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DSCMK Newsletter

June Edition

President's Report

Hi Families,

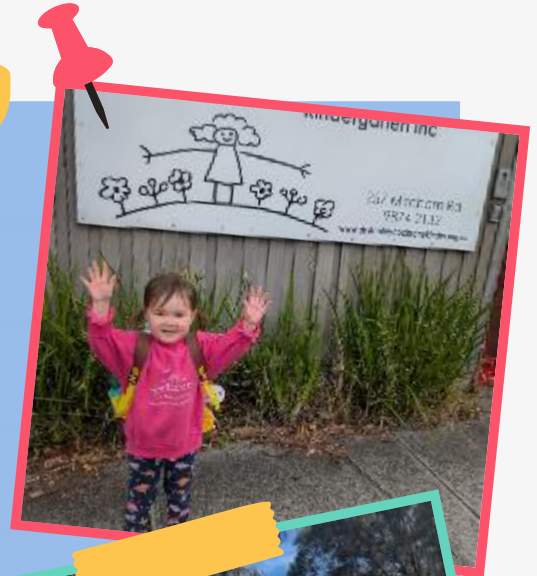
We have had such a busy Term 2 and it's hard to believe that school holidays are fast approaching!

A big highlight for this term is our Open Day! We were lucky with the weather and had our highest turnout of prospective families. Our DSCMK community spirit was high and we're hopeful that this will translate into more enrolments next year. A huge thank you to the parents who rolled up their sleeves at the May Working Bee to get our gardens looking beautiful and ready for Open Day.

We have also received some incredible donations and grants this term. A special shout-out to Mitcham Bowling Club for their incredibly generous donation through the Mitcham Lager Fundraising Program - it's great to see institutions of local communities helping one another out. We also received a Rotary Club of Box Hill grant for our Sensory Garden and we are looking forward to the yard transformation getting underway later in the year.

Finally, don't forget - our Kinder Movie Night is coming up this Saturday 13 June! I'm looking forward to seeing our families there!

Scott Shrimpton



Volunteering at Kinder

Thank you to everyone who came along, and/or helped out with our Open Day this year. We had a wonderful turnout and were able to meet some lovely future kinder families. We love showing the broader community what our kinder has to offer!

Like most community run kindergartens, we rely heavily on parent volunteers to operate. Whether it be volunteering your time for parent helper, laundry duty or attending working bees - your contribution is always valuable. Look out for notices at kinder, in this newsletter, or via Story Park/email to keep up-to-date with these opportunities during the year.

Volunteering at Kinder is also a great way to build community by getting to know other families and the teaching staff too.



From the 4's

This term we were happy to welcome our mums and other special people to kindergarten to celebrate "Mothers Day". It was a wonderful opportunity for children to share their kindergarten experiences, participate in special activities together, and create special memories.

One of the highlights of the term has been the transformation of our fairy garden. The children have taken great pride in designing, reinventing, and caring for this special space. They have planted flowers, built fences, painted rocks, and added decorations to create an imaginative and inviting environment for play.



We had a special visit to the prep classrooms at Mitcham Primary School. Children listened to a story with the teachers, participated in a craft activity alongside current prep students, and explored the school grounds during a treasure hunt. These experiences support children to build confidence and familiarity with a school environment, helping to ease the transition.

The Living Safely with Dogs program taught children important skills for interacting safely and respectfully with dogs in our community. We also enjoyed a visit from the dentist, where children learned about caring for their teeth and maintaining healthy eating habits.

Alongside these special events, children have continued to engage in everyday learning experiences. They have explored emergency services through play and discussions, challenged themselves with increasingly complex puzzles, developed stronger friendships and social skills, and expressed their creativity through a wide variety of art and craft experiences. Thank you for your ongoing support throughout Term 2. We wish all families a safe and enjoyable break and look forward to another exciting term ahead.

Nina McArdle



From the 3's

What a wonderful and busy term it has been for our Lorikeets!

One of the highlights of the term was our 3-year-old children's first community walk to Halliday Park. The children eagerly prepared for the adventure and demonstrated excellent road safety skills along the way.

At the park, they explored the natural environment, noticed the many changes the autumn season had brought and engaged in many conversations about what they seen. It was lovely to see the children building confidence, independence, and a strong sense of belonging within our local community.



Another exciting event was the visit from Police Officer Verity. In the lead-up to her visit, the children showed a keen interest in emergency services through role play, discussions, books, and creative experiences in our home corner. Officer Verity answered lots of thoughtful questions and helped the children learn more about the important role police officers play in keeping our community safe. The children were fascinated by her uniform and equipment and loved having the opportunity to meet a real police officer. We were then lucky enough to head into our playground and explore Office Verity's police car, the siren's were so loud!

We were also lucky enough to welcome all our special mums and mother figures to kinder for our special Mother's Day stay and play session. The children loved showing their loved ones all the amazing things they enjoy doing at kinder. Looking forward, we will continue our regular community walks to Halliday Park throughout the remainder of the term and have The Drama Toolbox visit for a Mini beast themed drama incursion in late June.

Thank you to all our families for your ongoing support. We look forward to another exciting term of learning and discovery together!

Sara Nasser

Reminders

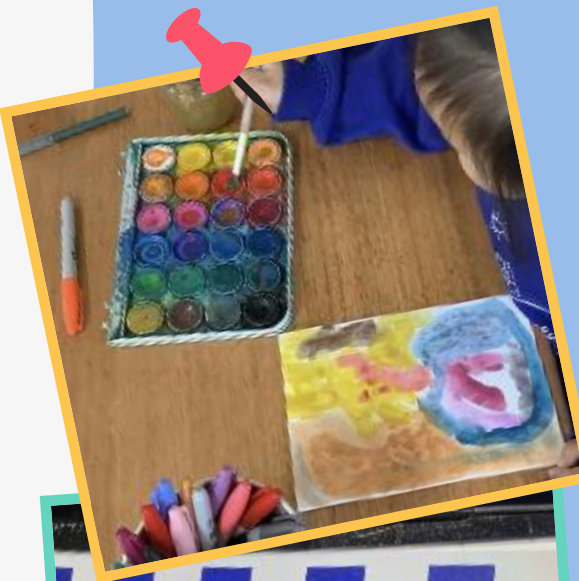
Keeping sick kids home

A reminder to every family to please be very mindful of any cold / flu symptoms in your children. If your child is unwell, please keep them at home. This is important to protect other children and our educators, too.

Our educators will remain vigilant with this throughout winter, and will not hesitate to contact families and ask for children to be collected if they are unwell or exhibiting any cold / flu symptoms.

Booking 3.5 year Maternal Child Health appointments

When your child turns three-and-a-half, it's time for their final Maternal and Child Health (MCH) appointment. At this visit, your child's growth, health and development will be reviewed. They will be given a vision screening to check their clarity of vision, using the Melbourne Initial Screening Test (MIST). If you haven't taken your child for their 3.5 year visit yet, you can book in by calling the Whitehorse Council's MCH Service on 9837 1116.





Dr Stanley Cochrane's **KINDER MOVIE NIGHT**

★ SATURDAY 13TH JUNE ★

5-7PM

FEATURING:

We're Going on a Bear Hunt

Lost and Found
by Oliver Jeffers

★ **TICKETS** ★

FAMILY WITH
ONE CHILD

\$20

FAMILY WITH
MORE THAN
ONE CHILD

\$30

**TICKETS INCLUDE
MOVIE AND
PIZZA FOR DINNER!**

**POPCORN WILL BE
AVAILABLE ON THE NIGHT
AT AN ADDITIONAL COST**

BUY TICKETS HERE!

SAVE THE DATE!!

The annual DSCMK Trivia Night is on xx xx. This is a great opportunity to have fun, meet other families, and help raise important funds for our lovely kindergarten. If you have anything to donate for our auction, please reach out to a Committee Member. All donations welcome! More info to come early next term.

Social & Fundraising

The Social & Fundraising Committee have lots of exciting events coming up in the second half of the year!

We're looking forward to welcoming families to our Kinder Movie Night at DSCMK this Saturday 13 June from 5-7pm! Children are invited to come dressed in their PJs! Bring cushions, pillows, and blankets. Please see event details above and get in quick to buy your tickets (if you haven't already!).

The children will be coming home next week with information about our Picture Plate Fundraiser. This is a great fundraiser where you can order a plate with your child's drawing on them. We look forward to seeing the amazing creations and raising some money for kinder!

Finally, DSCMK has been lucky to secure a date for a Bunnings Fundraising BBQ on Sunday 16 August (Nunawading Bunnings). We will be reaching out for volunteers to help cook the BBQ next term, so please pencil this date in your diaries!