

Annie & Karen's Yellow Group

ENJOYING RECYCLING AND THE CYCLE OF LIFE! Kids love to dig!! Allow the world of mud pies and dirty fingers to work its magic, stimulating the senses and sparking imaginative play. With every spadeful turned, with every poke in the dirt, children begin to make sense of the world around them. Children have a natural affinity with dirt, and it unfolds as they touch, smell and work with plants in the garden.

At Kindy, we have been busy making recycled paper pots by tearing up old newspapers and mulching them up with water. We plan to fill these pots with soil, then plant a sunflower seed in each one. As the seedlings grow, we will observe, draw and discuss the changes we witness before finally planting the seedling in our butterfly garden to create a bed of sunflowers for us to care for.

Every time a child offers a helping hand to plants or animal, they are learning how to nurture, to appreciate another living thing and to take responsibility for its wellbeing. When given the chance to nurture, their sense of self gets a boost and they begin to see things from other perspectives.

The children are beginning to understand that paper comes from trees, and that trees provide the oxygen we breathe- so it is important to be mindful of conserving our environment by recycling paper and cardboard. They are also avid recyclers at lunchtime. Their joint dedication to saving vegie scraps ensures our worms have an endless supply of food, and our plants have an endless supply of nutrients thanks to the worm castings... or "worm wee" as we like to call it!



IMPORTANT DATES FOR YELLOW GROUP:

23rd May: African Drumming to celebrate Under 8's Week

31st May: Class Photos

4th June: Parent Workshop – "Creating Caring, Capable Kids". From 7pm

6th June: Open Day for 2014 families

19th June: Parent Teacher Meetings

21st June: School holidays



Fiona & Lynsey's Red Group

Learning about the 5 senses has furthered our education this month. We began with gardening and planting our sunflower seeds (donated from Alex). The children prepared the garden bed – turning over the soil, adding potting mix, and some of our home-grown worm wee from our worm farm as fertilizer. Over the following days the children watered the ground in preparation for planting. During this time we created sunflower markers to place in the ground, and documented our guesses on how many days it would be before we saw the seeds turning into small plants. We continued to look at the environment around us – shapes and sizes of leaves (we took prints of these leaves onto paper), found beautiful flowers growing in the bottom part of our playground, collated seed into size and shape, and then used a mortar and pestle to ground dried seeds and herbs into pastes. Wow – what amazing smells were created!!! We thought about how we use our senses all the time as we play at kindergarten – touching the soil as we plant, looking at the variety of sizes of seeds, and smelling the crushed herbs. Stories such as retelling the “Great Big Enormous Turnip” and sequence cards of a growth of a plant helped solidify our learning. We are now looking at how plants “drink” the water with a colour changing experiment.



This month we have continued on the interest of sewing. Thanks to Miss Lynsey and her sewing machine, many of the children created some fashion statements of clothing – scarves, bags, skirts, hats and mermaid tails. They designed on paper what they wanted to create, chose fabric and accessories (ribbon, lace etc..) and then took their time carefully listening to Lynsey as they used the machine.



We hope all the mums enjoyed the special Mothers Day pampering and songs! Thanks for being such great sports as you experienced the short but well loved massage and hand rub from your child!



REMINDERS



- Please pack a small light blanket for rest times now the weather is cooling down!
- The children are just love to have an apply slinky at morning tea, please pack one in your child's lunch box... what a great way for your child to eat more fruit.

IMPORTANT DATES FOR RED GROUP:

31st May :- Class Photo's

21st June:- Parent Teacher Chats



Kate and Margo's Purple Group

We welcome many new families to our group recently and are pleased to have them as part of wonderful kindy community. Please say hello and introduce yourselves when you see them around.

Events and Learning

We have some friendly Butcher birds who visit us at morning tea and lunch times who have gotten quite cheeky in recent weeks. They enjoy the crumbs we leave and sometimes even try to eat pieces of rubbish that get left on our mat while we are eating.

As you would be aware we have been planning and building a scarecrow to remind the Butcher birds not to come too close while we are eating. We have also been talking about how we can care for these birds that share our kindy. Some of the children suggested that we keep the lids on our lunch boxes while we eat and keep all of our rubbish in our lunch boxes or in the bin so as not to tempt them. This personal responsibility of considering what action we can take to help a situation rather than changing others behaviour is a valuable life skill to develop in many areas of life.

We have also been working on the little garden in our entry space. We will be planting sunflowers to brighten it up for now and we are asking for your ideas about what we could do with this space in the future. Check out the red folder near the sign in book which has some pictures and ideas to get the inspiration going. We would love to make this a collaborative effort.

Looking forward to creating with you and your children

Kate and Margo



Things to remember

A healthy snack before kindy so we can play with lots of energy until morning tea

Bring warm clothes and some spares in case we get REALLY involved in our play and get messy

Label all clothing especially jumpers as the weather gets cooler.

Things coming up

We will be having a visit from a local dentist to talk about oral hygiene.

Parent Teacher Meetings towards the end of term- Look out for more info in the coming weeks.

Becky & Lynsey's Pre-Kindy News

We just Love to see where the Pre-Kindy kids take us with their learning. After looking at lots of bugs and lizards earlier in the term, we started looking at our own bodies and all the bones we have “our Skeleton “. It was fun to hold up a pretend skeleton in the mirror and imagine our own bones, then draw bones on pictures of bodies.

This led onto what keeps our own bodies healthy, so we talked about what we eat, and what makes a healthy snack, it was fun seeing what food was in our snack boxes and who liked what foods, banana's were a great talking point, where and how they grow, and then we had to sing 'Banana's-in-pyjamas', but.. “Banana's-in-Pyjama's don't grow on tree's Miss Becky!☺”... They can at Kindy, so we set about making our own banana's in pyjama's tree ☺

To build on our talk about healthy food, I brought in lots of different fruits and vegetables, and we cut them open to see what was inside, some have pips and seeds and some didn't, and some even had a magic star! some taste nice, but lemons and limes make your face look funny when you taste them ☺

We then had lots of fun doing paint stamping with the different fruits, capsicum and kiwi fruits worked the best, and the citrus fruit made the paper smell nice.

Smell is a wonderful sense to build on so we made “smelly playdough”... This was a wonderful experience, mixing up warm playdough, each child was then able to add their own smells to it.. Cinnamon, camomile flowers, coriander and mustard seeds, some held their noses, some almost put their noses into it☺... But each child was able to experience ownership over their own 'Smelly Playdough'.

As the days become a bit colder, Kindy can be rather chilly first thing in the morning and late afternoon, so rug up a bit, but remember to still put your child in clothes they can manage by themselves in the bathroom.



Love Becky and Lynsey x



NOTE...

“Please be mindful as you go in and out of the Kindy gate, not to let any children run past you into the car park! “



Reminders:



Tues 4th June: Sean Webber, Tripple P, Raising Happy, Loving and Capable Kids



MAINTENANCE ROSTER

DATE: June 15, 2013

TIME: 7-10am at Kindy

Hi everyone,

The following families are rostered to attend their maintenance roster on June 15, 2013:

June 15 JAYASINGE, JONES, LARKHAM, PEEBLES, ROWE, SARTOR, TORKINGTON, CATIONS, KILMISTER, QUILTER, SMITH, ZHANG, MOON, GREGORY, HILL, HUNT, MORTIMORE, TIMONEY, TWILLEY. ALCOCK, BENES, CHANSON

Have you ever wondered about the types of tasks that our parents do at our 'Working Bees'? On May 4, 2013, we had a very successful morning where all of the usual and important tasks were carried out with much enthusiasm and smiles...thanks again to all of the rostered parents who attended!

But, we also had some wonderful volunteers help us to begin some creative projects on our teacher's wish lists and I thought we would share a few of these with you.....



Building of the 'Mud Kitchen' for Ms Annie and Ms Kate.
Thanks to three highly skilled dad's : Anthony Gregory ,
Steve Quilter and Tom Craddock!

The rainbow mural was started on Ms Fiona's side by Sophia's artistic mum – Kelsey Bell and the abstract mural was added to again by creative dad, David Ember.



So...what's coming up at the next maintenance roster ??? Watch this space to find out.
We look forward to seeing everyone at their next roster.

Jenni and Tom

(Thanks to mum, Georgia Gordon, for bringing baked goodies on the day ☺)

WANTED!

Do you have a bike trailer/jogging pushchair we could borrow?

The Fit for Funds groups would really appreciate the use of one for their sessions. If you can help, please contact Shona Bailey at Shonamccombe@hotmail.com. Thank you!

Fundraising

FIT FOR FUNDS

Would you like to:

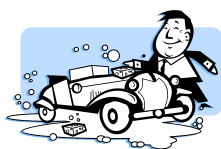
Get fit

Have fun

Raise money



Run mum/Dad run! Fit for funds – Kenmore Park is looking for people to join their team in the Brisbane Running festival on the 4 August 2013 to help raise fund for kindy. For more information please contact Shona Bailey on Shonamccombe@hotmail.com



Timeless Car Detailing: - We have a great fundraising opportunity provided to us by Timeless Car Detailing. For every interior, exterior or full car detail booked by a Kenmore Park parent, the company will donate \$20 towards the kindergarten's fundraising efforts. What a fantastic idea for a Mother's Day present? Remember to mention that you are calling from Kenmore Park Kindergarten, and this applies to grandparents and other relatives as well! **This promotion applies to all detail jobs booked during the month of May.** Please refer to the flyer on the website for further information



Woolworths Earn & Learn:- **NOT LONG LEFT !** Anyone who shops at Woolworths from Monday 8 April to Sunday 9 June 2013 can collect Woolworths Earn & Learn Points. Sticker sheets (to paste your point stickers on) are available at Woolworths or at kindy, but you can also bring in your stickers too. You can also drop them off at Woolies as we have a box for our Kindy.

Results of the 2013 Mother's Day Raffle

Thank you to all the KPPK families who were able to buy raffle tickets. Together we raised \$634 for our kindy – that's even more than in 2012!

Congratulations to the following winners of our wonderful donated prizes.

A. Strickland	Home spring clean voucher (\$245 value) – donated by PCH Services
Hile family	Car detailing voucher (\$200 value) – donated by Timeless Car Cleaning
L. Rae	2013/2014 Entertainment Book (\$65 value) – donated by Entertainment Publications
D. Nixon	Facial or waxing voucher (\$50 value) – donated by T2Wax Kenmore
B. Coll	Crabtree & Evelyn pack – donated by Lexus of Brisbane
S. Larkham	Crabtree & Evelyn pack – donated by Lexus of Brisbane
L Mellor	Crabtree & Evelyn pack – donated by Lexus of Brisbane
D. Zhang	Crabtree & Evelyn pack – donated by Lexus of Brisbane.

Committee Member – Kitty Kendall



Hello from the Kendall family. This is our second year with KPPK and my second time round as the grants co-ordinator. This role seeks to get money from other sources for the kindy so that it can continue to provide the wonderful activities it currently does. The teachers have such wonderful ideas of what they would like to have built or develop and I then think “where are we going to get the money to do that”.

My husband Andrew is teacher, I’m a stay at home mum, Lillian is our oldest (in Miss Fiona’s & Miss Lynsey’s class), Sasha is 2 (and ready for kindy she says), and our youngest David is 6 months. I’m usually rushing about to get one fed or to bed but please say hi!

Upcoming Events



Kenmore Park Kindergarten Open Day
Thursday 6th June 2013
3:30 – 4:15pm

Come along and see what makes us such a unique community kindergarten in the western suburbs!

Meet the dynamic teaching teams, and learn more about our exciting program – weekly Japanese lessons, an exclusive 3 year old program, our emphasis on a play based curriculum, and interactive community learning.

982 Moggill Road, Kenmore
(behind the Uniting Church)



Raising Happy, Loving and Capable Kids

with Sean Webber - Psychologist and Triple P Trainer



What: Evening with Sean Webber from Triple P

When: Tuesday 4th June

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

Time: 7pm - 9pm

Cost: \$10 per person

Come and hear Sean discuss key Triple P principles in combination with a range of useful strategies such as quality time, praise, giving instructions and use of consequences.

Then the floor is open for parents to talk about any specific issues - such as anxiety, time pressure, assertive discipline techniques and developing realistic expectations.

Everyone is welcome!

For more information contact the kindy on 3378 4469 or email info@kenmorepark.com.au.

