



**Olympic Avenue Kindergarten  
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# PRESIDENT'S REPORT



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Our biggest news this month is to announce that we were successful in appointing a new 4 year old teacher and director for our kinder. Angela Seaton, who has had many years' experience as a teacher and director at other kindergartens in neighbouring suburbs, will be doing a formal handover with Stephanie during the week just after the Queen's birthday weekend. Although we are obviously sad to be losing Stephanie, at the same time we are very excited that Angela will be working with us and ensuring as little disruption as possible to our 4 year old groups. I am sure you will join the Committee in welcoming Angela to our kinder.

With regards to the DEECD grant for building an extra play room, we have been in contact with Bayside Council about what our next steps should be. You may remember that the Council's mapping exercise categorised us as a kinder needing maximum help to meet the requirements of providing universal access to 15 hours of kindergarten to four year olds by 2013. Council are aware we are still keen to build an additional playroom and we have begun a dialogue on how this might be achieved.

Watch this space!

Until next time, stay warm!

Jane Kippax  
President



# YELLOW AND ORANGE GROUP REPORT

## Photo Board



Thanks to Tania Purton "Amelia's Mum" Orange group for singing and playing the guitar.



Puzzle Play with Tina.



Christian, Olivia and Amelia think block play is great fun!



Kinder profile "Stephanie" Orange Group I met Ronnie at the welcoming BBQ

Dear Parents,

During Autumn both groups planted bulbs in our quiet garden. These will now be observed carefully over the next few months for changes in their appearance. Our bulbs should finally flower beautifully under the Spring sunshine. Working in our natural environment helps the children 'Begin to sort, categorise, order and compare collections, events and attributes of objects and materials, in their social and natural worlds.' (Victorian and Early Years Development and Learning Frameworks 2009.) Our visiting rabbits are another example of a natural science project where we can observe 'change'. The baby rabbits arrived at Kindergarten as balls of fluff and have now learnt to feed and hop around. Their physical appearance has changed dramatically on a daily basis!

This term, I would like to encourage parents to visit and share a skill with the children. You might like to play a musical instrument at mat time or chat about the work you do or bring along something interesting to chat about. Some examples of previous parent visits are; parents who painted or drew sketches, parents who played a musical instrument and parents who described their careers with some of the equipment they use (eg. Nurses). We would love to hear from any parents who would like to join us for a 'Parent Visit'. Please speak to me soon to make a time if you are interested. Such visits are a valuable language and cognitive experience for the children and also encourage a community contribution to the Kindergarten program which is encouraged by the new 'Early Years Learning Framework'. Our recent Parent Talk was well attended and our thanks to Angela for her very informative and interesting presentation on 'Speech and Language Acquisition'.

Parent /Teacher interviews will be held early in June for Yellow and Orange Group Parents. Please fill in an appointment time on the list in the foyer if you would like to attend. Staff are available to discuss your child at other times too but these evening opportunities may suit some families better. As the weather becomes cooler please pack a warm coat and hat for your child. We do try to play in the garden every session even when it is quite chilly!

Our thoughts are with Stephanie as she says 'goodbye' to the Red and Blue Groups and begins her next life adventure. Stephanie has been an enthusiastic teacher and a very friendly staff member who ensures we all get along and work as a team in both the good and the more challenging times. Her honest approach and sense of humour will be missed by all. We look forward to seeing you all at her 'Farewell' on Saturday 19th June.

In term three we will welcome Angela Seaton as the four year old group teacher and we wish her a happy and fulfilling time at OAK.

Regards,  
Ronnie and Tina.



# RED AND BLUE GROUP REPORT

## Photo Board

We have had a very busy few weeks at kinder. Claire Searle from Beaumaris library came to read stories to the children. These were about our emotions and we extended this concept over the past few weeks with games, songs, stories, role playing and dramatization. The children really enjoyed learning the new songs and could be heard in the garden singing to each other!

The children made Mother's Day gifts and cards and we interviewed the children and wrote their comments in their card as to why they thought their Mum was special. Some of these comments will appear in the next newsletter too.

Our bunnies have arrived and are growing rapidly. . In a few weeks the children will be able to hold them and watch their development. We have been very busy discussing these little creatures and have learned songs , heard stories and done fine motor art activities representing them. they will be with us until 10 June.

We have been using the digging patch and "wild" garden so that the children can explore their surroundings, look for creatures under the rocks and treasure in the soil!

Show and Tell and Library have started for the children and they really look forward to their turn to tell their friends what they have brought to Kinder. This helps to develop their confidence and self esteem.

Vision screenings will take place on 27 May for the 4 year old groups. Many thanks to Kath Bodi for organizing this excellent service for the Kinder. Many children will be seen by Lawrie Jacobson from the Dingley Eye Centre.

Stephanie will be conducting parent teacher interview soon and parents have been placing their names on the list in the foyer. The Pet Educator will be coming to kinder in the last week of term. The children will be making vegetable soup from some of the veggies in the garden and some veggies donated by parents.



Thank-you Masami Roche  
"Mushashi's Mum"  
in Blue Group  
for teaching up how to  
make sushi rolls. Yum !



Reading stories with Adrian  
Nunes "Atticus's dad"  
in Red group.  
Thanks for the great  
storytelling.



## ANNOUNCEMENT



We are delighted to announce

*Angela Seaton*

to the position of 4 year old teacher and Director.

Angela has been Director and teacher at sessional kindergartens in Caulfield and Brighton.

She is looking forward to working with Stephanie over the next few weeks to ensure a smooth transition for all our children in 4 year old kindergarten this year.

Angela brings with her a wealth of experience and a great deal of enthusiasm.

We are very much looking forward to working with her.

I am sure you will join me in welcoming her.

Jane Kippax  
President



# OAK SOCIAL COMMITTEE

## Mothers Day Dinner – 1st May 2010

A great night out was had by all at Vincent's in Beaumaris. Sixteen mums came along for a delicious choice of Entrée and Main or Main and Dessert. The Mums had a great catch up with many funny stories shared amongst everyone.

## Group Social events – Term 2

**Blue group** held a Teddy Bear's picnic in Pennydale Park last week attended by about 14 of the children plus siblings and parents. They enjoyed games, a treasure hunt and special picnic food along with Teddy Bear songs – it was a great get together.

**Red group** are planning a dinner for parents to get together at "Out to Thai" on Thursday 10th June. Contact Kristen or Tricia for more details  
**Orange Group** – Friday 18th June 7pm, drinks and tapas at Onyx, 328 Reserve Rd, Cheltenham. No need to reply just turn up on the night and pay as you go. See kinder foyer for more details.

**Yellow Group** – Nothing planned currently.

## Stephanie's Farewell – Sat 19th June 2010

Drinks and nibbles will be held at the kinder on Sat 19th June from 7-9pm. All past and present parents are welcome to come along to wish Stephanie a fond farewell. Please pass this invitation on to past parents who may like to come along. Please reply at the sign in book or to Annie Thomas 0409 063 543 or [emailannie@optusnet.com.au](mailto:emailannie@optusnet.com.au) by Friday 11th June if you are attending

## Major Social event – Sat 28th August 2010

Put this date in your diary - An 80's revival night is planned and will be loads of fun. Starting at 7pm at the Cheltenham Golf Club with games, prizes for the best dressed, silent auction and 80's dance music, it really will be a blast from the past. Get a table of your friends together or put your name down with your colour group. More details will follow look for info in the foyer and in your child's pocket



# IMPORTANT DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

DATE	TIME	ACTIVITY	VENUE
Monday 7 <sup>th</sup> June	12.30 – 3.30pm 6pm-8pm	Parent Teacher Interviews 3 year olds	Olympic Kinder
Wednesday 9 <sup>th</sup> June	4.30pm – 6pm 7.00pm - 8.30pm	Parent Teacher Interviews 3 year olds	Olympic Kinder
Thursday 10 <sup>th</sup> June	TBA	Red Group “Out to Thai” Dinner	TBA
w/c Monday 14 <sup>th</sup> June	TBA	Parent Teacher Interviews 4 year olds	Olympic Kinder
Tuesday 15 <sup>th</sup> June	During Class	Red Group – Making Vegetable Soup	Olympic Kinder
Wednesday 16 <sup>th</sup> June	During Class	Blue Group – Making Vegetable Soup	Olympic Kinder
Saturday 19 <sup>th</sup> June	7pm – 9pm	Stephanie’s Retirement party. Parent welcome.	Olympic Kinder
Sunday 20 <sup>th</sup> June		Yellow Group Working Bee	Olympic Kinder
Tuesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> June	During Class	Red and Blue Groups – Pet Educator will be attending	Olympic Kinder
Friday 25 <sup>th</sup> June		Term 2 Ends	Olympic Kinder
Monday 12 <sup>th</sup> July		Term 3 Begins	Olympic Kinder
Saturday 28 <sup>th</sup> August	TBA	80’s Revival Night – Major Fundraising Night	Cheltenham Golf Club



# NEWS/NOTICE BOARD

## Hire the Kinder for your Child's Party



HIRE FEE JUST \$60.  
PLUS BOND \$90.

- Full use of the outside play area including sand pit
- Full use of the kitchen and amenities

Download the booking form at [www.olympicavenuekinder.com.au](http://www.olympicavenuekinder.com.au)

Please note: the Kinder is not hired out during School Holidays or on Working Bee weekends.

Our kinder aims to be NUT FREE. Please refrain from bringing any food which may contain traces.

## 4 Year Old Kinder Enrolments

3 year olds....don't forget to enrol for 4 year old Kinder !

## Kinder Gear For Sale

- Legionnaire hats (red or blue) .....\$ 8.00
- Kinder bags .....\$10.00
- Iron on transfers (black or white) ... \$2.00
- Trolley coins (see designs below) ...\$3.00



**By popular demand Trolley Coins are now permanently available!!**

To purchase any of the Kinder Gear items use the order envelopes provided in the Kinder foyer. Please allow three days for your order to be processed, it will then be available from the OAK office for pick up – please ask Stephanie or Ronnie.

## 2011 Preps

Don't forget all local schools are now advertising for 2011.

## Photos wanted for Newsletter

If anyone has any photos or stories from kinder duty or parties in the park of and other activities across all 4 classes please email them in to Melanie Knox for submission. [melanieknox@hotmail.com](mailto:melanieknox@hotmail.com)

## A reminder to all Parents:

Now that the weather has changed and the days are much colder please remember to **pack a coat and warm hat** for your child every session.

Also, if your child has medications kept at Kindergarten for asthma, allergies or similar please **notify staff if there are any changes to these** that staff should be aware of so we can update our records.

## Banking Details for School Fees

EFT is the preferred method of payment:

**BSB: 704 191**

**Account no: 155886**

**Account name: Olympic Avenue Kindergarten**

**Please reference SURNAME AND GROUP** when making payment.

Please note: If you do not have access to EFT, cash payments are only accepted on Mondays (11.30am – 12.30pm) or Wednesdays (12.30pm – 1.30pm), when our administration officer is on duty to collect and bank cash receipts.



# 2010 COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Community Involvement is very important for us so please feel free at anytime to contact any of our members to discuss/comment/provide ideas of how we can ensure our Kinder continues to offer everyone the best Kinder experience possible.

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# MAJOR SOCIAL FUNDRAISING EVENT

**YOU ARE INVITED !**

Please come along to the Major Social  
Fundraiser event on

**Saturday 28th August at the  
Cheltenham Golf Club.**

*Funds raised will be used to install blinds around  
the sandpit for protection from the sun in  
Summer and the wind in winter.*

Invitation is open to family and friends so get in  
early and pre-book your table.

Please put the date in your diary and plan to  
come along it will be a great night out.

More details to follow shortly.