

Welcome Back For Term 2!

Yellow Group, Ms Annie & Ms Karen

I hope everyone enjoyed a restful Easter holiday and are all set for another exciting term of learning through play at our rainbow Kindy!! We have so many great events planned, so mark the important dates in your diaries to avoid missing out!

This term we begin our **TWIKS** program, where we encourage parents to sign up to a date on the calendar to come and spend the morning with their child. You may have a special skill or passion you would like to share with the children, or you may just want to come and play, before going home to collapse with exhaustion! In the past we have parents cook, do craft, read stories.... talk to Annie if you have any special ideas!



Sensei Alison returns for our Thursday Japanese sessions, and has planned some fun cooking activities. You might like to try some recipes at home with your children? Or have a go at our Heads, Shoulders, Knees and Toes song in Japanese...



"ATAMA KATTA "

(Sung to the tune of Heads and Shoulders)

Atama, Katta, hiza, pon

Hiza, pon

Hiza, pon

Atama, Kata, hiza, pon

Me, mimi, hanna, kuchi

Library Borrowing on Thursdays:

Please help your child remember their book bag to place in the library basket.

You may be interested in some apps that Sensei Ali has recommended:

Lingu Pingu, KidsJapanese and Letter Route are particular hits with her children. Maybe you could find some Asian foods in the supermarket with your children, Woolworths sell Japanese Golden Curry which is easy to make and children love. It's more like a stew than a curry and the mild one isn't at all spicy (but a great way to get them to eat their veggies).

We will continue with our emersion in dance and music this term... we are hoping to get some more guest dancers in to teach us a few more moves for our already extensive repertoire!!

Red Group, Ms Fiona & Ms Lynsay

Welcome back after the Easter break, hope you all got some time relax and recharge again after a busy first term. Lynsey and I feel revitalized again, and are looking forward to sharing in more happy learning experiences with the group!

Just a few housekeeping reminders....

Library is every Thursday; please make sure your child has a library bag to bring with them each week.

- Just a reminder that pick up time for our group is 2.15pm. Our afternoon after the children head home is very busy with meetings, documentation and room preparation for the program, so we really do appreciate prompt pick ups. Our current committee have in place at KPPK a late policy and a late fee, so please be mindful of this - see handbook. Thanks ☺
- Special toys (other than rest toys) are best left at home - we would hate for anything to happen to them as we know how special they are to your child, and kindy is such a big place - sometimes these little things can get lost!
- There are spare KPPK t-shirts (both long and short sleeve) for sale if you are interested. \$12 for short sleeve, and \$15 for long sleeve.

Dates for Term 2:

- Playball visit - Friday 26th April.
- Working bee - Sat 4th May 7-10am
- Mothers Day performance and picnic - Friday 10th May @ 12.15pm - 1pm (more details to come)
- School photos - May
- Guest speaker (parent information evening) Tuesday 4th June - more information closer to date.
- Parent/Teacher chats - Friday 21st June

Starting up this term we are looking at ways parents may be able to help us out. We call these people our "WISH FAIRIES". This concept will enable "fairies" (you) to take a small job home to complete. By doing this task it really does help us out within the program. HOW IT WORKS.....A poster will be displayed at the sign in area with tasks for "fairies" to do (eg: cut up material scraps for collage, or maybe pot a few plants for us). If you think that you can help, just come and see us, - we give you the resources needed and you wave your magic wand over it and the job is completed!!! We would be ever so grateful!!!! ☺
☺ Keep your eyes peeled at the sign in area for this poster!

We are looking forward to a few projects this term with the children...

1. Gardening - Alex has sunflower seeds for each child - we will plant these and will be exploring the lifecycle of a seed, and creating sensory gardens together (texture, taste, and smell gardens).
2. Our lower playground is now open to our group, and they have been very excited to go down with friends and explore. They have begun planning play areas for this space. We will continue to help the children develop these ideas and work on projects that continue over weeks.
3. Sewing - many children have created clothing and handbags out of paper and scraps of materials. We will be using a sewing machine with the group to create more "wearable" outfits.
4. The children will be able to now use the computers within the room - basic drawing programs and language/literacy and math games available.
5. Cooking - we would like to be able to do more cooking within the program this term-and at the end of the term we will be doing a cooking lesson within the Japanese curriculum (yum!!)
6. Arthur Bear begins his visits home to families this term. Arthur is our classroom bear, and each Friday he picks a family to visit. Arthur has a "sleepover" at your house till the following Wednesday, and during this time, you and your child make a special page together for Arthur's book. This page documents his visit at your house - maybe a photos/drawings and simple text to let us know what you all did together. Arthur then has a special gift for your child when he returns to kindy and we share this page from the book at group time.

A very busy term is ahead, and we really appreciate the parents who are able to come along during the day to help out and enjoy our wonderful group and our exciting program.

With thanks, Fiona and Lynsey. x

Pre-Kindy News

Term 2 brings the start of our new Blue group Pre-Kindy Class.

What a pleasure it has been for Lynsey and I to meet these new children who have all settled so well, and are already forming friendships and feeling ownership over their new Kindy. They are exploring everything they can see, and picking up the afternoons routine with ease. Places are filling fast so if you know any other 3 year olds who may like a space in our afternoon group please let them know.

Green group children have returned this term full of inquisitive excitement. We have been learning about the Eastern Water Dragon who lives in our Kindy Garden; what does he eat? Where does he live? What do his scales feel like? We are lucky enough to have borrowed some animals from the museum, to build on our conversation about the Water dragon, feeling the model snake, and talking about reptiles. Looking at little bugs through a magnifying glass is definitely very popular, if you are good at catching bugs at home we would love you to bring them in so we can look at these also 😊



The children have loved making Lizards and bugs out of playdough using googly eyes, and we have seen such a huge development in the concentration of the children as they do this.



Water play took on a new dimension when we taped funnels and pipes to the tree, the children took it in turns to pour water into the funnel and watch it flow through the pipe.. Where does the water go? Why doesn't the water come out when we hold the tube in the air? Lots of experiments, and lots of fun, what a great way to learn 😊



Purple Group - Ms Kate & Ms Margo

Welcome back to kindy for another exciting term of friendship and learning.



We have been looking at seeds and things that grow after discussions about what our worms like to eat. They like fresh food, usually things that have been growing. We found seeds in apple, pear, mandarin, grapes, cucumber... Even bananas have seeds (they just won't grow)! If you have interesting seeds you find when you are making dinner bring some along to add to our chart. We would love if you have ideas to share. Maybe an experiment you find, something we could do at kindy, a book you learnt something from...



This term we've started looking a bit more closely at how words work. Some of our names have the same letter at the front. Some of our names are short and some are long. Jacqueline's name has 10 letters! Wow that's a lot! We have also been playing with rhyming and listening for sounds in our names. Discovering in this way allows children to develop at their own pace. Children make these connections when they are ready. By immersing them in meaningful everyday literacy they are enthusiastic about the discoveries they make and do not feel pressure to 'get it right'. Enjoy this wonderful time of new learning.



We are encouraging the children to be creative with their ideas and extending their play. Natural materials are beautiful to work with so if you see any interesting seed pods, leaves, bark etc when you are out and about please bring some to share for our creative artists here at kindy.



Thank you for all the donations of boxes. This tends to go in cycles so if you see that we are getting overwhelmed can you hang onto them for a while and bring them in when we start running low. We seem to be always in need of cylinders though (paper towel/ toilet rolls). We are also happy to use any of those little bits and pieces you may be sure what to do with, just make sure they are not sharp or breakable. A fun way to recycle!

You will have seen our TWYC (Time With Your Child) calendar outside near the sign on folder. It's great that so many of you are able to come and share in your child's kindy experience. You may have a special skill or passion you would like to share with the children, or you are very welcome to just come and play. In the past parents have done cooking, done craft, read stories... there are so many lovely ways to share. Please let us know if you have any special ideas.



'Aunty Margaret' will be visiting on Wednesdays. She is a local church member who comes to spend time with our children. We are really enjoying her story reading and quiet chats. The children have welcomed her with open arms. Keep a look out for our 'Aunty Margaret' story in the local 'Bulletin' magazine.

Ali Sensei is continuing our Japanese lessons on Tuesday mornings and has planned some Japanese cooking activities. You might like to have a go at some Japanese cooking at home. She suggested Japanese Golden Curry which is easy to make and children love (you can get it from Woolworths). It's more like a stew than a curry and the mild one isn't at all spicy. You might like to have a look at some of the Asian foods when you're at the shops too.

The children are really enjoying learning the colours. Some are easier than others. Here is a little list if you would like to learn a few yourself!

Pink- pinku

Blue- ao (pronounced ow)

Red- aka



Yellow- kiyo (kee-ro)

Green- midori

Orange- orenji

Happy term 2 from Kate and Margo



MAINTENANCE ROSTER

DATE: MAY 4, 2013.

TIME: 7-10am at Kindy.

Hi everyone,

The following families are rostered to attend their maintenance roster on May 4, 2013:

Term 2.

May 4 – **FICK, FRENCH, GORDON, HALLAS, HAND, HARDING BOREHAM, BELL, COLEMAN, JAYASINGHE, JONES, IKIN, KILMISTER, QUILTER, SMITH, ZHANG. ABBOTT, BUDDEN, CHOU, DEARDS, EMBER, GARDNER, GREGORY, HILL, HUNT, MORTIMORE, TIMONEY, TWILLEY, WEITEMEYER.**

We have lots of interesting things happening at this Working Bee, so please let me know if you are interested in volunteering for any of the following jobs on the day –

- **Building Miss Annie's "MUD KITCHEN"** – we have had a kitchen sink donated by the Craven family, thanks very much! If you are building savvy and/or handy in any way, please email me to let me know before the day so I can send the plans and a picture of the mud kitchen to you.
- **Do you have a trailer???** – If you do and would like to come along, load a trailer with bits and pieces, head to the dump and then head home...please email me before the day so we can organise this.
- **Are you creative???** – We have a couple of unfinished art projects from last time that need to be finished, so if this sounds like you please email before the day for more details.

What to bring: gardening gloves, water, sunscreen, hat and please wear closed-in shoes.

Equipment request: we need gerneys, secateurs/hedging equipment, blowers (preferably petrol powered for the sand clean up).

There are many other jobs scheduled for the day, so we look forward to seeing you.

Thanks, Jenni and Tom (jenni@craddock.id.au/ 0430 347 757)

DATE FOR YOUR DIARY

Wed 1 st May	Playball visit (Purple Group)
Sat 4 th May	Working Bee
Tue 7 th May	Mother's Day celebration 11.30am- 12.15pm
17 th -19 th May	The Brookfield Show (there is a category for children's artwork so check out the website if you would like to enter something. Entry is \$1)
31 st May	Class Photo (Yellow Group)

"Children are like wet cement. Whatever falls on them makes an impression."

- Dr. Hiam Ginnot

Fundraising

Mother's Day Raffle

As you may be aware, Mother's Day will be on Sunday 12th May this year, and we will be holding a Mother's Day raffle.

Our kindergarten is only partly funded through Government Assistance, and as such, relies on fundraising to meet the funding shortfall to purchase & replace equipment for the children.

Raffle tickets will cost \$1, and will be on sale from Monday 29th April to Tuesday 7th May.

We have a lovely selection of prizes, kindly donated by various businesses in the area. They are as follows -

- Voucher for home spring clean (\$145 value) – PCH Services
- \$40 waxing voucher – T2Wax
- Car detailing vouchers (\$115 value) – Timeless Car Cleaning
- 3 x Lush pamper packs – Lexus Brisbane

To maximise sales of tickets, we would greatly appreciate it if you could sell 20 tickets allocated to you to family and friends.

Should you have any questions as to the raffle, please contact me on 0414 532 974.

The raffle will be drawn at the kindergarten on Friday 10th May. Prize winners will be notified on Friday 10th May if not present at the event.)

Many thanks for your support!

The 2013/2014 Entertainment Books have arrived.

A copy has been sent home with your child in the past week.

Please have a look, and decide if it is something that interests you.

- **If you have already prepaid**, please keep your copy. Your bonus vouchers have been placed in your kindy info pocket (please contact me if you haven't yet received yours)
- **If you would like to keep your copy**, please go online and purchase.
- **If you do not want a copy**, please return to the kindergarten

Thank you for your support of this fundraising endeavour.

The book is only \$65, and you'll receive a great value from it. And remember, \$13 of your Book purchase goes towards our fund-raising!



"We worry about what a child will become tomorrow, yet we forget that he is someone today."

- Stacia Tauscher

FIT FOR FUNDS

Would you like to:

Get fit

Have fun

Raise money



Kenmore Park Committee is proud to launch out fit for funds campaign.

With support from Personal Best Fitness Studio in Kenmore we are able to offer you a program dedicated to getting you fitter, making you smile and raising some funds.

We are offering you one hour of training per week plus an additional (optional) Saturday morning group walk/run. Cost is likely to be in the region of \$10 but is dependant on the number of participants.

If you have childcare needs, Minnie Me have offered reduced cost occasional care to participants.

Interested??

Speak to Shona Bailey (Toby & Eleanor's mum) and fill out the attached form which can be handed in at Kindy or emailed to shonamccombe@Hotmail.com

RUN MUM/DAD RUN!

Calling all fit people that would like to be fitter!

KPPK is looking for people to join their team in the Brisbane Marathon Festival (04/08/13) to help raise funds for Kindy.

Don't be scared by the word Marathon! There are a range of events including 2.2km walk, 5 km, 10km, half marathon, and marathon. Our team can be made up of people completing different events.

We are not in it for a place on the podium! This is an opportunity for you to challenge yourself personally, be supported by a friendly team and raise some money.

Please contact Shona Bailey if you are interested in taking up the challenge.

Shonamccombe@Hotmail.com

If your interested, please forward the following details to Shona:-

Name:- _____

Contact Number: _____

Email: _____

Preferred Training Day: _____

Childcare needs (yes/no) if yes number of children and ages:

Meet our Fundraising Coordinators!



Hello, we're the Tang family. I'm Belinda, this is my husband, Arthur, and our son, Jeremy. We have two lovely dogs called Maddy and Bubbles. I'm a stay-at-home Mum who loves to bake. This is Jeremy's second year at KPPK and my second helping on the committee. Inez and I share the fundraising role.

I firmly believe that helping out at kindy in any way you can is a worthwhile exercise – for you and your child! I am constantly amazed how Miss Annie and

Miss Karen manage to keep a class of twenty-two little people under control. Perhaps one day I will learn their secret...by bribing them with cookies! ☺

My name is Inez and I'm the fundraising coordinator (in conjunction with Belinda Tang). My husband Malcolm and I have two little darlings - Edith, aged four, who loves kindy and James, aged two, who wants to be in kindy! Edith is in Miss Annie and Miss Karen's class and James will hopefully be in the pre-kindy program next year.



Malcolm is from Scotland, and while I lived in Brisbane as a child, we are fairly new arrivals to Kenmore as we moved from Sydney almost 2 years ago. We enjoy living in Kenmore. There's a strong sense of community and positive interaction – reflected in the kindergarten we have chosen for our kids.

I look forward to meeting more of you throughout the year.

