

# TERM 2 2017 NEWSLETTER



## Koala's Important Dates Term 2

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Wednesday April 19  
Start of Term

Wednesday May 10  
Mother's (and others!)  
Morning Tea

Monday June 12  
Queen's Birthday  
Holiday

Wednesday June 14  
Pyjama Day

Friday June 30  
End of Term

*WORKING BEE SATURDAY 29<sup>TH</sup> APRIL, 9-12*

*50<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY OPEN DAY SATURDAY 6<sup>TH</sup> MAY*

## PRESIDENT'S REPORT – Roxanne Giles

It was a busy month leading up to the end of term!

The teachers have done a wonderful job settling the kids into kinder in the first term. I know from personal experience it isn't always smooth sailing for the teachers, but they have been outstanding in making an effort with all the children and building strong bonds to get them comfortable and make the kinder experience so enjoyable, so thank you.

As we still have a **vacancy in the Vice President role**, I have continued applying for grants and am always looking for new opportunities. So please let me know of any opportunities you may know of.

Thanks to Dave for all his hard work in getting our website up and running <http://chelseaheightskinder.vic.edu.au>. It has been a long time in the making, thanks to the outstanding work of Nicole (the previous President) and Sharon for putting together some great content and working with the team at Metz Creative to getting it looking as great as it does. It is a constant work in progress updating the content, so any feedback is welcome. I have had a few meetings with the wonderful 50th Anniversary sub-committee last week, who are going above and beyond getting this event organised. Liss, Bec, Jo, Sarah and Em are doing a marvelous job at coordinating and organising this event. Please be sure to like and SHARE the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Facebook page and event to spread the word in the community and get as many people along to this exciting event as possible. The Fundraising team have also been working hard getting our Trivia Night organised. This will be a fun event for the parents to let their hair down & have a great time! Again, please be sure to like and SHARE the Facebook event to spread the word in the community and get as many people along to this exciting event as possible. One last big thank you to all the parents who are volunteering to help at the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Open Day!

I'm looking forward to a busy and exciting May at kinder!!

## Wombats' Important Dates Term 2



Tuesday April 18  
Start of Term

Tuesday April 25  
ANZAC DAY HOLIDAY

Thursday April 27  
Seaweed Sally incursion

Friday May 12  
Mother's (and others!) Morning  
Tea

Wednesday May 17  
Program Info Night 7pm

Tuesday May 23  
Walk to school (helpers  
required)

Thursday June 8  
Swim Fun Day (Toby Haenen)

Monday June 12  
Queen's Birthday Holiday

Tuesday June 13  
Journey into Space Drama  
Workshop

Friday June 30 End of Term

## EDUCATOR'S REPORT – Sharon Cummins

Term 2 is already feeling well underway with all groups appearing very excited to be back at kinder once again. With our 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebrations plus Open Day on May 6<sup>th</sup> the coming weeks will be especially busy; a huge thank you to the Committee and other parents who are giving so generously of their time and energy to ensure the success of this special occasion. We are very much looking forward to seeing past, present and future members of the Kindergarten community in attendance.

Sessions this term have begun with a Marine/Beach focus to prepare the older groups for our visit from Seaweed Sally (or Sammy). This is a 'hands-on' experience for the children, who will have the opportunity to observe and touch preserved and live creatures from the sea. In addition, we are exploring the season of Autumn and discussing how special our mums are.

During the week prior to Mother's Day we have our Mothers (and others) morning teas. This is an opportunity for grandmas, aunties and any interested 'others' to visit kinder, hear a few favourite songs from the children and partake of morning tea.

Inside we will continue using photo blocks and placemats at snack time to develop the children's social skills and seat them with a varied group of children each session. The Possum and Wombat children also enjoy using these blocks in different ways during their play.

- As this term progresses several new elements will form part of the Possum and Wombat program:
- Outside we will introduce the Woodwork bench (any small softwood offcuts would be very welcome) and the Digging patch where metal spades and wheelbarrows are used.
- We will also begin kinder Library borrowing in a few weeks when children have decorated a library bag (provided by kinder).

During Education Week both groups will visit Chelsea Heights Primary School to experience a little of what school is about. **Wombats go on Tuesday May 23 and Possums on Thursday May 25**. We aim to arrive at school at 9.30 and will require several parent helpers to accompany us there and back.

Apologies for a Diary date error for the Possum and Wombat Concert Day in Term 4. Concerts will be held on Monday December 11<sup>th</sup>. Sorry for any inconvenience.

A highlight for Koala Group this term will be Pyjama Day which always generates much enthusiasm and is often still talked about a year later!

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## Possum's Important Dates Term 2

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Term

Tuesday April 25  
ANZAC DAY  
HOLIDAY

Thursday April 27  
Seaweed Sally incursion

Thursday May 11  
Mother's (and others!)  
Morning Tea (Possums)

Wednesday May 17  
Program Information  
Night 7pm

Thursday May 27  
Walk to school (helpers  
required)

Thursday June 8 Swim  
Fun Day (Today Haenen)

Monday June 12  
Queen's Birthday  
Holiday

Tuesday June 13  
Journey Into Space  
Drama Workshop

Friday June 30 End of  
Term

Several parents have already spoken with me regarding their child's individual needs and progress. Please remember that Judy and I are available to discuss any concerns or contributions you may have-please call or see us to arrange a time.

All Staff are most grateful for the help and support of Duty parents; your participation is vital to a smooth and successful kinder experience. We look forward to your continued involvement.

Thank you!

### MAINTENANCE – Dragon Lukic

Our second working bee for the year is coming up on Saturday 29th April from 9am to 12pm. This the week before our Open Day so we want to look out best. It would be greatly appreciated if you could attend and lend us some of your time.

There is a sheet next to the sign in book when term 2 commences for parents and family who can attend to put their names down. We look forward to seeing you there!

**Mark it in your calendar.**

### MERCHANDISE – Carrie Douthie

Well now Autumn has arrived & the weather has turned a little cooler it might be a good time for a new hoodie? 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.

All Kinder merchandise including T-shirts, Hats, Hand Towels & Hoodies will be on sale at our 50<sup>th</sup> Celebration Open Day. Payment on the day will be on a cash only basis.

Prices are as follows:

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

Alternatively, if you would like to purchase any merchandise prior to the 50<sup>th</sup> Celebration Open Day please grab an order form from one of the lovely kinder educators or email myself at [merchandising@chelseaheightskinder.vic.edu.au](mailto:merchandising@chelseaheightskinder.vic.edu.au)

See you all at the 50<sup>th</sup> Celebration!

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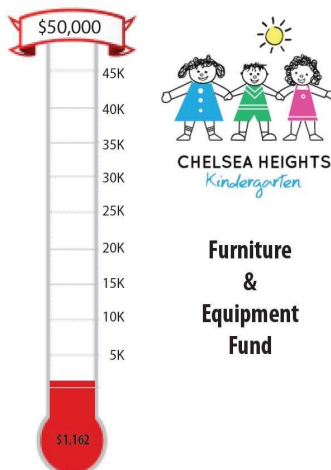
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## FUNDRAISING RE-DEVELOPMENT TALLY

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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## FUNDRAISING - Jo Sanders, Andrea Funke & Shevaun Howard

Welcome back to term 2 from the fundraising team. We hope you enjoyed your fruit and vegetable boxes and hot cross buns last term.

You will have received in your child's pockets an ELAA raffle ticket book to sell to family and friends should you wish to. Please remember to return the book regardless of whether you sell any tickets.

We have another exciting event happening this term. We encourage you to invite as many family and friends as you like along.

Our *Trivia Night on Saturday May 27th*. You will have received information and an order form in pockets. You don't have to have a full table to buy tickets. We will put people together where required.

Upcoming events for the year for the kids:

Gravity Zone – Term 3 Date TBA

Disco – Term 3 or 4 Date TBA

**Fundraising Year to Date - \$1,162!**

## 2018 ENROLMENTS – Amanda Kuznetsov

Enrolment opens from 1st May to 30th June for an opportunity to receive a first round offer for 2018 providing your child meets the councils/kinder selection criteria for both 3 & 4 year old groups. All groups can apply after 30th June but you are more likely to be placed on a waiting list as groups are generally filled very quickly. Advice is, the sooner the better, to secure a place for your child.

To apply for 4 year old please go to our brand new website [www.chelseaheightskinder.vic.edu.au](http://www.chelseaheightskinder.vic.edu.au) and follow the link in 4 year old enrolments as the council are responsible for enrolment and letters of offer. Application fee does apply.

For those that have a 3 year old eligible for 2018 and have advised an expression of interest, you will find the application form in your current attending child's communication pocket from the 1st of May, otherwise you can also download the form from our brand new website [www.chelseagheightskinder.vic.edu.au](http://www.chelseagheightskinder.vic.edu.au) under 3 Year old enrolment.

We hope to see many familiar faces and new siblings in 2018 if you have any further questions please contact

Holly Williams [4yo.enrolments@chelseaheightskinder.vic.edu.au](mailto:4yo.enrolments@chelseaheightskinder.vic.edu.au) or

Mandy Kuznetsov [3yo.enrolments@chelseaheightskinder.vic.edu.au](mailto:3yo.enrolments@chelseaheightskinder.vic.edu.au)

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## CHELSEA HEIGHTS KINDER 50 YEAR CELEBRATIONS – Rebecca Sampieri and Melissa McCabe

With only a few short weeks to go until our very special day, the committee has been working flat out to make this an incredible event!

We have had confirmation that the Mayor David Eden, the Honourable Mark Dreyfus QC MP, Tim Richardson MP, Cr Tamsin Bearsley and Cr Georgina Oxley will be in attendance to join in our celebrations. Furthermore, we will have some of the first students to have been in the inaugural class way back in 1957! We hope to have one of them cut a wonderful cake which has been generously donated by *Ferguson Plarre Bakehouse Patterson Lakes* to celebrate this milestone.

Prior to our special day, a story will be run in the Leader newspaper and Mordialloc Chelsea Mentone News (Bayside news) local newspaper to promote the event and we anticipate that they will also send a photographer on the day to cover the event itself.

As mentioned in the fundraising report, the support that our little kinder has had from the local and greater community has been overwhelming! That means that there will be so many wonderful prizes to be won on the day and at our up and coming trivia night.

Please support our sponsors and donors as they are so important to the success of this event along with future partnerships and sponsoring.

The free activities are organized, and will keep the kids entertained including great craft activities, face painting, CFA fire truck and much more.

*Step into life Chelsea* are not only volunteering their time running a fun obstacle course, they are also sponsoring our event plus they have provided a further offer to our community members.

If that wasn't enough, whilst the little ones are enjoying the free activities you can enjoy our variety of market stalls including;

1. **Just Delicious Gelato**
2. **Silver Cinnamon**
3. **A Good Yarn**
4. **Enjo**
5. **Arbonne**
6. **Begin Bright Frankston**
7. **Incite Soy Candles and Gifts**

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If you haven't already, please 'like' and 'share' our dedicated Facebook page for the event. We have regular updates and full details of our supporters and donors. <https://www.facebook.com/chelseaheightskinder50yearcelebration/> plus we will be running a competition for your chance to win a Luna Park Family Pass. See details below.

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

Also, if you know of any business who may wish to financially support or sponsor the event by means of tuition, vouchers, goods, or services please contact either

Bec Sampieri [rebecca.sampieri@chelseaheightskinder.vic.edu.au](mailto:rebecca.sampieri@chelseaheightskinder.vic.edu.au) or

Liss McCabe [melissa.mccabe@chelseaheightskinder.vic.edu.au](mailto:melissa.mccabe@chelseaheightskinder.vic.edu.au)

Thankyou and we look forward to seeing you all there!

### KINDER PRE-LOVED BOOK & PUZZLE STALL

We are setting up our own pre-loved book and puzzle stall at the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Open Day. What better reason to go through your book shelf and throw away that copy of Fifty Shades of Gray or Spot goes to the Circus. We would love any donation of books or puzzles.

If you have any questions please contact Rebecca at [rebecca.sampieri@chelseaheightskinder.vic.edu.au](mailto:rebecca.sampieri@chelseaheightskinder.vic.edu.au)  
Another fundraising stall we are holding is a *chocolate game*. To make this happen, we would be so grateful if every member of the kinder could donate a bar of chocolate. Should you have any queries in relation to



this please contact [Melissa.mccabe@chelseaheightskinder.vic.edu.au](mailto:Melissa.mccabe@chelseaheightskinder.vic.edu.au)

### FACEBOOK SELFIE COMPETITION

#### WIN WIN WIN

*Just for Fun* we thought... why not **give away a LUNA PARK FAMILY PASS for 2 adults (13yrs+) + 2 children (4-12yrs).**

That's right, Luna Park has generously supported our Kinder by donating a family pass worth **\$149.95** and it could be yours simply by posting a photo on facebook of you or a family member in front of one of our many event posters hung in front of our supporter shop fronts.

CONDITIONS OF ELIGIBILITY mention where photo was taken and you must post the photo to our page and both like and share our page. Entries will be drawn at random on Friday 5th May at 5pm. Winners posted on our page and privately messaged. Collection of prize will be on the day of event.

Post picture to <https://www.facebook.com/chelseaheightskinder50yearcelebration/>

## 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, Aunty, 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 3 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](http://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](mailto:assistant.treasurer@chelseaheightskinder.vic.edu.au)) or call the Family Assistance Office directly 13 61 50 Monday – Friday 8am – 8pm.*

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*Kindergarten*



50TH ANNIVERSARY

OPEN DAY

SATURDAY

6TH MAY

10AM – 2PM



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FANCY HAT, HAIR OR HEADPIECE

# TRIVIA

SILENT AUCTIONS \* GAMES \* PRIZES

# NIGHT

27TH MAY 7PM - 11PM

CHELSEA HEIGHTS PS GYMNASIUM

\$15 PER TICKET

BOOK A TABLE OF 10.

FIRST 5 TABLES BOOKED GET A FREE LARGE PIZZA

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Special mention to the kind generosity from the Keamy Family, Caroline Egan (face paint), Hayley Wise (hair), Jess Kelly (roving fairy), Susie Price, Incite soy candles and gifts, Chelsea Heights Bakery and the endless hours of work from the Chelsea Heights Kinder committee and dedicated educators.