

TERM 3 2017 NEWSLETTER



Koala's Important Dates Term 3

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Wednesday July 19
Start of Term

Monday July 24
Chicken hatching
Program begins (2
weeks)

Wednesday July 26
Teddy Bear's Picnic

Friday Aug 25 Photos
by Little Oz Studio

**Wed-Fri Aug30-Sept
1** Special Visitor's
Week; choose
someone to attend for
all or part of a regular
kinder session

Wednesday Sept 6
Kidathalon

Friday Sept 22 End of
Term

WORKING BEE SATURDAY 22nd JULY, 9-12
3yr old Kinder offer returns MONDAY 24th JULY

We alert all families that Committee have approved two days at the end of Term; **Thursday 21/9 and Friday 22/9** as pupil- free days at Kinder to enable Staff to begin packing for our move during the holidays. The Possums visit to Casey Safety Village on Thursday 21/9 will go ahead as planned as it is off-site.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT – Roxanne Giles

Term 3 will prove to be an exciting and busy time in the lead up to the move from Third Avenue to Chelsea Kindergarten in the Term 3 holidays. Lots of organising and preparation has to happen to make this a smooth transition. Our lovely volunteers on the moving sub-committee had a meeting in June to discuss the logistics of how we are planning to prepare, sort, and pack for the big move. Since that meeting a few other parents have volunteered to help, and if there are any other parents that can help in any way, we would be most grateful! Sharon, Judy, Liz and Teresa have made a number of visits to Chelsea Kinder to assess the learning space and storage situation to ensure we can take all the necessary resources with us so the children have the least amount of interruption to their learning and activities as possible. As far as the children are concerned, it will be business as usual! So a big thank you to the teachers for all their efforts.

The dust has settled from the 50th Anniversary Celebration and the Trivia Night in May, and we had a quiet June, but Term 3 will include some great events for the kids: Gravity Zone fundraiser and the Kidathalon, also (for the parents, friends, and families) the Molly Denes pie and cake drive, and one of our biggest fundraisers for the year, the Bunnings BBQ at Keysborough Bunnings. Hopefully all the families can get involved in some or all of these great events for our kinder.

Thank you to all the other committee members who are always working so hard behind the scenes making sure that our kinder runs smoothly for our special little people.

One last shout out and big Congratulations to Liss, Alex, Jamie & Hannah on the arrival of Aiden! Chelsea Heights Kinder Class of 2021!!

Wombats' Important Dates Term 3

EDUCATOR'S REPORT – Sharon Cummins

Monday July 17 Start of Term

Firstly, a big thank you to all involved in making the Trivia Night such a social and financial success. Coming so soon after our 50th Anniversary celebrations meant no 'down time' so congratulations on keeping the momentum going. Some new resources have been purchased recently for the children but the funds raised from Trivia Night will be specifically for our new room.

Monday July 24
Chicken Hatching
Program begins (2 weeks)

This Term will be our last at 29 Third Ave. as we prepare to move to 71 Catherine Ave. Chelsea for Term 4 this year and Term 1 2018. Many adventures await us! Please be assured that despite a very different learning environment, we will be working very hard to provide continued excitement, challenge and fun. Our program and timetable will remain the same to minimise disruption to children and families.

Tuesday Aug 1 Flying Bookworm Theatre Company Incursion

Monday Aug 7 Free Dental Screening

The Koalas had an enjoyable Pyjama day last term and the Possums and Wombats participated enthusiastically in their 'Journey into Space' incursion. The Possum and Wombat Groups had fun, educational sessions at Toby Haenen Swim Centre as well.

TBA Visit to Monash Hospital (transport required)

Duty rosters for this term are in pockets but there are plenty of spaces available. We strongly encourage parents and other family members to participate. The learning experiences we are able to plan and deliver are often dependent on having extra adult support in the room; otherwise at times the children miss out. Duty also provides a great opportunity for parents to observe their child's social interactions and to have fun together.

Friday Aug 25 Photos by Little Oz Studio

Thur/Fri Aug 31- Sept 1 Special Visitor's Week; choose someone to attend for all or part of a regular kinder session

We have many learning experiences to look forward to this term. Please check your Diary dates. We have yet to receive a booking from Monash Children's hospital but will let you know as soon as details are available.

Museum Outreach Victoria have offered sessions about Dinosaurs and Fossils for: Possums Thursday 27th July and Wombats Friday 28th July

Tuesday Sept 5 Kidathalon

Our Chicken Hatching program begins on Monday 24th July with the arrival of the eggs and an incubator.

Tuesday Sept 12 Joe's Rhythm Fun

On Wednesday 26th July, the Koalas will enjoy a Teddy Bears Picnic.

Tuesday Sept 19 Casey Safety Village (parent transport and attendance required) 10-12.15

Please remember that you are welcome at any time to meet with Judy or myself to discuss concerns, questions, or suggestions regarding your child. We also value any talent, skill, or passion that you may wish to share with the children.

Wednesday Sept 20 End of Term

In previous years we have hosted visiting pets; guinea pigs, rats, lizards, birds etc. We have also enjoyed using African drums, listening to the didgeridoo plus cooking and gardening experiences.

Thanks everyone for your continued interest and support
Sharon, Judy, Teresa and Liz

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Possum's Important Dates Term 3

MAINTENANCE – Dragon

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Monday July 17 Start of Term

Monday July 24
Chicken Hatching Program begins (2 weeks)

Tuesday Aug 1 Flying Bookworm Theatre Company Incursion

Monday Aug 7 Free Dental Screening

TBA Visit to Monash Hospital (transport required)

Thursday Aug 24
Photos by Little Oz Studio (Possums)

M-F Aug 28- Sept 1
Special Visitor's Week; choose someone to attend for all or part of a regular kinder session

Tuesday Sept 5
Kidathalon

Tuesday Sept 12 Joe's Rhythm Fun

Thursday Sept 21
Casey Safety Village (parent transport and attendance)

Thursday Sept 21
Last day of Term

Our third working bee for the year is coming up on Saturday 22nd July from 9am to 12pm.

The time has come around again for anyone who can lend some of their spare time to help keep our kinder neat and tidy.

If you haven't put your name on the list next to the sign in book, please come along with gloves, broom and shovel. Our teachers and children will appreciate it very much.

We need hands to help sort and organise for the move at the end of term 3. Bring the kids along for a play, and morning tea will be supplied!

Mark it in your calendar.

MERCHANDISE – Carrie Douthie

Well now Winter has arrived & the weather is COLD! We have a range of different sized Hoodies in one lovely colour..... Navy! We have T-shirts & Hats in three colours Navy, Red & Sky Blue in a range of different sizes.

We have a great assortment of hand towels – think Spiderman, Tinkerbell, Minnie Mouse, Marvel Avengers, Star Wars, just to name a few.

Prices are as follows:

Hoodies	\$25.00
T-Shirts	\$15.00
Hats	\$15.00
Hand Towels	\$12.00

You can grab an order form from one of the lovely kinder educators or email myself at merchandising@chelseaheightskinder.vic.edu.au

2018 ENROLMENTS – Amanda Kuznetsov

*1st Round offers have now gone out to families for 3yo group for 2018 and have till the **24th of July** to respond. For all families waiting for 4yo offers they should be sent out via email so please check your email in the coming weeks.*

Once we have groups organised and deposits paid, a date for the meet & greet day will be advised. We hope you are all successful with placements in our kinder and look forward to welcoming back current and returning families for 2018.

*If you have any further questions please contact
Holly Williams 4yo.enrolments@chelseaheightskinder.vic.edu.au or
Mandy Kuznetsov 3yo.enrolments@chelseaheightskinder.vic.edu.au*

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RE-DEVELOPMENT TALLY

As you would be aware by now, our beloved kinder will be undergoing a major redevelopment later this year, in which we will be getting a second indoor learning space. As a community kindergarten, we have received government funding to cover the cost of the renovation, but that is all, the rest is up to us. As a kinder, we rely on the generosity of families and the wider community to be able to hold fundraising activities, in addition to apply for grants, that will enable us to raise enough additional funds to furnish this space. Initial estimations put this cost at \$50,000. This is our target amount which you can keep track of. If you have any questions, suggestions or feedback regarding this fundraising or grants please contact Roxanne Giles.

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GOLD, SILVER AND BRONZE SPONSORSHIP - Melissa McCabe

We are seeking major sponsorship for our kindergartens 50th Anniversary and re-development. In addition, 2017 not only marks the Kinder's 50th birthday but it is the year where the centre will undergo major redevelopment, being upgraded to include a second indoor learning area and much more. Therefore, fundraising has never been more important to our Kinder community than right now! We need to raise \$50,000 of funds to furnish our new and exciting learning area plus other components of the Kinder.

We have been overwhelmed by the generosity of our local communities where not only small businesses have donated terms of tuition, but we have received some terrific opportunities from business and family attractions by way of vouchers, family passes and memberships. Not to mention an inaugural student from 1967, generously initiated their own donation of funds!

To assist you in consideration of our needs we have a tiered major sponsor guide. Currently we are seeking gold sponsorship, but would be honoured with any contribution.

- *Gold sponsor in excess of \$1000*
- *Silver sponsor between \$300 - \$999*
- *Bronze sponsor between \$100 - \$299*

Some of our current Silver sponsors include but are not limited to;

- Hocking Stuart, Chelsea (financial donation)
- Kennedy's Health and Fitness, Chelsea Heights
- Tyres and More, Chelsea Heights

Bronze members including but not limited to;

Private family: Inaugural member (financial donation) PARC, Frankston

We believe strongly in community engagement and enduring community partnerships and as such we in return would love to promote your business and have myriad means to do so at a targeted level.

As a sponsor you would be:

- Special mentions at our events (community events and internal)
- A thankyou post on facebook with links to your web and facebook pages (you can like/share to boost your business profile and our events).
- You will be highlighted as a major sponsor (gold/silver/bronze) on our promotional material
- You can also provide samples, balloons, pens, money boxes, cards or flyers to be given to our families or handed out at our events.
- We can negotiate potential signage on the day that you supply (Gold sponsor only)

Feel free to discuss any other option you may feel is suitable and beneficial to your business. We look forward to your response and take this opportunity to thank you for your consideration.

Working in partnership with you,

Melissa McCabe

0417-017-601 Chelsea Heights Kinder committee
melissa.mccabe@chelseaheightskinder.vic.edu.au

CHELSEA HEIGHTS KINDER ACTIVITY & COOKBOOK – Rebecca Sampieri and Melissa McCabe

Over the next year we will be calling our Kinder friends and community to submit and contribute to a new fundraising opportunity. We want to produce a family friend Activity and Cookbook, with tried, tested, and loved home activities and recipes. For example, Roxanne Giles created this:

Home made, sugar free 'Nutella'

2 cups of hazelnuts (can be substituted with any nut)
 1/3 cup maple syrup
 4 tbsp cacao or coco powder
 2 tbsp coconut oil

Method:

- Chuck it in the thermy or blender and blitz until it's smooth
- It will need scraping down the sides quite a few times
- Keep on the shelf
- May need a microwave and mix before you spread it



Pros:

- Not full of 15kgs of refined sugar
- Fun to make with the kids
- 2 out of the 3 kids and hubby love it

Cons:

- It isn't the real deal
- I know what I'm missing
- It's not going to last long

This is to be a light hearted, fun book. If it is a family favourite a little opener as to why your family love, little helpful hints, or what to avoid is appreciated. Also if you did get the recipe from cookbook, please reference it.

Please note that this is in the very early stages of planning and any ideas or suggestions are welcomed.

FUNDRAISING – Jo Saunders, Andrea Funke & Shevaun Howard

We would like to say a huge thank you to everyone that attended the trivia night and made it such a successful fundraiser. We hope everyone had a great night.

Term 3's big event will be at Gravity zone on the evening of **Friday September 8th**. More information will follow soon, but this night is open not just to kinder families but family and friends also.

Notices for the Molly Dene's pie drive will be in pockets the first week back and delivery will be **Wednesday August 2nd**. So grab yourself some yummy pies and cakes. Just the thing for these cold winter nights. Don't forget to get orders from your friends, family, neighbours & work colleagues!

Our Bunnings sausage sizzle will be **Sunday 24th September**. We will be looking for volunteers to cook and serve for an hour or two so a volunteer sheet will go up at kinder in the weeks prior.

Thanks again to all the families that have helped, bought, or donated to our kinder so far this. We really appreciate it.

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COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Through our extensive community engagement outreach whilst organising the 50 year celebrations, we have partnered up with some terrific sponsors who will assist us in attaining our fundraising for equipment and furnishings by giving 'kick-backs to kinder' (k2k).

Currently, we have two amazing financial partnerships and we are always looking for more!

If you know of any reputable business or community organisation who would like to work in partnership with us, please forward their details to melissa.mccabe@chelseaheightskinder.vic.edu.au

We can work out the terms and work in partnership with them to promote us both.

So far we have welcomed aboard:



Step into Life, Chelsea: Sign up for 2 weeks of unlimited training for \$29 and Step into Life will donate the \$29 to kinder once you have completed at least two training sessions per week. You must mention/nominate Chelsea Heights Kinder to be the k2k recipient.



Hocking Stuart, Chelsea: We'll donate \$500 to kinder when we sell your property, or \$250 if you appoint us to manage your rental property. You must mention/nominate Chelsea Heights Kinder to be the k2k recipient. Expires: 31/12/2017

We have also made terrific partnerships with:



Ferguson Plarre Bakehouse, Patterson Lakes



Bunnings, Keysborough

and are working on our local Chelsea Heights Community Centre, community gardens.

These partnerships whilst not financial support, are of benefit to enhancing our kinder programs through collaboration with our educators and catering to some special calendar events. Our Mother's Day gifts from Ferguson Plarre Bakehouse, Patterson Lakes is one we have all just benefitted from.

Feel free to pass on any ideas you might have, as we value everyone's input and ideas.

Looking forward to continuing mutually beneficial relationships with reputable, like-minded businesses and organisations in our community!

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KINDER PRE-LOVED BOOK & PUZZLES

Please feel free to browse our pre-loved book and puzzle stall located at the entrance to our Kinder. It is based on an honesty system, with everything priced at \$1. We have a huge selection of books in storage, just arrange with Rebecca Sampieri (Wombats) and take a look. What a bargain!



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 4 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 (assistant.treasurer@chelseaheightskinder.vic.edu.au) or call the Family Assistance Office directly 13 61 50 Monday – Friday 8am – 8pm.

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