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## Community Newsletter

### Family Fun Fete & Open Day

Being held on the 16th June  
from 9.30am-12.30pm

Have the craving for homemade fudge?  
Enjoy grabbing a bargain at trash n treasure?  
Do your kids love patting the animals and  
getting their face painted?

Well then, come along to the Kenmore Park  
Family Fun Fete & Open Day!



animal nursery

jumping castle

sausage sizzle

home-made sweet & cake stalls

**Full Details**  
Look inside this issue!



#### Brookfield Show

Thankyou to Fiona for setting it up.  
Fiona reported back that there were  
many favourable comments so very  
worthwhile.

**Prompt pick up  
between 2.20 and  
2.30pm - PLEASE**

STAFF HAVE AFTER SCHOOL  
SET UP/PLANNING AND  
OBSERVATIONS OF THE DAY TO  
WRITE UP AFTER THIS TIME.

**This would be  
greatly appreciated!!!**



# FAMILY FUN FETE & OPEN DAY

16TH JUNE FROM 9.30AM-12.30PM



animal nursery

This year the Parent Committee and Teaching Staff decided that a great Kindy event would be a Fete and Open Day. It has been approximately 5 years since the Kindy last ran a Fete. It is a great promotional day when we can showcase our centre to our families and the public. It will also be one of the key fundraising events for the year.

Being held on the 16th June from 9.30am-12.30pm, the Fete will be a fun family morning out - with cake stalls, trash n treasure, sausage sizzle, home-made sweet stall and plenty of activities to keep the kids entertained! The kids will love the animal nursery, jumping castle, spinning wheel and craft activities that they can take home.

Our lovely teachers will be on hand to answer any questions about our education program from the public and any prospective families. There will also be free bookings on the day for the KPPK waitlist (save \$20). So please encourage your friends and other family members to come along and test out our playgrounds, see our resources and meet our friendly staff.

Think carparking may be limited in our carpark. Don't fear there is plenty of overflow parking at the Kenmore Anglican Church (just 50m up the road).

So, please if you haven't already, put your name down on the sign up sheets outside the units and help make the Fete a huge success.

If you have questions about the fete or what type of help is needed on the day, please see:

Mon/Tues (Wed) – Unit 1 & 2  
(Lou Rae)

Thurs/Fri (Wed) – Unit 1  
(Teresa Holding)

Unit 2  
(Kitty Kendall / Inez Forkgen)

*Could we please ask if parents could take 10 flyers to hand out to promote the Family Fun Fete & Open Day!*



jumping castle



home-made sweet & cake stalls



+ much more fun for all!

sausage sizzle





## UNIT 2 WED/THURS/FRI GROUP MS ANNIE AND MS LYNSEY'S KOALA

**What a wonderful month we have had in unit 2 Wed/Thurs/Fri group.**

We had a beautiful celebration for Mothers Day, and all our Mums left feeling very special and very loved! We worked collaboratively on art projects to create special gift bags, bead glorious key chains, and mould heart shaped paper weights. We baked love heart cookies and learnt some really special songs to perform for our special guests, and I believe there weren't too many dry eyes left by the final performance!

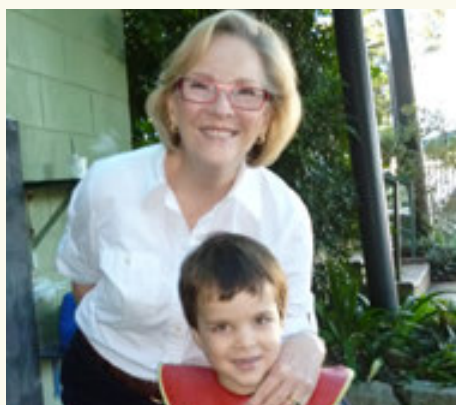


We celebrated the fabulous contribution that Grandparents and special friends play in the life of our Kindy kids, by hosting a lovely Grandparents morning. Our special guests were able to leave stories for our Kindy kids about the things they liked to do when they were children, and these special stories have been placed in your child's portfolios to treasure.

This month, we fly to 'Bali' to open some amazing treasures, and learn some interesting new facts. We are enjoying making music on our new Bali Pan Drum, and the colourful kites and special things Ms Annie has brought back to share. We have been listening to the Gamelan music played by the Balinese men, looked at different types of kites and the yummy special food you would find in Bali on our new Kindy ipad – kindly donated by Harvey Norman. We also fly to 'Japan' this week, to trial a pilot program on teaching a second language in Kindy. We have a specialist Japanese teacher coming to share some stories and games with our group and soon we may greet you with Konichiwa!



**Sending you sunshine and rainbows  
Annie and Lynsey**



### IMPORTANT DATES FOR UNIT 2 WED/THUR/FRI

June 6th – Goldilocks and the Three Bears Theatre performance

June 8th – Playball demonstration

June 15th – Renata's fabulous singing and dancing multicultural show!

June 22nd – End of term 2





## UNIT 1 WED/THURS/FRI GROUP FIONA GUTHRIE

As the children become more confident in their kindergarten environment, we are adding more challenges for them in enhancing their gross motor development. Challenges such as using their upper body strength as they climbed a rope ladder, using only their arms to pull them around an obstacle course on a scooter board, and using large roller brushes to create murals on the fence have been planned this month. Strong upper body strength is an integral part of having better fine motor/pencil grip for writing and sitting still and focused for prep work next year.

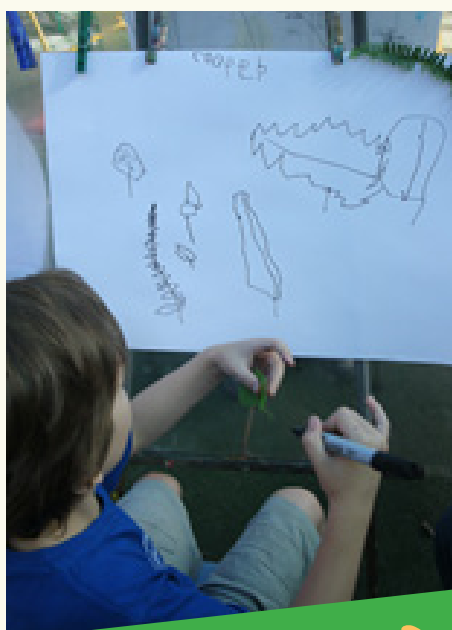


Gillian a local artist and past parent of Kenmore Park came to talk with the children about art and special techniques she uses. This was a follow up to an interest from some children in the group who create art every day and designed an art studio at the kindergarten.

We have experimented with thick and thin based paint, and used everyday objects (such as hair combs) to create texture and line in our work.

Line drawing has become immensely popular, and from this we have looked at line in objects to print. Cooper began line drawings of leaves, and from there we are printing and creating amazing images. Please come into the room to have a look!

**Fiona**



### IMPORTANT DATES FOR UNIT 1 WED/THUR/FRI

**Wed 6 June – Three Little Pigs Show**

**Fri 15 June – Aboriginal storytelling**

**Sat 16 June – OPEN DAY 9.30 to 12.30** (We would love to see all our current families come and celebrate Kenmore Park. There are great activities to participate in and share in the fun with your family! You are welcome to invite friends who may be interested in seeing our fantastic centre and on this day it is **FREE ENROLMENT** for our waiting list.

**Wed 20 June – Parent/Teacher talks** (sign in sheet for this day will be out soon)

For end of Term, could parents please take a fairy garden photo and bring in a hardcopy or email it to me @ the kindy.

## UNIT 2 MON/TUES/WED

### KAREN O'NEILL



During May the children were visited by Renata, who presented a Multicultural story telling show. She incorporated the use of puppets, music and movement and songs and rhymes in her presentation. She actively engaged the children in the performance. The children were able to learn about other cultures and experience songs and stories from these cultures. At Kindy we continued to explore this theme with reference books, loans from the QLD museum, a wide variety of art and craft experiences and lots of stories.

Karen

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June 11th – Public Holiday

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Open Day (9.30am to 12.30pm)

June 22nd – End of term 2

July 9th – Student free day

July 11th – Parent interviews

### From QLD Kindergarten Learning Guidelines:

**Connectedness - Showing increasing respect for diversity:**

- Learning to respond to others with respect
- Exploring aspects of culture and similarities and differences among people
- Strengthen children's appreciation and understanding of the cultures of other people
- Developing an awareness of indigenous ways of knowing, being, and learning – evident in language, art, imagery, traditions and ceremonies
- An awareness of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples contributions to Australian society and culture
- Engages in ways to be creative and imaginative
- Ways to creatively represent ideas, feelings and experiences.

## UNIT 1 MON/TUES/WED

### JAN CHESTERS



We have been looking at the children's fine motor development and are providing experiences to further develop children's skills and interest.

Threading and sewing have been combined using hessian and bodkin needles and beads.



As we cook and mix we build up the strength in the muscles of our hands and arms. It's hard work mixing without an electric beater.

The next week we pressed and rolled the clay to strengthen our small muscles. Then we used hole punches to manipulate. The small ones were easier but the larger the holepunch the more strength needed.

At the easel we have scissors and glue to add to paint. This extends the painting experience from using a brush to using scissors which requires strength and motor planning to manipulate to cut. Young children need lots of variety and lots of practice to become skilful with fine motor activities.



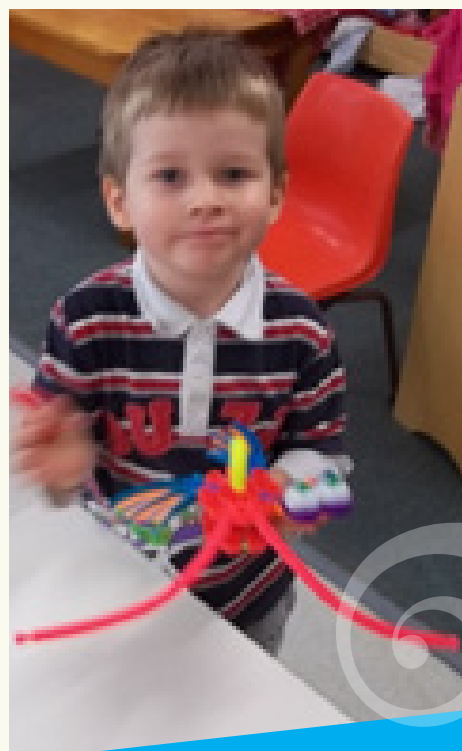
### Lockdown

As part of Government regulations, we are required to have regular fire drill and regular lockdown experiences. Both groups participated. We told the children that there was a crocodile and an elephant coming in the door so we needed to come together and lock the doors. We told them we of course were pretending. All groups have practiced this and have enjoyed having a story together.

Jan



We also used Konnex to press together, to twist and to join to make creatures.



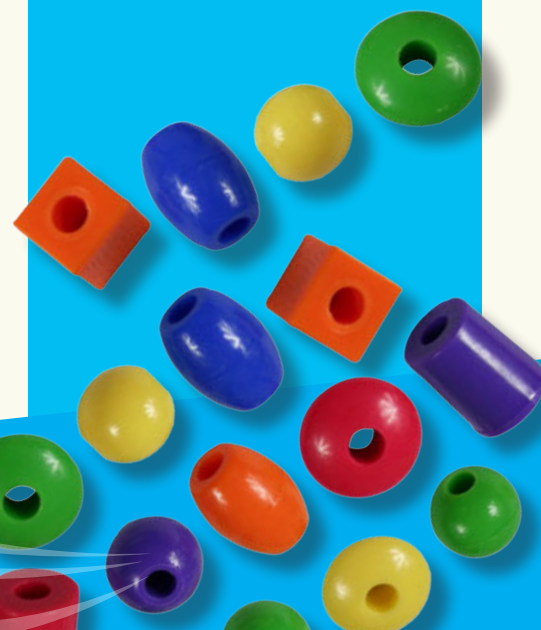
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## SPECIAL THANK YOU!!! ;)

THANK  
YOU

Thank you to the Fundraising Committee for putting in so much work towards getting our fabulous Open Day organised. In particular, Inez, Belinda, Kitty, Lou, Vanessa and Robyn. It is looking like it is going to be a really special day – so mark the date in your calendar to be sure you don't miss out.

THANK  
YOU

Also, a MASSIVE thank you to Inez, for organizing the iPad donation. This will prove to be a fabulous resource for our children. Our staff plan to attend a workshop at the next Early Childhood Conference in June to maximise its most effective use.

THANK  
YOU

Well done, and thank you to Tom and Jenny Craddock for running a very successful working bee at Kindy at the beginning of the month, and then coming in again to clean little areas that desperately needed their help!

THANK  
YOU

Also a big thank you to Jamie Andriske for fixing our fence so beautifully – we all feel much safer now!

THANK  
YOU

Thank you to Phil Gardner for repairs to our very over-worked/loved clothesline!! Our group are enjoying it so much.

If I have forgotten to acknowledge your contribution to making this community Kindy function smoothly – please forgive my oversight. By all working together, we can grow a truly special little place under the rainbow! Please remember to volunteer some of your time at the upcoming open day by putting your name down at Kindy.

Annie

## NEW WORKING BEE DATE

Due to the Kindy Fete there will be no working bee on the 9th (as in the last newsletter), or 16th June. **The new date of the working bee will be 14th July.**

**NOW Sat, 14<sup>th</sup> July**

## KPPK May Committee Report

### From the President

**What a busy time we have had at our Kindy since the last newsletter!**

### Family Fun Fete and Open Day

The social committee have been flat out preparing for our Open Day on June 16. This promises to be a fun-filled event with plenty to occupy the kids – jumping castles, animal farm, face painting. Please do join us on this day and bring along all your friends too. We are hoping that it will be a wonderful marketing event for Kenmore Park Kindergarten as well as hopefully raising some funds. We have flyers advertising this event available and would appreciate it if you took a few to distribute at your local play groups and extra-mural activities.

### Japanese

The committee has also been investigating the possibility of offering a half hour per week session of Japanese to our little learners. Recent studies on brain development show that early exposure to more than one language actually builds a more powerful brain. It also strengthens a child's mastery and understanding of his/her first language.

We are fortunate indeed that one of our own grandma's in the kindy is Cynthia Dodd, a teacher, professional leader, and passionate believer in the power of learning languages to change the course of children's lives. Cynthia has already helped us to locate a Japanese teacher who has held a trial lesson at the kindy and was very well received by the children. Her lessons are aimed at the very young and focus on teaching the children through the use of songs, flashcards, puppets, books and games.

### Good Bye

Our hard working administration assistant, Lois Smith, has decided to spend more time with her family. Lois has been an outstanding administration assistant and we will miss her. We will be advertising for her replacement in the next few weeks and will hopefully get someone as dedicated and efficient as Lois has been.

### Website

Our new website is almost ready to go live. Thank you to our hard working newsletter and website coordinator, Chris Ryan, who has been working tirelessly on this.

### Government Funding Changes

Education is the key to a bright future for our children and the government is investing in education to give young children the flying start they deserve.

The 'flying start' vision recognises that kindergarten helps children by improving their development, wellbeing and school readiness. To this end the government has pledged that all children between 3.5 and 4.5 years of age will have access (and funding) to 15 hours per week of Kindergarten with a registered teacher. These changes come into effect this year.

Our centre is moving to a new program format as of 2013 so that we meet the necessary government requirements to retain our funding. As a way of forward notice, the programs on offer at Kenmore Park from 2013 are ALL for children between 3.5 and 4.5 years of age and ALL are 15 hours per week (or 30 hours a fortnight) with a registered teacher.

Please also note that we are NOT running an exclusively three-year-old class, however if we do have vacancies we will look to fill any of the programs offered with three-year-old children. If vacancies exist, the offers for three-year-olds will be made in late November 2012.

### Outreach

The children and teachers of Kenmore Park have been touched by the story of a little farm school miles away in South Africa. These children have so little and Kenmore Park have donated clothes, books and puzzles to them. We are looking forward to hearing how our small contribution can hopefully make a huge difference to the children of Bodibeng-ba-Thuto.



*And on that note I would like to thank the teachers and committee who remain enthusiastic and cheerful during these busy times. The expertise, experience and insightful knowledge of all of them is why Kenmore Park Kindergarten remains so popular and successful.*

Teresa Holding

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# PLEASE VOLUNTEER FOR OUR FETE AND OPEN DAY

In order to ensure a successful event we desperately need the support of our parents. Lists are up at Kindy, so please put your name down if you can offer any help. Even if you are unable to help with a particular stall, there are bags for you to put any trash and treasure donations into. We are looking in particular for books, children's clothing (in good condition) and unbroken toys. We would also welcome any cakes or sweets or jams to add to our cake stall. All parents willing to volunteer on the day will get a credit towards their maintenance roster.

## KPPK 2012 Management Committee

Below are the 2012 KPPK Management Committee's contact details.  
Please contact them should you have any queries or wish to volunteer.

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## Your Details - Do they need updating?

Parents if you have changed your details since filling out enrolment forms last year, please let Lois in the office know. As well as needing up-to-date phone numbers in case of an emergency, we also regularly send out information via email, including the monthly the newsletter.

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