

## President's Welcome - Newsletter 1

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, 18<sup>th</sup> February from 5.30-7.30 p.m.
- 4 Year Olds (Red & Blue Groups): Friday, 25<sup>th</sup> February from 5.30-7.30 p.m.

While our hard working social committee is already organizing 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 neighbors are able to access their properties. Council has been known to book cars parked illegally near the kinder!
- The kindergarten is nut free, so 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