



Dr Stanley Cochrane  
Memorial Kindergarten Inc.

# DSCMK Newsletter



March Edition

## President's Report

Hello Families,

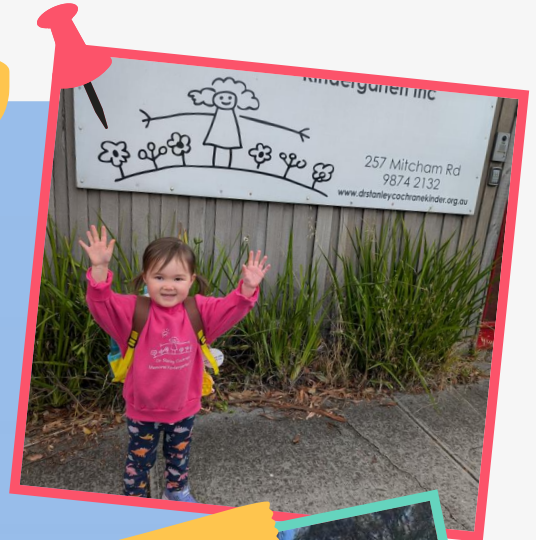
I'm Scott, the new President of the Committee of Management for Dr Stanley Cochrane Memorial Kindergarten. Welcome to 2026!

I would like to start by thanking the previous committee for their hard work during their tenure here at the kindergarten. I would also like to welcome the new 2026 Committee into their roles, as well as those familiar faces returning to the committee.

Later in this newsletter you will see our vacancy flyer and your children will also be coming home with this. We currently have vacancies in our 3YO session and its vital for our kinder to hit full enrolments to sustain our funding and operating model. Please help to spread the word by passing on to friends and family in the local area - and we would also love your support in asking any local business to display and help promote our kindergarten in the community.

I look forward to seeing everyone at our first community get together at Kinder this coming Sunday 22 March from 3pm.

Scott Shrimpton



## Key Dates

- **Kinder Photo Week** - Tuesday 28 April (4YO) and Wednesday 29 April (3YO)
- **Mother's Day Celebrations:**
  - 4YO's will be hosting a celebration on Tuesday 5 May, time TBC
  - 3YO's will have Mother's Day 'come and play' event on Friday 8 May, 12:30-1:30pm
- **Working Bee** - Sunday 24 May, 10am - 11am - come and help spruce up the yard before Open Day!
- **DSCMK Open Day** - Saturday 30 May, 11am - 1pm - please spread the word to prospective families! Flyers and additional promotion will commence soon.

## From the 4's

Our kindergarten children have had a wonderful time recently exploring creativity, cooperation, and curiosity.

A big highlight has been the fairy garden space. The children loved talking about their ideas, designing the area, and helping to create it together. It has been lovely to see the many different ways they engage with the space during play. We also decorated and painted special rocks for the garden. Next week we will add them to the area after applying a clear protective coating.



Board games have been popular in the classroom, giving children great opportunities to practice sharing, taking turns, and encouraging one another.

Another exciting moment was a visit from the museum, where the children explored real dinosaur bones and fossils. Their enthusiasm was incredible! We have continued this interest by making our own fossils using salt dough. The children impress us every year with their amazing knowledge of dinosaurs.

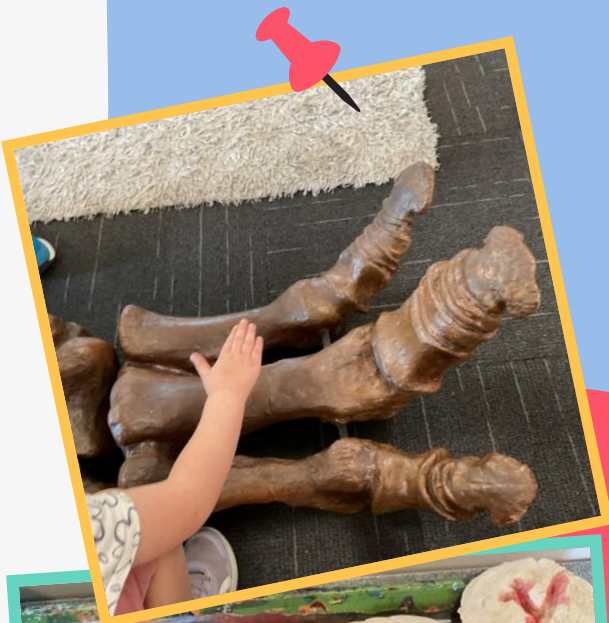
We are also celebrating Harmony Day. Farideh has been teaching us about Persian New Year, and the children will be making sushi together.

Children are invited to dress in cultural clothing or wear orange to celebrate the diversity and inclusion in our community this coming Monday. 🌍 🇮🇷

To finish off the term, we will be celebrating Easter and sharing some wonderful art activities together.

Next term, we have the Dentist and Living Safely with Dogs visiting the 4 year old group.

**Nina McArdle**



## From the 3's

Our 3-year-old Lorikeets have had a wonderful start to the year in Term 1! It has been so lovely to see everyone settling into kinder, building confidence in the daily routine and getting to know one another. We are beginning to see some beautiful friendships and connections forming within the group.



We were excited to welcome Candice from Whitehorse Libraries for a special storytime session, which the children thoroughly enjoyed. We also had a visit from Jenny from Music with Jenny, who led a fun-filled and engaging music session, encouraging the children to move, listen and explore rhythm together.

During Harmony Week, we celebrated all the things that make our kindergarten community diverse and unique. The children enjoyed sharing in conversations about family, culture and belonging, and we even made pizzas together as a group, which was a highlight for many!

We can't believe how quickly Term 1 has flown by. We are so proud of how well the children have settled and are looking forward to all the learning and fun that Term 2 will bring.

Thank you to our wonderful Lorikeets families for your ongoing support.

**Sara Nasser**

## Reminders

Please check your child's locker shelf for information. If you are not aware staff, committee, and the social and fundraising team often leave information for families on your child's locker shelf. We also put artwork here for you to take home. Please make sure you check these daily for updates, and upcoming events and information.

### Follow Us!

Social media is a key channel for us to communicate updates and promote our wonderful kinder. If you haven't already, then please like and follow our pages to help build our engagement and stay up-to-date with kinder events, fundraising activities and learning updates from our Educators! So tell your friends, family, neighbours and help us to increase our following within the local community.

Facebook: DSCMK  
Instagram: @drstanleykinder





# WELCOME TO KINDER!

Join us for a 2026 DSCMK get  
together and meet your  
kinder community!



Sunday 22 March | 3 - 5pm

At Kinder

BYO picnic - drinks & icy poles available to purchase

# NEW TIMETABLE IN 2026!

**3YO & 4YO**

**SPOTS AVAILABLE!**

**Book a tour and enrol today.**

**P: 9874 2132**

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# Kinder Photo Day!

## Dr. Stanley Cochrane

Tuesday 28 April (4YO)  
& Wednesday 29 April (3YO)

Hi, I'm Sarah I'm a Melbourne-based family and kindergarten photographer specialising in play-based, natural photos that capture the real magic of childhood, curiosity, connection, and joy.





### What makes Photo Day different?

- Candid, play-based photography (no forced smiles)
- Natural light photography — no flash Relaxed,
- child-led approach Flexible print and digital
- packages available Simple, hassle-free ordering for
- families No upfront cost
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I'm looking forward to photographing your child and capturing beautiful, genuine moments from their kindergarten days.

For more information, including pricing, please see QR code.

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In one fun-filled day, kids will learn and play footy in a safe, inclusive environment. They'll pick up new skills, play mini-games and get creative with designing a footy or uniform. Plus have a footy goodie bag to take home.



4-7 YEAR OLDS\*

Our youngest players learn footy through fun, age-appropriate games that build skills, confidence and teamwork, led by NAB AFL Auskick coaches.



7-12 YEAR OLDS

Older kids level up their footy skills through modified game play and challenging activities that build teamwork, leadership and lasting memories in a fun, energetic day.

*\*Kids can join NAB AFL Auskick if they are turning 5 in the calendar year (before 30th June in WA).*

# WHITEHORSE ALL GIRLS HOLIDAY PROGRAM

THURSDAY APRIL 16TH | 9AM-3PM

WALKER PARK

\$35 TO REGISTER Apply discount code 0FDAF316 for \$20 off

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