



**Olympic Avenue Kindergarten
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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

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A very big welcome to all families to Olympic Avenue Kindergarten for 2011; on behalf of the Committee I hope that you have an enjoyable year, where your children gain many new skills and form new friendships. Not only is the kindergarten a great place for children to establish friendships, but also for parents. Both the organised and informal get togethers (mostly at the park after kinder!) are a great way to meet other parents and to get to know them and their families.

The first social event will be the Welcome BBQs on:

3 Year Olds (Orange & Yellow Groups):

Friday, 18th February from 5.30-7.30 p.m.

4 Year Olds (Red & Blue Groups):

Friday, 25th February from 5.30-7.30 p.m.

While our hard working social committee is already organising some great social events, they will also be asking for your support to raise funds for toys and equipment for both the current programs and the new building. From last year's fundraising efforts, outdoor blinds were installed around the sandpit area and deck, to provide shading and protection from the weather in winter. Make sure you check them out! Thanks to Tania Purton for coordinating the installation over the break.

This year is going to be a very exciting (and challenging) one for the kinder, with a new playroom being built by the end of year. This will allow the kindergarten to continue to provide the same programs and offer new programs when the number of funded hours for 4 year olds increases to 15 hours/week from 2013. We have a very dedicated sub-committee overseeing the project, but would really welcome help from anyone in the building project management field. If you know of anyone who can help us, please let me know; I understand that everyone is busy, so any help that can be offered, no matter how small, would be very much appreciated. As the building project is on a very tight timeline, if you have any queries or concerns, please let our Communications Officer, Tania Watts-Hall (Blue Group), know as soon as possible. Keep an eye out for updates!

Just a few things to be mindful of:

Parking: There are some parking restrictions near the kinder, in particular the white lines adjacent to the kinder driveway (sometimes also marked with a witch's hat). Please make sure that driveways are not obscured so that our neighbours are able to access their properties. Council has been known to book cars parked illegally near the kinder!

The kindergarten is nut free: please only send food that does not contain nuts to the kinder.

Please don't forget hats and apply sunscreen prior to each session in Term 1.

Please feel free to contact me if you would like to discuss anything throughout the year. I am looking forward to being part of the kinder community with you.

Denise Batchelor, President



YELLOW AND ORANGE GROUP REPORT

Dear Parents,

The year has now begun and we are looking forward to working with all OAK children and their families.

We hope your children have a smooth transition into Kindergarten and begin to enjoy our 'learning through play' program. Parents are welcome to stay if they feel their child is anxious during the first few weeks. Three Year Old group is a gentle introduction to Kindergarten and some children may take time to feel they can leave their parents and develop trust with other adults who are teaching them. Having smaller groups for the first two sessions allows for a greater staff / child ratio so we can spend more time getting to know your child.

Our program is always available for you to read in the foyer. It is based on the Victorian Early Years Learning and Development Framework 2009. The curriculum is designed to meet the needs of all children from birth to eight years so it is also linked to Primary School curriculums. Our written fortnightly 'reflection' is often supported by photographs which help to give a visual interpretation of the skills developing within the program.

We look forward to your duty visits where you can enjoy observing and participating in the activities. In addition, parents can play a part in the program by sharing a particular interest or topic with the children that helps to broaden the children's understanding of the world around them.

This year we are embarking on a huge project as we build a new playroom in the front garden to accommodate future Three Year Old groups and other children's services. We are looking forward to lots of enthusiasm and support from all families towards this exciting goal!

Please remember to pack a sunhat, some spare clothes and a piece of fruit (weekly) for your child in their Kinder bag. Playtime is often messy so we encourage the children to wear casual clothes and comfortable climbing shoes.

We are looking forward to seeing all the Three Year Old Group families at the 'Welcome B.B.Q' on Friday 18th February at 5.30pm!

Ronnie and Tina.



RED AND BLUE GROUP REPORT

Welcome to Olympic Avenue Kindergarten, and welcome back to those of you who have had children attend our kindergarten in the past. I hope you all had a wonderful rest over the holidays in preparation for the busy learning year ahead in your children's lives.

I spent two weeks relaxing in Merimbula with my husband and our two sons. 2010 was a hectic year but I am recharged and ready to kick off the new year at OAK. It promises to be a big one.

During the first weeks of Term 1, Margaret and I will take some time to get to know your children, and formulate objectives for each child based on our observations. To assist the children to settle in to the kinder group, we will establish routines and discuss rules that make our kinder a happy and special place to be

This year, we will encourage the children to become more confident and independent in their learning; to explore and question what is happening around them through using a variety of materials and equipment.

We aim to extend your child's physical, social and emotional areas of development by exploring many, varied topics of interest.

Programming will be based around the Victorian Early Years Learning Developmental Framework (VEYLDF) which focuses on learning outcomes for all children from birth to 8 years in the areas of Identity, Community, Wellbeing, Learning and Communication. Further information about the kinder programme, the VEYLDF and upcoming events will be displayed in the foyer and updated regularly.

Thank you to the parents who have joined our Committee this year. Several meetings have been held already as we plan for a new room adjoining our existing building. The Victorian Government have proposed that in 2013, all children attending 4 year old kindergarten have access to 15 hours of kinder per week. We currently provide 11.5 hours per week and were awarded a grant in 2010 to build an additional playroom to cater for our 3 year old groups, thus ensuring that our community has continual access to our three year old programme.

We look forward to a great year with you and your children.

Angela and Margaret



TERM DATES 2011

First Term

Tuesday 1st February
Wednesday 2nd February
Thursday 3rd February
Friday 4th February
Monday 7th February
Friday 18th February
Friday 25th February
Monday 14th March
Sunday 27th March
Friday 8th April

Teachers Prep Day
Teachers Prep Day
4 year old interviews
3 year old interviews
Kinder Sessions Begin
3 Year Old welcome BBQ
4 Year Old Welcome BBQ
Labour Day – Kinder Closed
Working Bee - Blue Group
Last Day of Kinder for Term 1

Second Term

Wednesday 27th April
Monday 13th June
Sunday 19th June
Friday 1st July

Kinder Re-opens
Queen's Birthday – Closed
Working Bee - Yellow Group
Last Day of Kinder for Term 2

Third Term

Monday 18th July
Sunday 11th September
Friday 23rd September

Kinder Re-Opens
Working Bee - Red Group
Last Day of Kinder for Term 3

Fourth Term

Monday 10th October
Monday 30th October
Tuesday 1st November
Sunday 27th December
Monday 19th December
Tuesday 21st Decmber
Wednesday 21st December
Wednesday 21st December
Thursday 22nd December

Kinder Re-Opens
Kinder Closed
Melbourne Cup Day - Closed
Working Bee-Orange Group
Last Day of Kinder – Yellow
Last Day of Kinder – Red Group
Last Day of Kinder – Blue Group
Last Day of Kinder – Orange
Teacher's tidy up day

There are no sessions on Public Holidays.

Replacement days are not offered

Public Holidays are:

Labour Day, Easter, Anzac Day, Queens Birthday, Melbourne Cup Day

The kindergarten is closed on the Monday before Melbourne Cup Day

OAK SOCIAL COMMITTEE

Upcoming Social Events

Don't miss these opportunities to get to know other parents in your child's group and also get to know other members of the OAK community! You'll find more information on these events in your child's pocket in the weeks to come.

Welcome BBQ's

3 Year Old BBQ –Friday 18th Feb at 5.30 pm to 7.30 pm

4 Year Old BBQ –Friday 25th Feb at 5.30 pm to 7.30 pm

Parties in the Park

Yellow Group – Monday 7th March – 11.30 am

Blue Group –Wednesday 9th March – 12.30 pm

Red Group – Thursday 10th March – 12 pm

Orange Group – Fri 11th March– 11.30 am



IMPORTANT DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

DATE	TIME	ACTIVITY	VENUE
Friday 18 th February	5.30pm – 7.30pm	3 year old Welcome BBQ	Olympic Avenue Kinder
Friday 25 th February	5.30pm – 7.30pm	4 year old Welcome BBQ	Olympic Avenue Kinder
Monday 7 th March	11.30am	Yellow Group – Party in the Park	OAK Kinder Park
Wednesday 9 th March	12.30am	Blue Group – Party in the Park	OAK Kinder Park
Thursday 10 th March	12.00am	Red Group – Party in the Park	OAK Kinder Park
27 th March	9.00am – 12.00pm	Working Bee – 4yo Blue Group	Olympic Avenue Kinder
March/April	TBC	School Photos & Family Photo Day	TBC
Thursday 28 th April	TBC	Mother's Day Dinner	TBC

NEWS/NOTICE BOARD

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



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.

For any questions, contact Tania Watts-Hall on 0410 556 345.

Red/Blue Groups

Reminder: could each child please bring one box of tissues to kinder if you have not already done so.

BANKING DETAILS FOR KINDER FEES

The correct details for paying your fees by EFT are as follows:

BSB: 704 191

Account no: 155886

Account name: Olympic Avenue Kindergarten

PLEASE NOTE TERM 1 FEES:

EFT preferred. If not, cash payments will only be accepted on Mondays between 11.30 – 12.30 and Wednesdays 12.30 – 1.30PM.

PLEASE NOTE 2011 FULL YEAR FEES CAN BE PAID IN ONE LUMP SUM VIA EFT. MORE DETAILS WILL BE PROVIDED AT THE AGM

DID YOU KNOW YOU MIGHT BE ABLE TO CLAIM SOME OF YOUR KINDER FEES BACK FROM CENTRELINK ?

Our kinder is classified as "Registered Child Care" and if you pass the work/study/training test you will be entitled to claim some money from centrelink.

This entitlement is not means tested (unlike the Child Care Benefit) and is different to the Child Care Tax Rebate.

If you are on maternity leave (including unpaid parental leave) or do volunteering (such as on our committee) you may also qualify.

Collect a form from Centrelink and submit with your Registered Child Care receipts (for the last 12 months).

Parking

Please be mindful of our residents and refrain from parking over driveways.

Washing Instructions: Kinder Paint

Soak garment. Wash in warm water or wonder soap. Stain removers not recommended.

SUN SMART MESSAGE

Please ensure sunscreen is applied prior to coming to kinder. Hats must also be provided and worn when playing outside. Children should also wear appropriate t-shirts which cover their shoulders for further protection against the harmful UV rays.



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THINKING OF HAVING A PARTY ?

Hire the Kinder for your next Party!



- Full use of the outside play area including sand pit.
- Full use of the Kitchen and amenities.
- Hire Fee just \$60!



Download the booking form from
our website at:
www.olympicavenuekinder.com.au

Please note: The kinder is not hired out during school holidays or on working
bee weekends.

The hirer must be a parent of a child currently attending the kinder.
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may contain nuts into the Kinder.***