



Koala's Important Dates Term 1



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TERM 1 2017 NEWSLETTER

PRESIDENT'S REPORT – Roxanne Giles

Welcome to 2017!

It's so great to have so many existing CHK families back this year, and to welcome all the new families. I would like to say a big thank you to all our lovely new committee members for joining us and to all the existing members for agreeing to come back! I hope all the teachers had a nice and relaxing break, it's going to be a fantastic, and busy year!

For those of you who don't know me, I have three children, Ethan, Hudson and Lola. Ethan was a Possum in 2016 and is starting Foundation at CHPS this year. Hudson will be starting in the Koala group this year, and Lola is 16 months old and will be a Koala in 2019. Last year I was on the Fundraising Committee, and as there were no other volunteers for the president position for this year, couldn't leave the position vacant in such a busy year. I do work 4 days a week, with Wednesday being my day off work. I won't have a lot of face time at kinder, but will be available all the time via phone or email or at nights.

I would like to give a quick update of what I have been up to over the holidays. Nicole and I did handover just after Xmas, and I'm am very lucky she is so organised and gave me a great rundown of where things are at. There is A LOT to get my head around, so please be patient with me! I am doing my best to get on everything, but a few IT issues have slowed the process, but I am getting there. Dave and I have spent a lot of time in the last few weeks trying to get set up from an IT point to view to make sure everyone in on 365, has access to the Share Point page they require, and making sure group emails can be sent out to families.

It's going to be a busy year with the 50th Anniversary celebration happening in May, and the re-development happening around Term 4. This just means

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we will all have to work together to make sure everything runs smoothly this year.

I hope all the children settle into kinder well and have a great year ahead. Big thank you to the teachers for getting everything set up for the children, and planning a wonderful year of activities

EDUCATOR'S REPORT – Sharon Cummins

All groups are busy and some of our Koala children are still coming to terms with separation from their parent or carer. Each session enables us to build a trusting relationship and create a feeling of acceptance and security.

With the Possum and Wombat group new friendships are emerging as children gradually feel more settled and comfortable with each other.

We are working hard to introduce social skills to the children such as listening to one another, becoming aware of personal space, taking turns, sharing and so on. As you can imagine (given how ego-centric children of this age are) this is a goal that extends for their whole time at kinder and beyond!

Thanks to Committee for our enthusiastic and positive start to the year.

A big thank you to Mandy who is already planning for future enrolments and programs and has also produced contact lists for each of the three groups.

Thanks also to Dragan for his extensive repair of our Waterwall and several other tasks that have arisen.

An invitation went out today to an informal presentation by a dietician from Central Bayside Community Health Services. Most families are providing healthy and appropriate snacks but some fresh ideas may be helpful, especially for fussy eaters.

We have introduced Star of the Day (for 4's) and Special Helper when parents are on duty. The children look forward to their turn. Their tasks

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for the day may not be big in our eyes but they are important to the belonging and responsibility to the group.

We also had fun celebrating Chinese New Year and enjoyed parading our dragon and making lots of noise to 'scare away the bad luck'. We are clearly ready for a year of good health, wealth and happiness!

Thanks again for your interest and support.

REDEVELOPMENT OF THIRD AVENUE PARK

You may be aware that Kingston Council are committed to redevelop the park adjacent to our Kinder. Kingston Council are welcoming feedback and suggestions from those in the community who will be using it on a regular basis such as particular play equipment, water features, BBQ's etc.



In addition, the Council are open to suggestions and feedback to redevelopment of Talab Avenue Chelsea Heights park (photo not shown).

You can contact Kingston Council direct 1300 653 356 alternatively Melissa McCabe from Koala's (lissmccabe@gmail.com) has been an active advocate in the redevelopment movement and welcomes any suggestions which she can consolidate and put forward directly to her contacts.

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MAINTENANCE – Dragon Lukic

Our first working bee for the year on the 28th of January brought us a sunny day in the high 20's.

We had eight families that gratefully turned up and sweated it out which enabled us to get the outside of the kinder ready for our kids. The morning saw us move 10 cubic metres of softfall mulch in the playground, 1 cubic metre of sand to top the sand pit up, weeding, preparing the garden corner, cleaning of cobwebs and oiling of the jumping boards.

Thank you to all that were able to turn up and look forward to seeing you all at the next working bee on the **29th of April**. **Mark it in your calendar.**

MERCHANDISE – Carrie Douthie

We are excited to announce that we are trialing the addition of hoodies to our merchandise range.

Currently the only colour available is Navy in a limited number of sizes & quantities. It will be a case of first in, best dressed. The hoodies will be selling for \$25.00 each.

We hope to extend the range of colours, but it will be dependent on availability & popularity. Please come into kinder to view the stock available.

If there is availability in the size you require, please complete an order form (available from the kinder office) & include your cash payment in a clearly labelled envelope & deposited in the White fundraising box located at the end of the kinder bathroom. Your hoodie will be reserved until the order form & payment have been processed. At which time you will receive an email confirming your hoodie is available for collection at kinder.

Should you have any queries, please don't hesitate to call me on 0425 773 785 or by email at merchandising@chelseaheightskinder.vic.edu.au

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SUPPORTERS

FUNDRAISING - Jo Sanders, Andrea Funke & Shevaun Howard



Many thanks to all the families, new and returning, for attending the Welcome BBQ last Friday! Because of your support, the kindergarten raised \$807.90 to put towards resources and fabulous learning experiences for our little ones! We are also very grateful for all the volunteers who donated goods for the raffle, helped with set-up, clean-up, selling raffle tickets, and cooking those delicious sausages!

The Fundraising Committee would like to thank the following businesses for supporting the first fundraiser for the year:

- Bakers Delight Chelsea
- Woolworths Chelsea
- Coles Patterson Lakes
- Upside Down Acrobatics & Circus School
- Gravity Zone Seaford
- The Waxxx Room
- Lunar Drive In
- Chelsea Heights Bakehouse

If you would like to contribute to any fundraising activities, know of any local businesses who may be able to support the kinder, or if you would love to join the Fundraising Committee, we would greatly appreciate any assistance no matter how big or small.

Please contact Andrea, Jo or Shevaun by email at fundraising@chelseaheightskinder.vic.edu.au.

We are looking forward to getting to know you and are excited about the upcoming fundraising events for the year! Keep your eyes peeled for some delicious treats for the whole family in the second half of the term!

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ADVERTISING & SUPPORT

Fundraising plays such an important role within our kindergarten. It allows staff and the kindergarten committee an opportunity to purchase the amazing equipment and resources your little person enjoys and helps with all the ongoing maintenance that keeps our kindergarten neat, tidy and safe.

To achieve successful fundraising events we do need to ask our community for help.

If any of you work for businesses, frequent businesses, or know anyone who owns a business that you are happy to approach for a donation of vouchers, goods or services, we would greatly appreciate any assistance no matter how big or small.

The businesses' support would be gratefully acknowledged in our newsletter as a supporter of our kindergarten. We hope that you all can help in some way.

If you bring any donations into the kindergarten, please attach a business card or contact details of the business. This way we can send out a certificate of appreciation and arrange the business to be advertised in the newsletter.

Thank you for the ongoing support.

CHELSEA HEIGHTS KINDER 50 YEAR CELEBRATIONS – Rebecca Sampieri



It is an exciting year for the Kinder, not only will the new building works begin but 2017 marks 50 years of excellent early learning at this fantastic Kindergarten.

To mark this special event, we are hosting a community party and are asking everyone to contribute in one way. If you are on Facebook we kindly ask that you post and share to many people that you can think of:

https://www.facebook.com/Chelsea-Heights-Kinder-50-year-Celebration-1750048515310667/?hc_ref=PAGES_TIMELINE

If you have any photos or ideas in which we can make this a truly memorable and special event, please contact the Kinder.

There is more exciting announcement to be made in the coming weeks.

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KINDER DUTY

The kinder encourages your little one's special person to stay and experience a fun day at kinder. This person does not have to be Mum this special person could be a Dad, Nana, Grandpa, Aunt, Uncle etc. If you cannot find alternate care for siblings, it is ok to bring them along.

Should you for any reason be unable to make it on the day you are down for duty, please arrange a swap with another parent or just let Sharon or Judy know. Thank you families for all your help so far with kinder duty. The kinder program really benefits from your support.

KINDER FEES

TERM 2 KINDER FEES ARE DUE

In line with the '**no cash**' fee policy of the kindergarten, payment of term fees may be made via internet banking directly into the kindergarten account. Alternatively, you may wish to visit any branch of the Commonwealth Bank, and deposit into our account in person.

BSB: 063-118

Account No: 1005-9897

Account Name: Chelsea Heights Kindergarten Inc.

When paying by this method please ensure you enter your **child's first initial and surname** in the reference field, as well as the item being paid for: deposit/term fees etc **Example: JSmithT2fees**

On completion of your transaction, please attach a receipt and place it into the fees box located near the bathroom.

Please note: It is the responsibility of families who pay by this method to include their child's name in the reference field and provide the Treasurer with a receipt via the fees box. **Parents should contact Sarah if you are having difficulties paying the fees.**

Kind provide our office with your updated health care card information to maximise your entitlements.

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HANDY HINT

Print out the Child Care Benefit for registered care form (from the link provided)

Fill out the form, but DO NOT date and sign page 12 yet. Make a few copies of page 12

At the end of each term when you have to lodge the forms (its really easy to do through the Centerlink App on your smart phone) just date and sign page 12

Take photos of all the pages, including page 12 and upload to the app

At the end of each of terms 2, 3, & 4, you won't have to fill out pages 1-11 again, just date and sign a copy of page 12, take photos of all pages, and upload to the app

Just be sure to always check all your details are still relevant and nothing needs changing

KINDER FEE REBATE – Wendy Smith

As part of government rebates, you may be entitled to a refund from your kindergarten fees through Family Assistance. **This applies for children attending either our three year old or four year old programs.**

Chelsea Heights Kindergarten is a Registered Carer for your child, allowing eligible families to claim the Government Rebate. To claim the refund you are required to print out and complete the form via the following link – www.humanservices.gov.au/customer/forms/fa018

To complete your application an original receipt per term needs to be provided from kinder stating your child has attended and all fees have been paid for that period. Receipts will be issued at the end of each term if requested, and will only be issued if your fees have been paid in full for the term. You have up to 12 months to submit your forms and can submit your forms any time after the end of the term.

A reminder email will be sent to each family toward the end of each term. If you have any further questions please contact the Assistant Treasurer via email (assistanttreasurer@chelseaheightskinder.vic.edu.au) or call the Family Assistance Office directly 13 61 50 Monday – Friday 8am – 8pm.

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COMMITTEE MEMBER CONTACTS

We have a position opening being Vice President. The main responsibility of this role is to help the kinder find community grants. Another function of this role is to be the Grievance Officer. Please contact Roxanne Giles should you have any further queries or should you wish to take on this role.

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Third Avenue Reserve

playground upgrade



As part of Council's commitment to improving our parks, a draft concept plan has been prepared for the playground upgrade at Third Avenue Reserve, Chelsea Heights

The design was developed based on community feedback and direction from the Kingston Playground Strategy.

Key features of the upgrade include:

- An increased playground footprint.
- New equipment with more play value.
- A path network for all abilities access.
- More seats and a sheltered picnic area.
- New trees and garden beds.
- Retention of open space for informal play.

The upgrade will provide better play value for users and improved amenity for carers and other users of the park. It also retains the elements that work well and make the park unique.

Construction timeframes

Following the public consultation process, the design will be modified to reflect the community's feedback.

It is anticipated that works will take place in May/June 2017 weather permitting.

We value your feedback

For additional information or to comment on this project, please contact:

Council's Public Place Projects Team

📞 1300 653 356 or ✉ info@kingston.vic.gov.au

Letters can be sent to PO Box 1000 Mentone VIC 3194

Concept plan - DRAFT



New trees and retention of open area
Retention of large open space for informal play with new trees planted for shade.

Social area
Sheltered picnic area and increased seating provided around playground.

Playground expansion
Increased playground footprint and improved equipment.

Retention of trees
Significant trees on site to be protected and retained. Nature play opportunities around trees retained.

Concrete pathway
A circuit path installed for all abilities access.

Garden beds
Existing garden beds enhanced to provide nature play opportunities.

LEGEND

- New pathway
- Softfall areas
- Garden bed
- Lawn
- Existing trees
- New trees



Disclaimer: Information provided represents indicative design and are intended as guide only. There may be slight variation depending on detailed design constraints.

