

Numbers, Numbers everywhere.... we are all about numbers this month following the celebration of Numeracy during August here in Queensland. Though Kindy kids generally don't recognize it, maths is another way to understand and make sense of the world, much like language. Like words, maths is used everywhere and is an integral part of everyday life. What exactly is maths? Simply put, maths is the observation, identification, description and explanation of numbers, space, relation, and order. Counting, measuring, problem solving, reasoning, and identifying shapes and patterns are the activities of math. Kindy children, who have opportunities to learn maths through play and everyday interactions are gaining the foundation for maths development.

Beyond exposing young kids to maths, fostering a healthy attitude is key. A maths attitude includes observing that maths is all around, identifying maths as fun and interesting, and believing that maths is something you can do. When a child notices that mittens make a pair, observes the similar shape of stop signs, or delights in counting animal crackers, this child is not only doing maths, but also showing a healthy math attitude. The best way to teach Kindy children (or students of any age) is in a purposeful manner—in a context that has a purpose to the child. Teaching moments can be created by playing a game that involves mathematics (e.g. recognizing the number of dots on a die or a domino). Everyday activities provide a wealth of real learning opportunities. Basically, as parents look to find or manufacture situations that create a real need on the part of the child to use, and thus learn or practice math. Below I have listed some ideas for you to use at home. You will probably recognise many of these that you already do on a regular basis without even intentionally teaching to your child!

Count everything!!!

As you go up steps, eat strawberries, pick flowers, put up Lego's, you name it.

Count to 60 while brushing their teeth

Take turns brushing teeth and count out loud to 60 for each of your turns. It's an easy way for them to understand the concept of one minute and then they will have picked up most of their higher numbers too.

Use Card Games

From UNO to Go Fish, these are fun and easy ways to get to know numbers and their relation to each other.

Cook Together

Include your child when you cook. Have them count the cups of milk, the tablespoons of margarine, or the eggs when you cook. Show them the recipe as you cook so they can follow along.

Build a Playhouse

All kids love to take part in building forts and playhouses. A nice side effect is that they'll painlessly pick up geometry while using measurements & angles. On a smaller scale, plan and build a Lego fort.

Give Them Puzzles

Young children learn valuable spatial lessons while putting together puzzles of all types. Tangrams (geometric shapes that can be put together to create pictures and new shapes) are also great tools.

Let Them Earn Some Money

Even tiny tots can do small jobs and earn some pocket money. pay the money with different denominations of coins each week so your child starts to identify coins and their value.

Use Math Games

There are so many great board games that incorporate maths concepts.

Do Connect the Dots

Paint by number, connect the dots and other "funbook" type sheets are great ways to learn early concepts while having fun.

Play Dice Games

Kids can roll the dice & add the numbers, play "horses" or make up lots of games on their own.

Sing Songs & Memorise rhymes

Everything from "10 Green Bottles sitting on the wall" to "5 Little Monkeys Jumping on the Bed" teaches counting down and subtraction. Many jump rope songs involve numbers too, and kinesthetic learners (those who learn best while doing and moving) and auditory learners (those who learn best by hearing and saying things) will especially benefit from moving and singing while they learn.



*There were 4 on
the boat and the
tide rolls by
4 on the boat
and the tide rolls
by
4 on the boat
and the tide rolls
by
We'll get there,
by and by.*

Count items around the house

Gather up items around your house such as buttons, pencils, paper clips, etc. Put them in stacks and count them with your child.

Play Hopscotch

Use chalk and draw a hopscotch game outside. Make sure to say the numbers out loud as you play.

Read counting books

Check out counting books from the library. Read counting books to your child. Have them practice counting as you read the book.

Have a treasure hunt

Fold up ten pieces of paper. On each piece of paper draw a number of items. For example, draw one fish, two triangles, or three apples. Also write a clue on the paper telling where to find the next number "clue". Start the game with number one and end with the number ten. Have your child count the items on the page before you read the clue.

Play a telephone game

Using a toy telephone and a telephone book, have your child call an order a pizza. Help them read the number and press the numbers on the phone. You can also call the florist and have flowers delivered. Let your child use their imagination.

Make a counting book

You can purchase a blank book at an educational supply store or make your own with construction paper and a three-hole punch. On each page have your child draw or trace a number. Have them draw items such as balls, worms, or smiley faces to correspond with the number. Make pages for one to ten or one to twenty for more of a challenge.

Play an "I spy" game

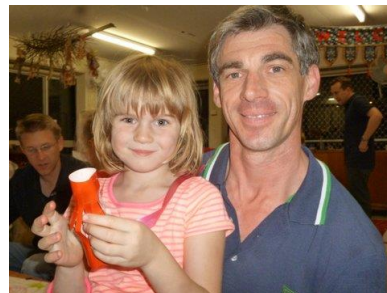
Take turns playing "I spy". Look around your room and say, "I spy something we have two of (or three of)..." It could be speakers for your stereo, cushions on the couch or pictures on the wall, or anything you can count.

Some lovely books that support teaching about numbers and counting are:

- Hungry Monsters Teach Counting in Rhyme by Susan Heyboer O'Keefe and illustrated by Lynn Munsinger.
- Young Children Can Learn to Count Down From Ten With Ten Little Ladybugs written by Melanie Gerth and illustrated by Laura Huliska-Beith

- Miss Spider's Tea Party Teaches Counting With a Social Lesson written and illustrated by David Kirk.
- Six Dinner Sid by Inga Moore
- The Bad-tempered Ladybird Eric Carle, a good story to discuss the concept of size with a young child. This book would also be excellent for consolidating a child's understanding of time, as at the top of each page it shows a clock face with the time that the bad-tempered ladybird meets each animal.
- The Very Hungry Caterpillar
- The Shopping Basket by John Burningham
- Nine Ducks Nine by Sarah Hayes
- Handa's Surprise by Eileen Browne
- The Smartest Giant in Town by Julia Donaldson
- One is a Snail, Ten is a Crab by April Pulley Sayre

*2 little snails
sliding slowly
in the sun,
along
swooped the
Kingfisher and
then there
was 1!*



*Fathers
Night at
Kindy - who
knew our
Dads could
do the Hokey
Pokey?!*

Yellow Group Important Dates:

*September 11th, 12th & 13th - 25th
Birthday celebrations at Kindy*

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| September 14 th | Movie Night/ PJ party!! |
| September 20 th | End of Term |
| October 8 th | Dr Paula Barrett's Parenting Information Evening |
| October 9 th | Beginning of Term 4 |
| October 11 th | Visit from local Dentist |
| October 22/23 | "Mini Mudder" |

Fiona & Lynsey's Red Group

Early in the 4th term we will be having a Grandparents/Special Friends morning at kindy as well as a Mini Mudder (an obstacle course with a difference!) This will be a fundraiser for the kindergarten and the teachers can't wait to get "down and dirty" in the mud/slime and go through the obstacle course with our kindergarten friends!!! Keep an eye out for a flyer in your kindergarten pockets soon!

Reminders for Red Group parents:

1. Please remember to encourage your child to be responsible for their jobs each and every morning. As preparation to going to school, it is very important that children have a sense of responsibility and ownership of their belongings. Your child is very capable of carrying in to kindy their own bag, unpacking their lunch box and applying their sunscreen themselves. Mums - we all know that you can do these jobs yourself - please encourage your child to "have a go!" We want to promote this independence each and every day, as well as in the afternoons, carrying their belongings home with them.
2. During next term we will introduce shorter rest times - the children will be encouraged to rest quietly for a little while, and then some quiet activities will be available either on their beds or at small tables (e.g.- looking at books, puzzles, drawing)
3. As the warmer weather approaches please be aware of our sun safe policy - your child still needs to wear appropriate clothing to kindergarten. Please no strappy dresses or shirts! Please also check that your child has spare summer clothes in their kindy bag now. With the warmer days we will introduce water play in the water trough and in the sandpit.
4. We look forward to sharing with you information about the program - please don't forget to read the parent program book located at the sign in area! If you ever have any queries about your child, their play ideas or just "how they are going" please come and see me at pick up time, or ring during the rest time.

Thanks,
Fiona.



Red Group Important Dates

WED 11th Sept - The children are encouraged to wear BLUE to help celebrate our Kindergartens' 45th year!!! (Sapphire week celebrations). More details will follow in pockets for parents, but we will have lots of different activities planned around the BLUE theme!

SAT 14th Sept - Movie Night!!!

FRI 21st Sept- Last day of term 3

TUES 8th OCT - Parenting evening by Prof Paula Barrett
\$10 per person. Please invite your friends!

I am hoping someone may be able to make me a few of these chimes for the outdoor play area. If someone wants to contact me if they could take this project on - greatly appreciated!!!



Kate and Margo's Purple Group

Welcome to all the new families in Purple group over the last couple of months.

Just have a few reminders...

Please remember that our doors open at 2.30pm or a little before. After the children leave we have a bit of a job clearing up and preparing for the next day so please be mindful of this when picking up your precious bundles. If you have something you wish to discuss I am more than happy to arrange a time that suits.

For health and safety reasons we recommend that you not bring your child's lunch in an insulated lunch box. The lunches go into the fridge and the insulation actually keeps the cold OUT rather than in. Thanks for your support with this.

On our sign in book there is a space where we will tick if we need to chat with you at pick up or drop off time. This is often related to dirty clothes or the like. Keep an eye out.



Important Dates Purple group

Blue Day Monday 9th September-
Please wear as much blue as you can to support our Spectacular Sapphire September Celebrations commemorating 45 years of Kenmore Park. We will be engaged in a number of 'blue' events on the day.

Last Day of term Wednesday 18th September.

Term 4 begins Tuesday 8th October (Monday is a public holiday)

Dates for all

Movie night Saturday 14th Sept
Paula Barrett parenting seminar Tues 8th Oct (first day of term 4)

Chelmer Station Community Kindergarten Inc



Proudly supported by the Lord Mayor's Suburban Initiative Fund and the Councillor of Pullenvale Ward

Presents

Raising a Resilient Family

with Professor Paula Barrett - Child Psychologist and Founding Director of Pathways

What: Evening with Paula Barrett from Pathways

When: Tuesday 8th October

Where: Kenmore Park Preschool, 982 Moggill Road Kenmore (behind the Uniting Church)

Time: 7pm - 9pm

Cost: \$10 per person

RSVP: Contact Kenmore Park Kindy on 3378 4469 or email info@kenmorepark.com.au



Come and hear Paula discuss:

- ✦ Promoting positive relationships and helping children reach their full potential
- ✦ Learning tools to cope with modern challenges eg anxiety, bullying, depression
- ✦ Learning the secret to building resilience in families

Everyone is welcome!



Becky & Lynsey's Pre-Kindy News

PRE-KINDY HAPPINESS ☺

It's amazing how when the children start looking they see colours and shapes everywhere. Seeing so many inquisitive minds noticing the world around them is a real joy to watch.

Corn is yellow and turns into POPCORN! which is a funny wiggly shape and very yummy ☺

Fire trucks are red and loud and their wheels are round and how exciting to meet real life firemen with their truck

Bread is white or brown and a funny square shape; when you cut it in half you can make a triangle sandwich.

Pigs are pink and it's really fun to make pink pig noses and all pretend to be piggies, especially with Pepper and George Pig.

The ocean is blue and fish and sharks are all different shapes and sizes.

Frogs and caterpillars are green; we read the Very Hungry Caterpillar and made caterpillars that crawled over the garden.

The children have also become so much more elaborate in their imaginary play. The morning group just love to dress up and do fairy shows with lots of music and very zealous characters: "Welcome to our show!"

The afternoon group have been doing a lot of rescuing Rapunzel from her tower, as she throws down her long hair (normally the long rope down the slope!)... The handsome princes come by.. Often 6 at a time, all riding the hobby horses which they later feed and wash ☺



Slinky Apples

These are such a favourite with all the children, the children are welcome to bring in an apple or pear and we will make it into a slinky for them.. Thank you to Abby's mum Laura who supplied the whole group with apples one day so they could all have fun with a slinky apple YUM ☺

The reason we close all the blinds at pick up time really isn't to shut all the parents out, but so the children don't get distracted while we have our lovely story time. They get so excited if they see a mummy or a sibling, and then the whole group jump up to see if they can see their mummy or daddy. So it is easier just to close the blinds, even though I know you would prefer to watch them. Sorry !!☺



MAINTENANCE ROSTER

DATE: September 14th, 2013

TIME: 7-10am at Kindy

September 14 - FRENCH, JASKI, McGANN, O'CONNOR, O'DONNELL, ROBSON, YAU, LEONG, JAYASINGE, LARKHAM, PEEBLES, ROWE, SARTOR, TORKINGTON, BROWN, CATIONS, O'CONNOR, SANDALL, STEPHENS, CRAFT, BUDDEN, CHOU, DEARDS, EMBER, GARDNER, GREGORY, HILL, HUNT, SYMONDS, TIMONEY, TWILLEY, MACKINTOSH, ALCOCK, BENES, CHANSON, REID, ROBERTS.TASKER, ANNETTE

Hi Everyone,

Well, we only have x2 Maintenance Rosters to go!! This year has just flown by.

I hope that everyone had a chance to look at their Maintenance Registers which were put out at your sign-in desks over the last 3 weeks?? I have received a few queries and questions and have done my very best to try to help everyone achieve their required number in the short time that is left.

Please remember...in order to be reimbursed your Maintenance Bond -

GREEN and BLUE families need to complete **one roster per Semester** they are enrolled.

RED, PURPLE and YELLOW families need to complete **one roster per Term** they are enrolled.

There are also families who have completed other special tasks that will count towards their rosters during the year....please remember to record these in the Maintenance Folder kept in the Kindy office.

Also, we have requested that the updated Maintenance Roster be downloaded onto the Kindy website this week, so please take a minute to have a look and check again how you are tracking for the year!

We look forward to seeing all of the rostered families above on September 14, 2013.

It is a going to be a big day.....as we will be..... completing the sand pit change!!!

This involves removing 30% of the existing sand in both sandpits and replacing it with new sand.

To get this done, we really need both "man power" and "trailer power"!! So please come along to help!! If you have access to a trailer can you please email me at jenni@craddock.id.au in the next few days to let me know.

See you soon,

Jenni and Tom


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Qualified Horticultural/Landscaper
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Mowing • Hedging

Paving • Retaining Walls

Welding • Fencing

General Home Maintenance



ALL YOUR GARDENING NEEDS COVERED

Fundraising



Start your Christmas shopping early and Help Our Kindergarten

Dear Parents,

You may have already received Chalk and Parent Direct Toy Catalogues at the kindergarten. This is a fundraiser the kindergarten embarks on annually, and for over 20 years these catalogues have proven to be a popular and successful fundraising program. There are hundreds of toys from leading toy brands to choose from at great prices. Many of the toys in the catalogues are used by schools and centres and have been carefully selected to inspire creativity, learning and family fun.

You will find toys which are perfect for birthday or Christmas presents for children of all ages. The collection contains toys, books, puzzles, games, art& craft, construction, sporting & outdoor equipment, electronics, educational products and much more.

By ordering through the Chalk and Parent Direct Toy Fundraising Catalogues you are helping our kindergarten. For every dollar you spend, 20 cents will be donated back to Kenmore Park Kindergarten to spend on valuable educational resources from Australia's leading educational suppliers. Also, if we collect enough parent orders, we will receive an additional \$400 to purchase useful learning resources and equipment.

Simply complete the order forms in the middle of the catalogues and return to us with your payment. We will consolidate your orders and send them to Chalk and Parent Direct. Your orders will then be individually packaged and labelled and sent to us for you to collect. Delivery is always prompt and by choosing to have your order delivered to the school, charges are kept low.

Please return your orders by 31st October 2013.

We are also happy to send in orders at a later date. You can shop all the way to Christmas!



Fit for Funds

The grand total for the Fit For Funds campaign was a staggering \$2415. A big thank you to our runners, Shimei Fan, Agnes Doherty, Kitty Kendall, Rhianon Dyce, Kitty Kendall and Shona Bailey. Well done ladies! The group continues to meet on Wednesday afternoons up at Green Hill Reservoir from approx 3 - 4:30 pm. New members are always welcome. The concept is all about incorporating an active lifestyle with having children. Bikes, scooters, prams, well-behaved dogs etc, can come along too!

The on-line fundraising account www.gofundraise.com.au/beneficiary/kenmoreparkkindergarten worked so effectively for this event that we are keeping it. You will be able to sponsor your own little athlete in the kindy's special 'Mini Mudder' challenge in October using the same address. Donations can be personalised with words of encouragement for your child.



Mums put fitness first

ALL kinds of mums have managed a challenge in up-
ground fitness and even 1000m
for Kenmore Park Preschool
and Kindy.

But they are not stopping
there and want more time
to both their at running events.

All took part in the Be-
lievable Mudders Festival,
Shona Bailey and the full
participation. While Shona
hasn't the job.

But the ladies Shona
Fan, Agnes Doherty, Fiona
Moggill and Kitty Kendall,
it was the first time they had
run together.

The idea was the be-
lievable of the ladies, who had
training sessions that in-
volved children, giving
them the chance to put the
long time to exercise because
of a lack of childcare.

"We need something that
allows all of the children
were able, fun and work-
ing," Shona Bailey said.

The session in Green Hill
Reservoir, children, even-
though they've finished
their marathon event goal.

Pictured left, kindly mums
Shona Bailey, Agnes Doherty,
Shona Fan, Kitty Kendall,
Shona Bailey and Fiona Moggill
run to Brisbane Mar-
athon Festival events.



To celebrate the 45th Anniversary of Kenmore Park Kindergarten, a mini movie night will be held on Saturday 14 September. Please see the attached flyer for all relevant details.

As we need to ensure there will be enough snack packs for the children, can you please register your interest and the number of family members attending via the RSVP sheet. This can be found at the kindergarten sign in desk.

This is also a fundraising event, so if you are able to volunteer to help anytime on the night, please don't be shy in coming forward.

**KPPK 45TH
BIRTHDAY MOVIE NIGHT**
Saturday 14th September



Great Raffle Prizes

Doors open 4:30pm
Movies start 5pm, night ends 7pm
Features include 'The Cat in the Hat: Up & Away' and 'Shaun the Sheep'
Tickets: \$10/family (includes popcorn, poppa and cookie for the children)
Wear your PJ's and BYOB (bring your own blanket & pillow!)
Food and drink available for purchase:
Yummy cakes, slices and tea/coffee
Sausage sizzle for hungry tums!



Please RSVP by Friday 6th September (RSVP sheets will be at the kindy sign-in desks)
Volunteers on the night would be much appreciated!

AT KPPK, IT'S NOT
TOUGH MUDDER,
WE'VE NAMED IT
MINI MUDDER



Calling all Kindergarten friends to join the teachers in a fun, friendly obstacle course filled with many challenges..... There will be MUD, SLIME and WATER. It's going to be great!



Please support our Kindergarten by obtaining sponsorship for your child! Sponsor your child via our on-line fundraising account at www.gofundraising.com.au/beneficiaries/kenmoreparkkindergarten. Alternatively, a sponsor form will be coming home shortly.

Mark the dates in your diary:
Tuesday 22nd & Wednesday 23rd October



Your child can take part in some or all of the obstacles - it is their choice! Disclaimer: The teachers will have no choice, but that's ok as we can't wait to be in 'oozy, goozy mud'.