



# Kinder News

## A message from your President, Kylie Osborne...

We've had another very big term. The 2011 GPK Trivia Night was a HUGE success. Thank you to all the families that participated in a very fun night and for the team that worked so hard to bring the event together.

The next big event on our calendar is going to be our Painting Bee! On September 24<sup>th</sup> (1<sup>st</sup> weekend of the school holidays) we need you all to bring along your paint brushes and rollers and help us spruce up the inside of our kinder. We are very fortunate to have received a generous donation from Dulux who will be supplying the paint so all we need now is the labour!

The Committee of Management have also had to do a lot of work on positioning our kinder as best we can for the massive changes set to take place for all kindergartens in 2013. Universal Access, as it is known, is an initiative by the Commonwealth Government with the aim that by 2013 every child will have access to a preschool program in the year prior to school and that the program will offer 15 hours to all 4yo program children. In order for GPK to offer 15 hours of kinder to our Seals & Jellyfish in 2013 a change had to be made to our 3yo program so as to squeeze the session times into the week.

The Committee of Management together with the teaching staff has made the decision that as of 2012 the 3 year old program will be run on a 'rotational model'. The benefits of implementing it in 2012 means that the transition to Universal Access will be more smooth and controlled and avoid as many changes happening at the one time.

Many other kindergartens run rotational models for their sessions so it is most definitely not a new initiative; however we appreciate that this is new to Greenwood Park and to our families. A letter has been sent out to all our 3yo enrollees explaining the change and asking them to select their group preference. More information is available later in the newsletter explaining what a rotational model is, how it works and the benefits to children and families.

If you have any questions or concerns about the changes please do not hesitate to contact myself, Emma Button (3yo enrolment officer) or our teaching staff.

## Upcoming Events at the Kinder

- **Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> & Sunday 25<sup>th</sup>  
of September**

### Painting Bee

As suggested in the last quality assurance survey, we are giving the kinder a fresh coat of paint. We need you to volunteer your time to make this happen. By spending at least two hours of your time on this working bee, you will not only contribute to improving the kinder, you will also be refunded your maintenance levy.

So bring your favourite paint brush, some drop sheets, and ladders if you have them.

The site will unfortunately not be child safe and therefore children will not be permitted to come.

- **Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> October**  
**Art Gallery Fundraising Event**

Time: 6.00pm to 7.30pm

Where: Maroondah Federation Estate

Entry fee: Gold coin donation

- **Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> November**  
**Final Working Bee**

Details to be announced in the October Newsletter.

- **Monday 14<sup>th</sup> November**  
**AGM**

Please consider contributing to the Kindergarten by volunteering to be in the Parent Committee in 2012.

Details to be announced in the October Newsletter

# Universal Access & Rotational 3yo kinder

In 2008 the Commonwealth Government signed a 'Universal Access' agreement with the aim that by 2013 every child will have access to a preschool program in the year prior to school and that the program will offer 15 hours to all children.

In order to offer a total of 30 contact hours (15 hours per group) to our Seals & Jellyfish the Committee of Management has decided on a Rotational Model for our 3yo program.

## What is a Rotational Model?:

The rotational model adopted by GPK for 2012 will involve 4 small three year old groups. These will be A Group, B Group, C Group & D Group. Only three groups are present during any one session, however over the course of the week the children will interact with their friends from all groups. Below are the session times for 2012.

| Monday | Tuesday                   | Wednesday                 | Thursday | Friday                   |
|--------|---------------------------|---------------------------|----------|--------------------------|
|        |                           |                           |          | A, C & D<br>8.30-11.30am |
|        | A, B & C<br>2.00 - 4.30pm | B, C & D<br>2.00 - 4.30pm |          |                          |

## Benefits:

The social benefits of the rotational model cannot be emphasized enough. The children meet and play with new friends and old friends each day. Rotational groups allow children to extend and enjoy friendships, with different social dynamics each session, and this can often help minimize dependency on other students (children staying with the same group or friends without branching out).

This model will also allow each individual family more flexibility and choice; it has been proven to have many benefits to both the children and the kindergarten program. This model gives all of the children more opportunities to meet children of similar interests and age and is supported by offering different hours depending on the needs of the children and the family.

As busy parents this model will also allow more choice to days and hours as your needs require, especially for those families with work commitments and older school children. Parents will have the choice of one of four groups which in 2012 will include a 5 hour program, a 5.5 hour program or an 8 hour program.



# Dolphins & Penguins News



Last week we had our Father's Nights at kindergarten. It was fantastic to see all the fathers and grandfathers. It was great for the father's to play and become involved in the activities the children do at kindergarten. Thank you to all who attended. We hope that all had a fantastic Father's day!!!!

Over the next few weeks I will be evaluating and developing the children's term 3 and term 4 goals. I have sent out notices to parents to ask for their input for the term 4 goals. It is important that parents contribute to this as they know and understand their child better than anyone else. Please ensure that you return this form to me ASAP.

The new roster for term 4 will soon be out. Remember it is vital that each family undertake two lots of parent helper duties. This is to ensure that the workload is spread evenly between all of the families. The children love it when their parents help out at kinder.

I have organised our term 4 excursion to Chesterfield Farm for the 28<sup>th</sup> October. This will include:

- Animal feeding (emus, goats, deer, horses and much more)
- Visiting and handling many of the farm's newest additions in the nursery.
- A ride in a fun tractor-drawn wagon.
- A visit to the pig stys.
- A Farm show, which is always a huge hit & may include sheepdog work, shearing demonstration, whip cracking, cow milking, cream separating and bottle feeding some lambs!

Each group will be accompanied by one of the farm staff for the duration of their visit, enabling the children to ask questions and receive guidance and assistance whenever necessary.

**Prices for Pre-School Excursion bookings are as follows:**

- Children ~ \$11.00 each – the kindergarten children have this fee paid for them by the kindergarten.
- Parents ~ \$11.00 each
- Toddlers ~ \$3.00 each

Parents will need to bring a snack and lunch. The excursion will start at 10.00am and finish at 1.30pm. More information to follow closer to the time.

In preparation for the art gallery on the 20<sup>th</sup> of October, we will be experimenting with different mediums and products over the next month. Each child will have one art piece to display. As we are encouraging children to explore and experiment with a variety of mediums each child will be producing their original piece of art. If you have any ideas or suggestions please speak to Theresa or Leesa. We are always aware that children should be allowed to express themselves creatively and thus the experiences will be open-ended and child directed.

Thank you  
Theresa and Leesa

Sun hats need to be worn each day at kindergarten. The children will have sunscreen applied at least 20 minutes before they go outside. On a Wednesdays we will be having a shorter indoor play time so the children can make the most of the sunny weather!!!



Happy Birthday to:

Rosie 13<sup>th</sup>  
Charlie 14<sup>th</sup>  
Oliver 16<sup>th</sup>  
Alicia 19<sup>th</sup>  
Daniel B 23<sup>rd</sup>  
Isaiah 25<sup>th</sup>



Upcoming Events

Special person's day 9<sup>th</sup>  
September  
Footy Day 23<sup>rd</sup> September  
Chesterfield Farm 28<sup>th</sup> October

It was great to see the all the parents at the trivia night supporting the kindergarten. Hopefully, you all had as much fun as I did!!!!



# Seals & Jellyfish News



## Transition: A positive start to school

Starting school is a major life transition for your child and your family. It's a time of change that can be both challenging and rewarding. To assist families in this important stage the Victorian Transition Learning and development statement has been developed to help share information between families, kindergartens and schools. The information in this statement:

- Summarises the strengths of your child's learning and development as they enter school
- Identifies their interests
- Indicates how your child's learning and development can be supported on a continued basis
- Helps Prep teachers get to know your child before they begin school and plan for a successful start to school

The Transition Learning and Development Statement has two parts, one for your family and one for the early childhood educator to fill out. You will receive these to contribute to early next term. In November, you will be provided with a full copy of the statement to approve before it is sent onto your child's school.

A BIG thank you to families who have helped with kinder duty lately- many of the activities we are currently doing require one on one supervision, so another person in the room is really appreciated. We also appreciate parents, family and friends who come along to our excursions and special events at kinder...it makes such a difference when you take an interest in the experiences your child is involved in. It was wonderful to have so many special visitors at our twilight kinder sessions. It was nice to meet and have a chat with the children's family members that can't always make it to kinder.

## Kindergarten Curriculum

The newsletter contains highlights of our program- if you'd like to know more, please have a look at our weekly program displayed on the notice board.

### We have been singing:

- One finger, one thumb, keep moving
- If you're happy and you know it
- Red, Black and Yellow
- Koorie Kids
- The Hairy One
- I am a fine musician
- Wobbly Archer
- I'm being swallowed by a tyrannosaurus
- That's how a dinosaur eats its lunch

### We have been talking about:

- Dinosaurs
- Bones and fossils
- What we love about our Dad's
- Shapes
- Different voices and using talking voices inside
- Numbers and patterns
- Musical concepts and different instruments
- Shadows and light
- Being Sun smart: (Slip, slop and wrap)

### Some stories we are reading:

- Orlando
- The Music Tree
- Harry and the bucketful of dinosaurs
- Ten in the bed
- 10 Little Rubber Ducks
- Guess what Dad?
- Kisses for Daddy
- Whose Stripes?
- Time for Bed, Isabel
- The Framer's Hat

### We have been practicing:

- Listening games
- Sewing
- Music concepts (loud and soft/ tempo fast/slow and keeping rhythm)
- Counting/measurement
- Shape recognition
- Listening skills in small group discussions.

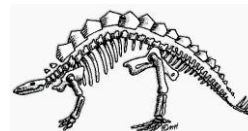
### Some of the children's favourite experiences:

- Visit from the Melbourne Museum. Susan brought along dinosaur bones and fossils and talked about how fossils are made.
- Making our own fossils
- Creating a paper Mache volcano
- Dancing with scarves and wraps to multicultural music.

- Cooking Fried rice and pasta at kinder for the Multicultural lunch days.
- Making our own musical instruments then playing them in our kinder band.
- Making a jar xylophone with water levels in jars to make different pitches.
- Making a music tree with pots and pans to experiment with sound, pitch and tempo
- Creating a concert hall outside with a block stage, mural and curtain where the children have been putting on performances. They have been making tickets and advertising their shows. The children have really enjoyed experimenting with the ribbon sticks and moving them to various genres of music.
- Telling stories about our Dad's after reading Dad stories.
- Coming to kinder at night time with a special visitor for twilight kinder
- Playing a one on one game with Naomi
- Playing "Hide and Seek" and "What's the time Mr Wolf" outside with Maureen.
- Making shadow drawings outside by tracing our shadows with chalk. The children experimented with different shapes they could make with their bodies.
- Making shadow puppets.

### Happy Birthday to...

Seals: Emma (5<sup>th</sup>),  
Ahiya (11<sup>th</sup>),  
Charlie (26<sup>th</sup>)  
Mia (30<sup>th</sup>)



# Kids Go For Your Life

## We are SunSmart!



### A note for families

A healthy balance of the sun's ultraviolet (UV) radiation exposure is important for health.

Too much UV can cause sunburn, skin and eye damage and skin cancer. Overexposure to UV during childhood and adolescence is a major factor in future skin cancer risk.

Too little UV from the sun can lead to low vitamin D levels. Vitamin D is necessary for the development and maintenance of healthy bones and muscles, and for general health.

Our service aims to achieve a healthy UV exposure balance for children and staff. We are a registered member of the Cancer Council Victoria's SunSmart program. Please help support our SunSmart membership by ensuring your child follows the SunSmart measures encouraged by educators.

From September to April (and when UV levels reach 3 and above), use these five SunSmart steps.

1. **Slip on a shirt** - dress your child in clothing that covers as much skin as possible (e.g. tops that cover the shoulders, chest and arms). Densely woven fabrics are best.
2. **Slop on SPF 30+ broad spectrum, water resistant sunscreen** - if your child has fair to olive skin, apply sunscreen at the start of the day and provide permission for sunscreen to be reapplied to your child before they go outdoors. From 3 years of age, please help your child apply their own sunscreen so they can start to learn independent skills. If your child has naturally very dark skin, they already have a high level of melanin and may not need to apply sunscreen. Please notify the service in writing if you prefer sunscreen not be applied.

3. **Slap on a hat** - one that protects the face, neck and ears such as a broad brimmed, legionnaire or bucket style hat. Baseball caps do not offer enough protection and are not recommended by SunSmart. Please help your child remember to bring and wear their approved hat.
4. **Seek shade** - choose shady spots for play whenever possible.
5. **Slide on some sunglasses** - if practical and approved by the service. Make sure they are labelled AS 1067 and cover as much of the eye area as possible.

From May to August average UV levels are below 3 so sun protection measures are not usually needed unless near highly reflective surfaces such as snow or outside for extended periods.

#### SunSmart UV Alert

The SunSmart UV Alert indicates daily weather forecasts including temperature, UV level and times sun protection is or isn't needed. SunSmart recommends using the UV Alert to help guide sun protection and vitamin D needs each day.



Further information contact SunSmart on  
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This information is based on current available evidence at the time of review. It can be photocopied for distribution.  
Latest update: September 2011



# Entering and Exiting Our Kinder Reminder & Changes

The safety of the children at our kinder is always in the forefront of our minds and for that reason we would like to remind parents of the procedure of entering and exiting our building.

## GATE CHANGE

Currently the procedure for both drop-off and pick-up is to enter the gate where the kinder bags are kept. Generally the teachers keep this gate open during the drop off and pick up process. As of Monday 12<sup>th</sup> September this gate will remain unlocked and CLOSED during pick-up and drop-off. The teachers will unlock the gate as usual however the gate will need to be opened by parents as you enter or exit. Please do not clip this door open without the permission of the teachers.

## FOYER DOOR / LEAVING WITH CHILDREN

Please remember that only the child/ren you are responsible for are permitted to exit the building with an accompanying parent/guardian. Under no circumstances are the children to leave without their guardian. If a child is near you as you exit the foyer door please ensure that the child stays inside the foyer until their guardian is ready to depart.

It is also essential that the Foyer Door is NEVER secured open unless otherwise permitted by the teachers. Opening this door is a safety risk to our children.

## PERIMETER GATE

As with the Foyer door please ensure that only the child/ren you are responsible for exit the perimeter gate as you enter or exit the kindergarten grounds.

## Policy Updates:

For your information the following Policies have been updated for 2011:

- Excursions Policy
- Asthma Policy
- Parents/ Guardians Access and Involvement

There are copies in the Policy folder located in the foyer. Please have a read when you get the chance.



## Wanted: Picture Frames

The Art Gallery fundraising event is fast approaching and the kinder is still in need of donated picture frames to frame our children's precious artwork.

Do you have frames that you no longer use, or perhaps are you able to purchase a frame to donate to this event? Some places you can go to buy frames cheaply are at op shops, frame warehouses, Reject shop, Reverse Art, or Recycle Rescue in Bayswater just to name a few .

We thank you for your generosity.



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# **GREENPAGES ADVERTISEMENTS**



## **Want to place an ad?**

You can place an ad in Kinder News for as little as \$10.

1. Place your payment in an envelope, marked "Greenpages advertisement".

Please also include on the front of the envelope:

- a. your business name
- b. contact name, and
- c. contact details

2. Place your envelope in the Fees box located at the foyer.

3. Once payment is received, your advertisement will be published in the next Newsletter.

**Note:** For more information or for details on providing artwork, please contact Marie on 0409 774 644 or email her at [m.mucha@bigpond.net.au](mailto:m.mucha@bigpond.net.au).

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Barclays healthy-eating breakfasts include ingredients such as gluten-free muesli, whole-grain breads, free range eggs, a range of low-fat milks and soy milk, and most menu items can be altered to suit specific dietary requirements.

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Taking a break for morning or afternoon tea helps us to slow down, reflect and stop the often hurried pace of our lives. Whether it's a simple cuppa between two friends or a light snack to tide you over, Barclays Cafe has just the right choice for you. You don't need a special reason, it's always good to break up the hurried pace of any day. We make our own special recipe sweet and savoury muffins and friands on site every morning and together with a wide range of biscuits and cakes that complement our FAIRTRADE coffee blends.

Barclays Cafe is an ideal location to complete a business meeting or just to take a break and meet with friends.

Barclays can cater for your business needs and you can choose from a range of sandwich platters, cake selections, or custom made orders, with glutenfree items also available.

#### LUNCH


At Barclays Cafe we offer you the chance to take it easy whilst we prepare your meal, with the added comfort of knowing you will always be getting high quality ingredients that taste great.

Lunch at Barclays Cafe could be a freshly made sandwich, filled with all your favourite salads. It could be an item from our vegetarian menu for those who love nothing more than crisp, fresh food. Or alternatively your taste buds might lead you towards a steak sandwich grilled to perfection. Or if you simply can't decide, then why not look at our ever-changing specials board for inspiration?

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