

Yandell Kindergarten

2013 Term 4 Newsletter

IMPORTANT DATES:

Saturday, 12th October 2013 – Working Bee, start 9.00am
Monday, 14th October 2013 - Committee meeting, 7pm at the kinder
Monday, 11th November 2013 - Committee meeting, 7pm at the kinder
Monday, 18th November 2013 – Annual General Meeting (open to all parents), 7pm at the kinder

TERM DATES 2013:

Term 4 - Monday 7th October to Friday 13th December
Kinder clean up days are Monday 16th & Tuesday 17th December (no kinder program for that week)

TERM DATES 2013:

Advent Festival:

3 year old Ring-a-Rosie Thursday 12th December

4 year old Kindergarten Friday 13th December

* Please note Festivals are for children and families attending Yandell Kindergarten only

PUBLIC HOLIDAYS 2013:

Melbourne Cup Day Tuesday 5th November

PARENT'S COMMITTEE MESSAGE:

Hello from Elizabeth Marcus. While it has only been a couple of months with a fully formed committee I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the committee members for their time, support and efforts. By way of a brief update I am pleased to say I am President (Loren in 4 year Kinder and Connor in 3 year Kinder), Giuliana Priolo (Eros in 4 year Kinder) is Secretary and Nick Williamson is Vice-President (Charlotte in 4 year Kinder) and we warmly welcome Jason Williams (Sari in 4 year Kinder) onto the committee as well.

I would like to thank Mahlani Anastasiou for her amazing efforts to update our website. Please take a look and you will see a whole new look, great information and a very professional looking site. Mahlani has spent many hours working on this and it will serve the Kinder well as a source of information for prospective parents and as an on-going information hub for us all. This has been in conjunction with Mahlani's continued efforts as our Treasurer. We are all very grateful Mahlani, for all that you have done.

The Committee has decided to move from Westpac to Bendigo Bank which will be a gradual process to ensure a smooth transition. This decision has come about over time with on-going challenges to receive adequate service from Westpac and ridiculous waiting times for very simple banking requests to be acted on. Our research shows that Bendigo Bank provide a much better online service and information, higher service levels overall and are more suited to a small operation like ourselves given their infrastructure and support of community services in general.

I would like to thank Annalies Visser for her fine work this year with Payroll and for dealing with on-going frustrations with Westpac. Over the next few months payroll will transition to Paula who will add this to her bookkeeping work for the Kinder. This will ensure a very complete service is provided by a very experienced bookkeeper and will allow the Committee scope to broaden its marketing efforts.

I also like to invite you all to our AGM on Monday, 18th November at 7pm and ask that you consider giving some of your time and talent to our very dear Kinder in 2014 and if you have any suggestions or feedback please email me on elizabeth@valleyoa.com or mobile 0429 359 529.

OTHER NEWS:

Refund of \$100 Service Fee

Parents who paid a deposit of \$100 at the end of 2012 will receive a \$100 discount off their Term 4 fees to reimburse this *if they have met their 3 commitments for the 2013 calendar year*. These commitments include:

- 2 working bees
- 1 attendance at a committee meeting

This coming Saturday 12th October is the final working bee for the year and next Monday 14th October is the last Committee meeting to count towards receiving your refund. All welcome!

BOOK CORNER:

HIGHLY RECOMMENDED

Title: Teach the Children Well
Author: Jonathan Anstock

True education has a critical mission to play on the planet. This book illustrates some of the potential pitfalls of certain education streams, and offers ideas to support the liberation of the individual human spirit. Educating consciousness should become an important focus, enabling free thinking and self-directed humans to give unselfish purpose to their lives. For these ideals to flourish, good foundations need to be laid in early life. This book outlines some of those foundation pathways leading to balanced humans who can contribute to greater balance in our western societies.

To review/purchase, have a look at:

Amazon Kindle <http://www.amazon.com/dp/B00B57UJ8A>

Apple/iTunes iBook iPad iPhone <https://itunes.apple.com/us/book/teach-the-children-well/id602969384?ls=1>

STEINER ARTICLES:

Steiner Dolls - Why the difference?

This wonderful article by Conne Grawert from Nurture ~ Australia's Natural Parenting Magazine, Issue 05, 2013, explains the characteristics of Steiner dolls. For the full article please click on the link <http://www.steinereducation.edu.au/resources/articles/steiner-dolls-why-the-difference> Article courtesy of Steiner Education Australia.

RECIPES:

Apple millet cakes

- 6 apples
- 120g butter
- 4 eggs
- 2 ½ cups of millet flour (or alternative flour)
- ¾ cup sugar
- ½ teaspoon cinnamon
- 2 ½ teaspoons baking powder
- ⊗ Grate apples or chop finely
- ⊗ Melt butter
- ⊗ Beat eggs
- ⊗ Mix together dry ingredients and add apples, eggs and butter
- ⊗ Put into patty cases and cook in moderate oven for 15 min

WE WOULD LIKE TO THANK:

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