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Memorial Kindergarten Inc.

DSCMK Newsletter



December Edition

President's Report

Term 4 has been another busy term at Kinder! This term we are celebrating Sharyn Nash for her outstanding 20 years of service at DSCMK, nurturing the children in our community. I am excited to announce that Kinder was the recipient of a Bendigo Bank Community Grant that will support the redevelopment of our sensory garden space at kinder where you will find our commemorative bricks honouring Sharyn's time at Kinder. Thank you to everyone who turned out at our most recent working bee to lay the foundations for this project.

As the year draws to a close, I would like to wish everyone a very safe and happy holiday. I would also like to wish all of our families finishing their kindergarten chapter with us this year all of the very best in your next stage of your schooling journey. For our families returning in 2026 we cannot wait to see you again in the new year!

Kylie Walsh



2025 AGM and 2026 DSCMK Committee

On Monday 17 November, we hosted our 2025 AGM at Kinder, where we were fortunate to hear from guest speaker, Mun Lee an experienced Speech Pathologist. Thank you to everyone who attended on the night and to all who volunteered to be a member of the DSCMK Committee of Management for 2026.

We are still on the look-out for for passionate individuals to join the Committee as President and Vice President in 2026!

Both roles are vital to the operation of our kindergarten and we rely on the willingness of parent volunteers to ensure that our kindergarten program, staff and community continue to thrive. Interested? We'd love to hear from you!

This is an exciting opportunity to help shape our kinder and make a real impact.

From the 4's

Term 4 is always busy with school transitions and children preparing for the next step to school. I have enjoyed writing transition statements and reflecting on how far the children have come this year. We are sending 27 very happy, confident and capable children off to school next year!

This term was exciting with a visit to Myuna farm, where we went on a tractor ride, got to pat lots of farm animals, milk a goat and feed baby animals!



We had the Living Safely with Dogs educational visit and the children learnt skills on how to approach dogs safely. We learnt very catchy tunes and got to pat a beautiful Labrador dog.

We also had our annual visit from Wild Action with Australian animals. The children were able to hold an animal, pat many animals and learn lots of fun facts about our native creatures including a sugar glider, a crocodile and a joey! This is definitely a highlight for both children and teachers!

We have our final excursion this year in December, to the Royal Botanic Gardens to visit the Ian Potter children's garden. It is an amazing way to celebrate the end of the year together.

Thank you to our wonderful children and families for making this year such a fun and enjoyable one!

Nina McArdle



From the 3's

Our 3-year-old Lorikeets have had a wonderful and active Term 4!

Each Friday, Little Sports Heroes joined us to run an energetic sports program, where the children built skills across a range of sports including basketball, rugby and cricket. The children have loved practicing new movements and gaining confidence in their physical abilities.



We were also lucky to welcome Joy (Anya's Grandma) for three engaging music sessions. Joy introduced us to musical concepts such as *lento* and *presto*, and the children explored how their bodies can move to different tempos and styles of music.

This term we launched our Handy Helper program, giving each child the chance to take on a special leadership role. The children have shown great pride in helping our kinder community and learning about responsibility.

For Children's Week, the Lorikeets shared their voices by choosing special cooking experiences. Together, we prepared and enjoyed delicious fruit salad and jelly!

We can't believe the year is nearly over. We are excited for our End of Year celebration, where the children will share some of their favourite songs and dances with their loved ones.

Thank you to all our wonderful Lorikeets families for your support throughout the year.

Sara Nasser

Reminders

Kookaburra EOY Celebration

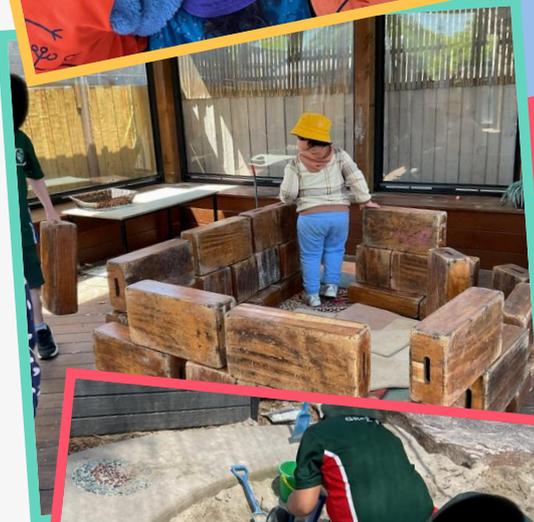
Please join us on Tuesday 9 December from 5:30pm - 6:30pm for the 4YO Graduation, End of Year Concert and Christmas Celebration. Children to arrive at 5:20pm.

Lorikeet EOY Celebration

We invite all 3YO families to come along for some singing and dancing to mark the end of our year together on Friday 12 December from 12:30pm - 1:30pm.

Kinder EOY Closure

Please note that the final day for the 4YO group is Tuesday 16 December and the final day for the 3YO group is Wednesday 17 December. Kinder will be closed to children after this date. We wish all children transitioning to school all the best for 2026 and we look forward to welcoming our new and returning families back at kinder next year!



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Community & Grants

A huge thank you to our wonderful community partners for their ongoing support of our kinder. In particular, we would like to thank Councillor Ben Stennett and the Mitcham Bowls Club for their assistance at our recent Working Bee where we started prepping the yard for the installation of a new sensory garden and commemorative bricks.

We would also like to thank Michael Gurry and Loci Real Estate for their continued sponsorship of our promotional boards.

We are excited to share that we received a Whitehorse City Council Small Equipment Grant for \$500. We used this funding to purchase new easels for our children.





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PURCHASE ON THE NIGHT.

AT KINDER



FRIDAY

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5 - 6:30PM



DECEMBER

IN RECOGNITION OF OUR COMMUNITY
PARTNERSHIP AND THEIR ONGOING SUPPORT, WE
WILL CONTINUE OUR EOY CELEBRATIONS WITH
BAREFOOT BOWLS AT MITCHAM BOWLS CLUB
(ACROSS THE ROAD) FROM 6:30PM.

