



*A Steiner Kindergarten
Nurturing wonder and imagination in every child*



*"In the depths of Winter
I finally learned that
within me there lay
an invincible Summer"*
~ Albert Camus ~



dates for your diary

Next Committee Meeting - Monday 16th July

Kinder Working Bee - Saturday 28th July

It feels like quite some time has passed since our beautiful Autumn Fair, and I am sure many of you are wondering just how much the kinder community managed to raise in funds. We hope to have a 'wrap up' available for you soon, and in the meantime I am sure we can all agree that our children had the most amazing day and our deepest gratitude must be extended to our fabulous Fair Coordinator Hayley! Well done Hayley, we hope you have enjoyed your break and cannot wait to see your smiling face back at the kinder soon.



From our President...

Hi all,

What a wonderful term preparing for the Winter Festival we have all had. My daughter has been very excited about the "dark time lantern walk" for weeks! I hope you are all having a good winter and managed to stay well (something we have not succeeded at lately).

As you all know the Autumn Fair was a great success and we send more big thanks to everyone involved! The funds raised at the fair as well as other fundraising we may hold in the near future, are essential for continuing to meet the developmental needs of our children. This term alone funds have been spent on Professional Development for staff, some beautiful new resources, and minor repair works that were needed.

The committee are currently trying their best to organise a grant application to help fund some major improvement works on the bathroom, kitchen, and playground. We strongly encourage anyone who would like more information, or to help out with the application process, to come to the committee meeting next month.

Next Committee Meeting
Monday 16th July 2018 7.30pm at the Kinder

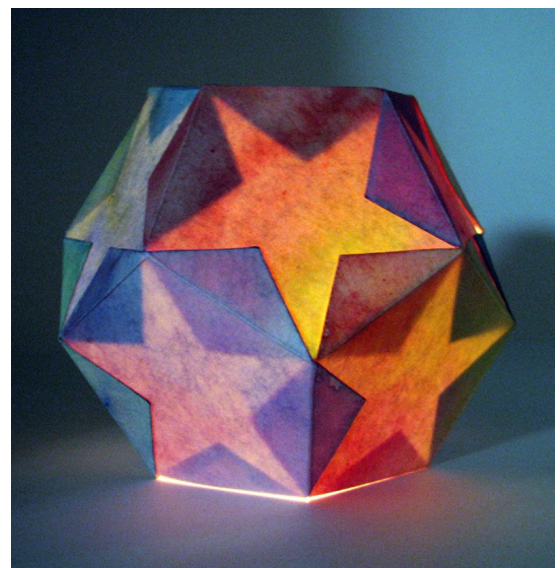
On a personal note I would like to thank the whole Yandell community for being such a friendly and welcoming place, especially others in the committee who have supported me when personal challenges have meant that I have struggled with my Yandell president commitments.

The committee is a friendly and supportive group of wonderful people and we welcome anyone who would like to get involved.

Warm Regards,

Meg McIntosh

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From our Four Year Olds...

Much anticipation has been brewing among the 4 year old children in preparation for our winter festival. Lanterns have been gathering along our windowsill in readiness and we have been practicing our lantern walk song.

*"The sunlight fast is dwindling, my little lamp needs kindling,
it's beam shines bright through darkest night.
Dear lantern guide me with your light"*

King Winter is peeking out more often requiring us to put on our warm coats, hats and gumboots and our outside play is evolving into experimentation with mud and sand mixes. We have also begun tinkering in some woodwork, learning how to safely use tools to hammer and rasp our creations.

The colder weather is a perfect invitation for craft and the children are working hard making pompoms. A project that takes time and patience, which is a challenge for some! As we slowly progress with winding our wool around and around our circle form, our work is kept safe in our individual craft bags which we made at the beginning of the term.

Although we were sad to see our dear guinea pig "Hairy" pass away, we have enjoyed getting to know our two new boys, "Fidget" and "Midget", aptly named by the children. And we are particularly delighted that the vet has just informed us that they are clear of suspicion of ringworm and no longer need bathing. Phew!! Although they did seem to like putting their little feet into a warm bath.

We have visited the story of Goldilocks and the three bears in our morning circle, tasting porridge and stomping around like big brown bears to much delight. And to the children's surprise a rather big truck arrived last week with a delivery of big boxes which we opened together in our Friday group. To the children's very curious observation we took beautiful pieces of timber one by one from the boxes and hypothesized over what they may make. As we explored further and worked together to piece and build, we finally managed to create a new oven and stovetop and a sink for our home area.



Thank you to all those who worked hard at our Autumn Fair. As a result of funds raised, the committee was able to approve the purchase of some lovely new resources for the children to use. More will arrive next term also.

We thoroughly enjoyed sharing a very special combined community Winter Festival with the 3 year old families. Thank you to everyone who was able to attend.

I take this opportunity also to wish everyone a safe and restful holiday break. Much love, Rachel.

From our Three Year Olds ...

This term has been about lanterns, lanterns and more lanterns! All the pasting and sticking the tissue paper on has been a big learning experience for these children. The preparation of Winter Festival is an exciting time, bringing in some change of activities. We have seen a lot of persistence in all the children, as the task has brought many challenges. They have all given it their all and we adored seeing the excitement of sharing the end result at the festival!

This term, we have been telling a story of an old man and old lady that lived in an orchard and all the field mice ate all the apples. The old man and old lady had to decide of a way that the mice would leave their good apples as they needed the good apples to sell at the market to earn a living. The most recent story has been a follow on from this, about an old lady that wanted to buy some apples to make apple cake. She started a journey to find the market, and before she left, she took a basket of plums. On her journey she continually trades a variety of items, such as her plums with feathers then flowers a gold chain and a little dog and eventually she got her apples. This story helps children with the understanding of giving and receiving.

Our open ended play time has been a really wonderful space to observe. We are now seeing continuous play evolving over days. As within my documentation, many weeks ago, some children started building a 'castle'. This castle building has evolved over a few weeks now, as the children run to the shed and want to continue and extend their play. How lovely to see the children playing in big group play, initiating and joining in play all together.



Another continuous experience has been the climbing. Again we are seeing the same group of children challenging themselves more and evolving week by week with taking risks. Now an 'obstacle course' is being set up every day to extend this experience further. This is a wonderful stage in three year old kinder to see these activities take place authentically and initiated by the children, where they recall and reflect on previous experiences and want to continue to evolve.

I will continue to be in touch with families about your child's term, and am happy to chat with you over the phone if you would prefer. Please make sure you email me if you have any questions. We look forward to what Term 3 will bring!

Warm wishes, Emily & Melinda



Feel like getting crafty these school holidays?

"I recommend 'Wooden Bits and Bobs' for all things crafty, wooden peg dolls, toy building, dowel sticks, miniature dolls house items... they are a local company that are wonderfully easy and friendly to deal with. There is no minimum order and delivery or local pickup are options. I highly recommend the business." Wooden Bits and Bobs www.woodbits.com.au 8 Beckett Court Lower Plenty VIC 3093
Thanks to Sohpie's Mum Yas from our Ring a Rosie group for sharing this!

"The 25th of April marks an important date for the Australian and New Zealand Army Corps and reminds us all of the bravery and sacrifice that was given by so many then and throughout our history. As a long serving member of the Australian Defence Force, Anzac Day traditions bring with it reflection during the Dawn Service and instils our core values of courage, initiative, respect and teamwork."

This year marked a new tradition within the Kruk Household. We decided to attend the Anzac Day March in Whittlesea. Whilst on the drive to Whittlesea there were mild discussions about what Anzac Day is about, why we march and why we remember those fallen, a part of our history that I wish to pass on to the next generation."

Once we arrived and found our spot it was time to commence. My two beautiful children, Emily (4yo group) and Harvey (2yo), marched along side me and other Veterans. It was quite touching (more than I expected), and I was so very proud of their behaviour throughout the one and half hour event happily wearing my replica medals and ribbon bars."

At the end of the march we farewelled those we had walked beside and Emily asked the following... 'Mummy, that was lovely, can we do that with you again?'...to which I replied 'Of course sweetheart, we will do this together again next year.' Very proud Mummy/Soldier Moment."



Thank you Suez for sharing such a beautiful story with our kinder families.

That's it for this edition of our kinder newsletter. If you have any questions at all or would like to get in touch to share any news for the next edition, please contact me via newsletter@yandellkinder.com.au
Thank you, Jenny

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