



Dr Stanley Cochrane  
Memorial Kindergarten Inc.

# DSCMK Newsletter

September Edition

## President's Report

Hi Families,

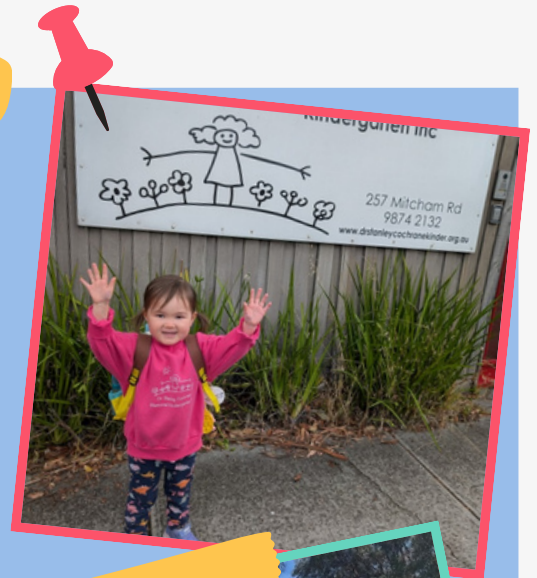
What a fantastic Term 3 we have had filled with many enriching activities for the children and community events for our parents and families!

A huge thank you to the Social & Fundraising Committee, our generous partners, the Mitcham Bowling Club, and Jof (our wonderful host) for making our annual Trivia Night such a success. It was a brilliant evening and we can't wait to do it again next year!

As we head into the school holidays, we're excited to let everyone know that work on our Kinder Sensory Garden will be commencing, with our new brick path being laid. We look forward to getting this ready for the children to play in this space and welcome everybody to join us at our next Working Bee on October 10 to help lend a hand.

Please also join us for a Kinder Social Night at Grill'd Tunstall Square in the second week of the holidays (Tuesday 29 September). Help us to win \$300 through their Local Matters program by filling our jar with bottle caps - and enjoy a great night out with fellow kinder families. Wishing everyone a wonderful break!

**Scott Shrimpton**



## 2027 DSCMK Committee

We're on the look-out for passionate individuals to join the DSCMK Committee in 2027! This is an exciting opportunity to help shape our kinder and make a real impact.

As a committee member, you'll:

- Help guide DSCMK's strategic direction
- Contribute to our kinder's growth

Interested? We'd love to hear from you! Over the coming weeks, we will share more about the roles available.

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

What a wonderful Term 3 we have shared together!

The children have been busy exploring, creating, experimenting and learning through their interests and play. We enjoyed a special Father's Day celebration, welcoming Dads and special people into kindergarten for a morning of fun, play and connection. Our Book Week dress-up day was another highlight, with the children proudly dressing as their favourite book characters and sharing their love of stories and imagination.

Our visit to Halliday Park provided wonderful opportunities to explore nature, observe seasonal changes and develop a growing appreciation for our local environment. Back at kinder, the children have shown a particular interest in bird watching and observing, listening carefully and wondering about the different birds they see around us.



Creative craft experiences have continued to be popular, with children using a variety of materials to express their ideas and create their own designs. The big rain also brought lots of excitement, with giant puddles providing endless opportunities for water and mud play, including pouring, mixing, filling and experimenting. Our Bunnings-inspired home corner has encouraged lots of imaginative and collaborative play, with children building, designing and working together. Making soup was another wonderful shared experience, especially as we were able to use vegetables grown in our own kindergarten garden. The children enjoyed washing, cutting, grating and tasting the vegetables and noticing how they changed as they cooked.

Show and Tell has also been a real favourite this term. It has been wonderful to see the children becoming more confident sharing their experiences, ideas and special items with the group, while also developing their listening and communication skills. We are so proud of the children's growing confidence, curiosity, creativity, independence and sense of belonging throughout Term 3.

We are looking forward to welcoming Sharyn back from long service leave next term and enjoying all the great things Term 4 has to offer!

**Nina , Sharyn, Kellie, Priya, and Grace**



## From the 3's

What a wonderful Term 3 it has been in the Lorikeets!

We have enjoyed a term full of creativity, connection, celebrations and exciting opportunities for the children to learn, explore and grow together.

A very special highlight was our Father's Day Stay & Play celebration. The children enthusiastically shared their ideas about what they would like to create for their dads and special people before getting busy making their thoughtful gifts. It was lovely to welcome families into our kindergarten and share in this special celebration together which included decorating some gingerbread cookies the children had baked for their loved ones.



Book Week brought plenty of imagination and excitement to the Lorikeets! The children explored their favourite stories through creative experiences, made their own book-inspired creations and enjoyed making magical wands. Our dress-up day was a wonderful celebration of books, with the children proudly showing off their costumes and bringing their favourite characters to life through play and movement.

We were also delighted to welcome our Grade 4 friends from Mitcham Primary School. The children enjoyed sharing experiences, playing together and building new connections with our local school community. These visits have been a wonderful opportunity to begin developing friendships with some of our potential future school buddies.

As we close off this term, we look forward to what Term 4 will bring - lots more exciting adventures together for sure!

**Sara and Carmen**

## Reminders

### Grill'd Social Night (Holiday Catch-up!)

An informal social night has been organised for our DSCMK families on Tuesday 29 September from 5:30pm at Grill'd Tunstall Square. This is to support our kinder being a Grill'd Local Matters Community Fundraising Group in September. Please RSVP to Judy by September 25 (details on the following page).

### Working Bee

Our next working bee will take place on Saturday 10 October at 10am at Kinder. We will be in full spring cleaning mode and also completing our sensory garden so come down and lend a hand!

### 2026 AGM

DSCMK's AGM is on Monday 16 November from 7pm at Kinder. Join us to celebrate 2026 and hear from our Educators and Committee of Management. We will also be electing your 2027 Committee - volunteers welcome!



## Social & Fundraising

The Social & Fundraising Committee has had an extremely busy Term 3 and it's been so wonderful to see the support of our kinder community out in full force!

A BIG THANK YOU to all of our volunteers who so generously donated their time to help cook and sell sausages at our Bunnings BBQ on Sunday 16 August. An extra special thanks to Mitcham Woolworths for their voucher donation and Nick McGowan MP who popped in to lend a hand during our busy lunch period. It was so lovely to see a number of our staff, and our past and present kinder community visit Nunawading Bunnings and we are thrilled to have raised \$1,993 on the day!

We had a wonderful evening at our "When I grow up" Trivia night at the Mitcham Bowls Club on Friday 4 September. We're pleased to report that through ticket sales, games and the silent/live auctions we raised over \$2,600. Less expenses from the night, this is all direct profit back to our kinder. Such an amazing result!

THANK YOU to everyone who helped to co-ordinate the event, our trivia host, and to all the sponsors who donated prizes for our auction. We could not have done this without the support of Michael Gurry from Loci Real Estate who ran a live auction, thank you for your continued support of our kinder!



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### Grill'd Local Matters!

We're excited to share that DSCMK is featured as one of the Grill'd Local Matters Community Groups at Tunstall Square for the month of September! Don't forget to collect your token with your order and use this to vote for DSCMK!

At the end of the month the jar with the most tokens receives \$300.

Please make sure you get down to Grill'd Tunstall Square in September to support DSCMK!

**Dr Stanley Cochrane Memorial Kinder Social Night**

Great food  
Good company  
Supporting our kinder!

@ Grill'd Tunstall Square

We are organising a night out with our DSCMK community!

**September 29th**  
from 5:30pm onwards

**Adult meal deals**  
\$25  
Includes a standard burger and chips and \$10 donating straight to the kinder!

Kids meals are standard pricing.  
**Invite the whole family!**

**Did you know?** We have a Local Matters jar at Grill'd Tunstall Square for all of September to help raise funds for our kinder!

Please RSVP to Judy (0468540453) with attendance numbers by Sept 25th

DSMCK Social & Fundraising Team

Grill'd Local Matters

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# 2026 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Join us to celebrate 2026 and hear from our Educators  
and Committee of Management. We will also be electing  
your 2027 Committee - volunteers welcome!

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Date: Monday 16 November

Time: 7pm for parent networking

Meeting to start at 7:30pm

Where: At Kinder

Door prizes to be won!



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# DSCMK'S END OF YEAR CELEBRATION

FRIDAY 11 DECEMBER 2026

5PM - 6:30PM

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