



Monbulk Pre-School Newsletter



We acknowledge and pay respects to the Wurundjeri people of the Kulin Nation, their Ngurungaeta- Murrundindi, their Elders as the Traditional Owners of the land on which the Pre-School stands

June 2019

Dear Parents,

Where did term 2 go! As always we wish everyone a happy, safe and relaxing holiday- last day 27th June. See you all back for term 3 on Monday 15th July.

Rachel, Jenny, Sue, Shelley, Veronica & Becky ☺

June Birthday's



HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO...

Leo
Jasper
Lila

Baby Congratulations

Congratulations to Gage and his family on the arrival of a baby sister "Freya".

Quality Area 7- Leadership & Service Management

2020 Enrolments

Enrolment applications for 2020 will be sent out at the beginning of term 3.

Please get them returned as soon as possible so we can plan groups and sessions early. If you don't think you are on our database please see Becky in the Office.

Lost Property

Our lost property basket in the foyer is full. Please have a sort through this to see if anything belongs to your child. The basket will be sorted at the end of the term and items donated to the School Op Shop.

End of Term Clean

End of term 2 is almost upon us, come along if you can spare ½ an hour to help clean some kinder items. See educators if you are able to help.

Research Project

Our centre is currently part of an exciting trial run by the Parenting Research Program. Each week staff focus on one topic to practice when engaging with families. For example, last week was "Tuning In", where we used specific strategies to give a parent our undivided attention (look for parent trying to catch your eye, stop, move closer, use open posture and make eye contact). In everyday practice these are things we all do naturally, but this can be very challenging to do in a busy kinder room!

See the noticeboard in foyer for this week's topic.

Quality Area 7- Leadership & Service Management

Principal/Licensee

Winter is well and truly here! I have had a chance to settle in to my role and learn more about our kinder children, staff and families. Staff have been working hard to clear out spaces, and we are able to update resources and clear out broken and incomplete toys and equipment. Due to the hard work of the educators and volunteers we are able to purchase new equipment and resources for the children to support their learning.

Monbulk Primary School is about to undergo a \$7 million dollar upgrade for a library and classrooms, and we are re-launching our Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden Program to ensure all students get a chance to garden, grow, cook and share food. A program the kinder children can also experience.

Estelle Alder

Quality Area 6- Collaborative Partnerships with Families & Communities

Dental Health Checks

EACH Community Health Service were thrilled that so many families took up the opportunity for the 4 year old group to have a quick dental check up.

We are also able to make paediatric referrals to EACH for low income families to get free or subsidised help with children's motor skills, sensory processing, speech, behaviour, social skills, play skills, attention, self care, home and family, eating, feet and learning (if not already with ECIS or NDIS). Please see an educator if you are interested.

Vitamin D

We are aware of the importance of vitamin D. Our policy here is that we have many opportunities to play outside, increasing exposure to winter sun. All children are encouraged to have time outside every day.

In Victoria, the average UV is below 3 between May until August, making it a great time to roll up your sleeves and get some winter sun. Most people need between two to three hours of midday winter sun exposure spread over a week, to the face, arms, hands (or equivalent area of skin) to help with their vitamin D levels.

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Dates for Your Diary:

Friday 30th June- Last day Term 2

Monday 17th July- First Day Term 3

Thursday 15th August- KINDER CLOSED

Sunday 13th October- Bunning's BBQ

Quality Area 2- Children's Health & Safety Illness & Absences

We are entering cold and flu season so please make sure you give the Pre-School a call letting us know if your child is away sick. Especially so if your child has an infectious illness that requires us to notify all families (information is kept confidential).

Families are reminded that exclusion is required for some childhood illnesses. For example children can only return to kinder 24 hours after vomiting or loose bowel has stopped. If you are not sure if your child can return to kinder after an illness you can call and speak to staff for advice.

A copy of "The Blue Book: Guidelines for the control of infectious diseases" is also available in the office. This contains a lot of information sheets that can be photocopied for you on request. We will also display relevant information in the foyer when required.

Immunisation Reminder

We are required to keep evidence showing your child is up to date with immunisations. If your child has had any vaccines since you gave us your child's Immunisation History Statement (ACIR) earlier in the year please provide us with an updated copy. If the statement we have on file is current and no vaccines have since become due, you do not need to give us another copy. You can get an updated statement from the Australian Immunisation Register via your MyGov account, the Medicare Express Plus App or by phoning the Australian Immunisation Register on 1800 653 809.

If you were using the VaxOnTime App please be aware it has been decommissioned and is now included in the Maternal and Child Health (MCH App) platform.

Shire Yarra Ranges Traffic/Transport Survey

The Shire is requesting community feedback around transport and traffic issues. Please click on the link below to identify the areas that you feel may require attention.

<https://yarrarangesits.crowdspot.com.au/page/welcome>

General Information

- Make sure your child has wet weather gear for outside (warm waterproof jackets and beanies). As always we request they also have a change of clothes in their bag as well.
- We encourage the children to be responsible for their own things. This takes a lot of encouragement and some things are still lost so please ensure you name all items- even undies!
- We are teaching all the children to cough and sneeze into their elbows rather than cover their mouth with their hands. This stops germs on their hands being easily transmitted around the room

Quality Area 6- Collaborative Partnerships with Families & Communities

FUNDRAISING

Co-ordinator

We require a volunteer to co-ordinate our fundraising for the rest of the year (especially our BBQ). If you are interested in this role please speak to Rachel.

Earn & Learn

Woolworths Earn & Learn ends on Tuesday 25th June. Please ensure you return any stickers or sheets by this date as we need to submit our forms before the end of the term. We have again had a fantastic community response so far, but please keep them coming if you still have some stickers (unfortunately most stores have run out of stickers as the response has been bigger than anticipated).

Bunning's BBQ

Just a reminder that our BBQ is booked for Sunday 13th October at Bayswater Bunning's. More information will be provided closer to the date.

Coin Race



Tubs for collecting 5 and 10 cent coins are at the locker area of each room. At the end of the year we will count the money and determine which group collected the most money for the Pre-School.



FLETCHERS 

WINTER FOOD DRIVE

"One can...make a difference"

Please join the team at Fletchers Yarra Ranges in our efforts to assist those in need this Winter by donating non-perishable food items.



Drop off locations:

- IGA Upwey, 62-64 Main Street, Upwey
- IGA Mt Dandenong, 1520 Mt Dandenong Tourist Road, Olinda
- Fletchers Yarra Ranges, 3716/69 Mt Dandenong Tourist Road, Olinda
- Fletchers Yarra Ranges, 1561 Burwood Highway, Taccama
- Any open for inspection held by a member of Fletchers Yarra Ranges
- Monbulk Care Network, 61-63 Main Road Monbulk

Or simply call us up to arrange for a collection from one of the team.

Collection Dates:
1st June 2019 - 30th June 2019

 

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QAI- Educational Program & Practice

3 Year Old Room

The children are becoming more interested in each other and are continuing to move out of their established friendship groups to play with others. Just as they experiment with different activities in kinder the experimentation and exploration extends and enters in social areas. Play sequences and roles change with the input of new friends. Ideas, language and emotions are continually being challenged- old long standing friendships are abandoned for the new (even if it's only for part of the session). This requires an understanding and depth of emotion that many children haven't experienced or had to deal with. The great joy of enjoying a new game with a new friend, of being accepted and successful runs parallel with being rejected and misunderstood in play. This is where we use the word "resilience"- can they cope, can they bounce back and continue to explore and challenge themselves when times get tough? Do they need support and play strategies to assist their learning in play? Social interactions at this stage in their journey are all encompassing. Veronica and I will often act out at mat time some of the social issues that we have noticed throughout the session. We also use song and stories to discuss and name our emotions and encourage conversation.

So when you ask the question "What did you do in kinder today?" they are sometimes unable to unpack the many lessons they learnt today- so keep it simple. Did you enjoy a story? Did you do a painting? Did you play with today?

Remember the program is always displayed on the wall near our door with songs and stories we are currently enjoying.



Helpers Needed

We have just received a delivery of some new furniture which needs to be assembled. If anyone is available to help us on Friday 21st June from 10am-12pm it would be greatly appreciated. Please see Rachel or call the office.

QAI- Educational Program & Practice

4 Year Old Room

As we draw towards the end of a term full of laughter and learning, children are very settled and display a strong sense of belonging at Pre-School. We have had many relievers in the past few weeks with educator absences, and they have all commented at how social, engaged and well behaved the children are. One reliever even said it was the best group she had seen for years!

Students

We would like to thank Madison who was a pre-service teacher on placement from Deakin University for the past 5 weeks. This week we have Alexandra from Monbulk College on work experience and next week Nadia from Mt Lilydale.

Madison, Alex and Nadia are all ex Monbulk Pre-School students.

Families

Thank you to Kerry (Ryden's Mum) for offering to help with cooking and baking during the year. We look forward to the learning and the eating! If you have **any** interests or skills that you would like to share (ie. music, dance, art, craft, magic, woodwork, electronics, animals, health, emergency services) the children are interested in EVERYTHING and would make a special visitor very welcome, even if just for an hour. Even if you have no talents at all, you are very welcome to join us at any time to play, read, watch, listen, clean or tidy. Just speak to an educator to organise a time convenient to you.

A notice has gone home separately about what we are doing in the last two weeks of term, and we have asked for a few parents to help us make and serve breakfast at kinder on pyjama day(s).

Families are taking turns to sweep the steps and outdoor entrance, as this is wet and slippery in Autumn and Winter.

They are also sharing the laundry, as we have many towels, cloths and smocks each week. Thank you all so much for this, we really appreciate your help.

Rachel has begun discussions with some families about the *possibility* of their child delaying starting school until 2021. Helen Spooner, Yarra Ranges Pre-School Field Officer, will be visiting in July to help with school readiness assessments and family discussions. If you would like to be included in these discussions, please see Rachel.

Also, if you missed out on an interview at the end of term 1 or were asked to check in again at the end of term 2, please see Rachel to make a time.

Educational Program

Our educational focus over the past few weeks has included how the body works, number and letter recognition, painting portraits, playing instruments with rhythm and volume, oral hygiene, fairness in turn taking and sharing, what houses are made of, where our food comes from, opposites, folding, putting on a show, throwing and catching, being and feeling safe, and being included or including someone in play.

For the last two weeks of term we will be learning about what a refugee is and how some people that live in Australia come here as refugees in order to feel safe. This promotes positive images of refugees and celebrates the valuable contribution refugees make to Australian society.

Children have a very strong interest in reptiles, so we have a lizard incursion planned, as well as some 'Masterchef' fun with kiwi fruit frozen pops and vegetable soup making, a pyjama day where children will make and eat their breakfast (including squeezing oranges), wash up their dishes and brush their teeth. We will celebrate our love of teddies and have storytime 'under the covers'.

Next term we plan to further develop children's musical abilities by focussing on tempo and pitch, and teaching about family diversity

Quality Area 6- Collaborative Partnerships with Families & Communities

Thank you to Willow's Mum Sam who was successful in securing a \$1,000 grant for us from the Bendigo Bank.



Photo Gallery



