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IN BRIEF...

GRANTS OFFICER

The Committee are currently looking for someone in our Kinder community to take over the role of Grants Officer for the remainder of 2014. For more information, see Presidents Report to the right of this section.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Edendale Farm Excursion

Growling Grass Frogs:

Monday 21st July 12pm-3pm

Swift Parrots:

Friday 25th July 9am-12pm

There will be no Kinder sessions on these dates; we will meet at Edendale Farm. Further information will be sent home via email over the term break.

President's Report

Oh what a night!

The Trivia Night last week was a great success for the Kinder and for everyone who came and enjoyed a night of beads, feathers and fringing ... amongst the many, many prizes up for grabs on the evening.

Such a night was only possible by the massive efforts of our Fundraising team and from all of you who contributed in so many different ways. Thank you so much for making it such a great night.

We were able to raise **over \$3000** for the educators to spend on their 'Wish list' so watch this space to see how they use it to make our Kinder an even better experience for the children each and every time they come through our gates.

In Committee news, we are currently in need of someone to take over the role of 'Grants'. This role involves keeping an eye out for relevant grants the Kinder could apply for (which the educators do most of) and then writing up a proposal. Most of the work has been done by people in this role

previously as far as templates and opportunities are concerned so if this interests you, could you please let one of the educators or committee member know.

It is also a great time to have a think about your involvement for 2015 and whether you too could contribute a couple of hours a month to helping run our wonderful Kinder. There are roles big and small so if you would like to be part of this special group of people or would just like to find out more, feel free to email myself or again speak to a current committee member or educator.

Thank you to all of you who have been diligently filling our needs for the laundry and gardening roster. We really appreciate your help in this area.

I hope you are looking forward to a change in pace as we head into the holidays and I hope you have opportunities to create some special memories with your children.

Enjoy your break from Kinder,

Kayte Kitchen,
President

Educator's Report

Can you believe we are nearly half way through the year! As we near the end of Term 2 we are proud to say that many of our kinder friends seem very comfortable in their kinder environment and continue to demonstrate growing confidence, independence and enthusiasm.....

Partnerships with families

In striving to create great partnerships with our kinder families we are actively encouraging collaboration and sharing of skills and knowledge. We have had a number of families contribute to our Kinder programs this term and we have all benefited.

In the Growling Grass Frog Group there has been a keen interest around the topic of volcanoes – especially Mount Vesuvius. **Kellie**, Thomas' Mum has shared her travel photos of Pompeii with the group and **Taylan's** Mum Vesna has shared her science knowledge with us and conducted a number of experiments to help us further investigate volcanoes.

Julius and **Millana's** Mum Michelle has lead some dance classes with the children with lots of fun movements and music. She will be repeating this with the Swift Parrots this week.

Ethan's Mum Jacqui has brought in her recording equipment to record an impromptu kinder show and **Isabella's** Mum Louisa read the children a storybook in Greek.





Swift Parrots have continued their cooking experiences with Kara, **Kai's** Mum helping to make Pumpkin Fritters. Not only did she help cook, but SHE also nipped home to get the food processor and extra freshly laid eggs from their chickens. Betty Kai's Grandmother is re-organising and sorting our book collection, which will make it much easier for us to find that 'special' book we are looking for.

Xavier's Mum Faye read 'No Roses for Harry' in Mandarin simultaneously with Jo. This helps foster cultural awareness

within our group where we have two children with a Chinese background.

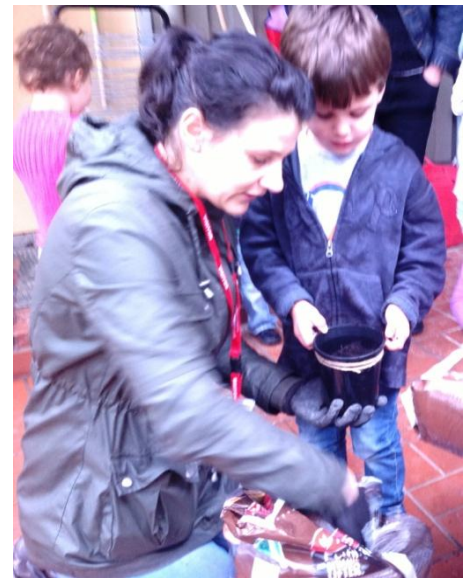
An exciting Scavenger Hunt was run, organised and resourced by Donna, **Danika** and **Ryker's** Mum. This was an exciting event where we followed the clues to find all the items we needed which culminated in the children planting up a tulip bulb.

There have also been lots of parents helping out in other ways during sessions and we want to thank you for your invaluable assistance. A reminder that you don't have to commit your time to an entire session, any time you can spare is welcome.

We would love to continue utilising families' skills, knowledge, passions & hobbies within our kinder programs. Some ideas include: sewing, gardening, playing a musical instrument, reading your favourite story book, cooking, aerobics, sharing information about your occupation, woodwork, painting.... The list is endless; please see Educators if you have an idea you are keen to share.

Rosters

Rosters for next term will be available this week, so please help us out with Laundry, Gardening and as a Parent helper by choosing a date that suits.



MS FUN walk

Thank you to all our kinder families who participated and contributed some gold coins to our kinder fun walk to help raise much needed funds for the MS Foundation. Our kinder community raised over \$130!

Many thanks to our kinder social reps – Pauline and Rachel for coordinating this event



Incursions

Margaret – the Waste Education Officer from Banyule Council visited all kinder groups to share her knowledge about recycling waste – in particular organic waste. We have introduced mini compost bins in our snack areas to help children recycle their snack waste. Margaret's visit has prompted further discussions with the children on recycling, landfill and saving water at kinder.

Michelle from the Responsible Pet Education program visited kinder with her dogs Snowy and Sasha. Michelle discussed with the children how to safely and respectfully interact with dogs. We also practiced the correct way to approach a dog and what to do if approached by an angry dog in the park or on the street.



This week we look forward to a visit from ThingleToodle, the road safety mascot and a dental session with Nillumbik Health



We have also had a visit from Grade 3 & 4 students from Greenhills Primary school. Educators believe it is important to provide opportunities for children to begin developing relationships with “schools” prior to school entry. We will be contacting a number of the local schools to organise incursions over the remainder of the year. It was great to observe our kinder friends confidently building relationships and interacting with the students.....

Students

You may have noticed we have had a number of students undertake their placement with us this term. We believe it is important to share what we do at Greenhills with Early Childhood students and you will continue to see new faces throughout the year.



Kinder Photos

Leonie from *Hop Skip Jump Photography* has taken some wonderful photos of our kinder friends – proofs will be made available to families to order when we return to kinder after the term break.

Reminders

Please ensure your child’s clothing is labelled with their name as we often have a lot of clothing floating around at the end of sessions. The Fund Raising team have partnered with Stuck on You labels so this is a great opportunity to support kinder and deal with this issue at the same time.

Please call the kindergarten or email before the session if your child is unable to attend, whatever the reason.

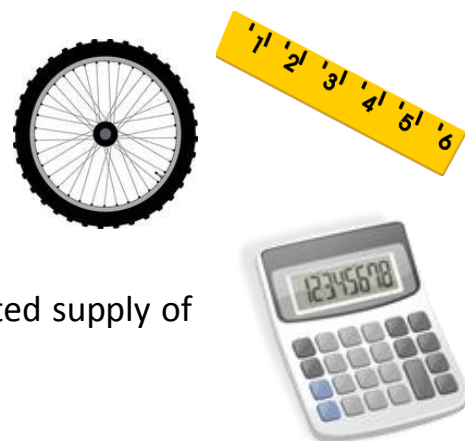
Remember we are encouraging growing independence within our program – please pack your child's snack in a lunchbox / container that they can open and get out of their bag independently. Some of the food packaging can also prove challenging and we would suggest that you trial the containers/lids with your child at home.

If you have changed / updated enrolment information such as address, telephone & mobile numbers, email address – please provide staff with current information.

Donations

At the moment we are in need of:

- Calculators, rulers, measuring equipment
- Plastic pockets for journals
- Reams of paper for photocopying
- Bricks (the children have enjoyed building with our limited supply of bricks), logs and stumps
- Bicycle wheels for weaving.



Cameras

We have a number of digital cameras that are not working and we are hoping that there might be someone in our community who may be able to repair/diagnose them. Please speak to one of the educators if you think you might be able to assist.

Jo, Emily, Karen, Stephanie and Tracey



Fundraising Report

Trivia & Auction Night

Well it goes without saying the Trivia night was a great success! We are proud to announce a **whopping \$3206.70** was raised! A huge thank you must go to all those families who contributed. There was an incredibly strong community feel in regards to the preparation of the event; and we really appreciate the support of our lovely kinder family's generous donations of both money and time!



Also to all the people whom attended the night, it was fantastic to see so many kinder families dressing up and getting involved on the night. **Dave Thompson** and **Erin McLindon** (Jackie's brother and sister in-law), did a fantastic job, free of charge, for which we are very grateful!!

The winning team was Table no. 1 whose 50 raffle tickets bought pushed them over the

edge and definitely the winners by over 20 points. For the purest amongst us, the team who got the most questions right without buying cheats was table no. 9 - see attached score sheet for more info.

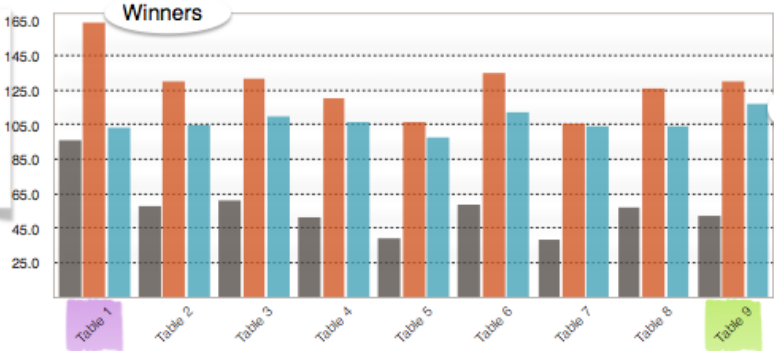
We had over 40 businesses sponsor our event and 12 Kinder families donate goods or services for our Auctions. These auctions raised **\$1317** on the night.



TRIVIA NIGHT



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| Total RAW | 150 |
| Total extras | 100 |
| Bonuses | 30 |
| | 280 |



no. 9 Trivia winners

| Table | Round 1 | Round 2 | Round 3 | Round 4 | Round 5 | Round 6 | Round 7 | Round 8 | Cheats Rounds 1-3 | Cheats Round 5-8 | Joker | Raffle Tickets | Bonus | Round A&B | Totals Raw | Total extras | Total ALL | Total raw &AB |
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| Table 1 | 7.0 | 6.0 | 11.0 | 5.5 | 5.0 | 9.0 | 16.0 | 9.0 | 5.0 | 2.0 | 9.0 | 50.0 | 30.0 | 35.0 | 68.5 | 96.0 | 164.5 | 103.5 |
| Table 2 | 6.0 | 7.0 | 9.0 | 10.0 | 5.0 | 10.0 | 18.5 | 6.5 | | 11.0 | 5.0 | 42.0 | | 33.0 | 72.0 | 58.0 | 130.0 | 105.0 |
| Table 3 | 8.0 | 7.0 | 10.0 | 9.0 | 2.0 | 10.0 | 17.0 | 8.0 | 12.0 | 3.0 | 25.0 | 21.0 | | 39.0 | 71.0 | 61.0 | 132.0 | 110.0 |
| Table 4 | 7.0 | 6.0 | 7.5 | 9.0 | 5.0 | 10.0 | 17.5 | 7.5 | 2.0 | 6.0 | 15.0 | 28.0 | | 37.0 | 69.5 | 51.0 | 120.5 | 106.5 |
| Table 5 | 6.7 | 7.0 | 7.0 | 8.0 | 6.0 | 9.0 | 16.0 | 8.0 | 2.0 | 2.0 | | 35.0 | | 30.0 | 67.7 | 39.0 | 106.7 | 97.7 |
| Table 6 | 7.5 | 7.0 | 8.5 | 9.0 | 6.0 | 9.0 | 20.0 | 9.0 | 4.0 | 6.0 | | 49.0 | | 36.0 | 76.0 | 59.0 | 135.0 | 112.0 |
| Table 7 | 6.0 | 5.0 | 7.0 | 10.0 | 6.0 | 9.0 | 16.0 | 9.0 | 1.0 | 4.0 | | 33.0 | | 36.0 | 68.0 | 38.0 | 106.0 | 104.0 |
| Table 8 | 6.5 | 9.0 | 7.0 | 9.0 | 2.0 | 10.0 | 18.0 | 8.0 | 19.0 | 8.0 | | 30.0 | | 35.0 | 69.5 | 57.0 | 126.5 | 104.5 |
| Table 9 | 9.0 | 8.0 | 9.5 | 9.0 | 5.0 | 10.0 | 19.0 | 9.0 | 11.0 | 3.0 | | 38.0 | | 39.0 | 78.5 | 52.0 | 130.5 | 117.5 |
| out of | 20 | 10 | 20 | 10 | 10 | 10 | 10 | 20 | | | | | | 40 | | | 0 | 150 |

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FIRST AID & CPR TRAINING DAY

Greenhills Scout Hall
9am - 5pm

Greenhills Playgroup has organised KMR Safety First to come and run Level 1 First Aid training. This is an open event to anyone interested in updating or getting their First Aid and CPR. Please register your interest by emailing the address below and you will get a link for registration form.

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\$85 MEMBER \$95 NON-MEMBER