cookbook and each family is invited to contribute a recipe which reflects their family traditions/cultural heritage. Please send your recipe to the contact email address provided for your group.

FlexiBuzz



Staff and Committee will be using an app called FlexiBuzz to communicate important information, events and reminders to families throughout the year. The FlexiBuzz app may also be used by staff to communicate important safety information such as weather alerts, if our phone systems are down, etc. we would like to request that everyone install the FlexiBuzz app on their smartphone/tablet as soon as possible to ensure that you are always able to access this important information.

INSTRUCTIONS

- ★ Download the FlexiBuzz app from your app store
- ★ Create a login
- ★ Search Beaconsfield Kindergarten
- ★ Click on your child's group
- ★ Click "add" on the group name and year
- ★ When prompted for the code, enter the name of the box (e.g. Sapphire2018). Capitals are needed.
- ★ Please also add the "Whole Kinder" box. The password for this is WholeKinder2018



PARENT HELP

Ongoing Parent help is needed at both kindergarten centres throughout the year. Please contact your child's teacher if you are able to help with mowing, duty roster, sewing, working bees, odd jobs, maintenance etc. Please speak with your child's teacher if you are able to help



SPREAD THE WORD

Beaconsfield Kindergarten will be holding an OPEN DAY on Saturday 12th May, 10am-12pm



FOLLOW US

Beaconsfield Kindergarten is on Facebook and Instagram. Please like and follow our pages.



PLACES STILL AVAILABLE

It's not too late to enrol for 2018 - we still have vacancies at both centres. Please contact our office or Cardinia Shire Council for more information.

After Kinder Occasional Care

The Beaconsfield Neighbourhood Centre has commenced their new After Kinder Occasional Care program. This service is designed for children requiring care after their kindergarten sessions at Beaconsfield Kindergarten, although it will also be available to other children over 3 years of age. This program is currently available on Tuesday afternoons and expressions of interest are being taken for Monday afternoons as well. Please speak to our staff at Beaconsfield Kindergarten or the Neighbourhood Centre if you are interested in accessing this service.



 Your donation is greatly appreciated

Recyclable Materials

We are always grateful for donations of materials for use in our kindergarten experiences. Examples of such supplies include paper and cardboard, computer paper, cardboard rolls from cling wrap/foil, fabrics and coloured wool. We are also able to use natural items such as gum nuts, pine cones, seed pods etc. Please note we are unable to accept any packaging from nut or egg products, or toilet paper rolls.

Orientation Program

We are very pleased to report that our children and families are settling happily and positively into our groups across both campuses and we have had a great start to our year.

Our Family Orientation sessions were very well attended and are an extremely important time for educators to spend with children and their families. During this time, educators were able to ensure all enrolment and immunisation requirements were finalised, gather specific information on all children, such as medical information, asthma and allergy management plans, risk minimisation plans as well as information related to learning and development. Parents were able to discuss any concerns they had about their child beginning kindergarten, such as separation and independence.

Families have expressed positive comments about the orientation program implemented over the first two weeks of term. They felt the gradual increase in time and group size allowed their child to get to know their peers and educators in a more relaxed and comfortable environment. The Children were able to learn important daily routines and procedures, such as meal time routines, how to use the playground



equipment safely, to feel comfortable using the bathroom independently, etc with plenty of support from staff.

We thank families for their cooperation during this time !



CHANGES TO REQUIREMENTS

From 28th February 2018, an immunisation History Statement from the Australian Immunisation Register will be the only documentation accepted by early childhood education and care services for the purpose of confirming a child's enrolment in their service.

Beaconsfield Kindergarten is run by a Committee of Management with the support of a centre manager, an Administration Officer and a fantastic team of educators. We are very proud of our kindergarten and aim to provide the very best education and care for your children. If you have any concerns about anything to do with kinder, please speak to your teacher, our Centre Manager Nicole Hanssen, or the committee representative for your child's group.