



# BUNDOORA PRE-SCHOOL

## NEWSLETTER

### A message from our President...



### Hi families,

As always, so much happens in term 4 and so many of you are involved with our wonderful little kinder. So there will be a lot of thanks that I'll dish out in this newsletter. Many of you will have contributed in some way, great or small to the recent **Halloween Twilight Market held on 31 October 2018** at Watsonia Hall. The evening was a roaring success with our kinder profiting approximately \$4000 for the event. The Fundraising Committee have met to discuss what worked well and also some work towards constant improvement. A warm and heartfelt thanks is what I wish to extend to all who were involved in the organisation and planning and a special mention needs to go to Natalie Cogley, Amy Armstrong and Narelle Conway. I wish to thank you all as well as your families for providing each of you the support that you needed and deserved. On behalf of the rest of the committee and the staff, I wish to commend you each for your unwavering commitment to the cause as well as all the planning, negotiating, promotion and communications with all of the stall-holders and the public.

**AGM - Thursday 15 November, 2018....** Last week, our kinder held the Annual General Meeting, which some of you would have attended. It was pleasing to hear from our teachers and committee members as well as vote in a new 2019 committee of management. Julie set up the event and compiled all of the information for the enrolment packs distributed to families on the evening. I wish to extend a sincere thank you also to Ellen for her tireless work on maintaining our enrolment information and family contact, for Ros, Marijke, Dani for their preparation and their presentations on the evening, Kellie for her work overseeing our audit process, Natalie for her contribution to the fundraising sub-committee, Amy for recording our meetings and Leanne for assisting us to collect information about the incoming committee members. They all played their part and helped to prepare. I appreciate also, all of the 2019 staff being able to attend on the night and to meet the 2019 families. I extend a great big thank you also to Bundoora Primary School for assisting us with a venue and equipment.

**Another key thank you....** For those 2018 committee members who will return on our committee again in 2019, I wish to thank you. Having been in your shoes four or five years ago, I respect and acknowledge your importance and your duty. Given that the vast majority of 2018 members will soon end their term and hand over the charge to fresh faces, you, as existing members will have a collective knowledge about the Bundoora Pre-school committee's past and our service. It is very important to maintain a level stability for our kinder and your input will be an important feature in informing the 2019 committee of management. Many of us leaving the committee will continue to provide support.

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### November 2018

#### TERM 4

8th Oct — 14 Dec  
2018

#### Upcoming Events

- \*Family BBQ  
Friday 23 November
- \* No sessions for  
Joey's and Koalas  
Friday 23 November
- \* Mrs Doutre's  
farewell  
Sunday 25 November
- \* Last kinder session  
Joey's: Friday 14  
December  
Possums: Thursday 13  
December  
Koalas: Friday 14  
December
- \*End of year concert  
and party  
Joey's: Monday 17  
December  
Possums: Tuesday 18  
December  
Koalas: Wednesday 19  
December

For families who can provide support in other ways, I hope that you can appreciate the 'over-and-above' commitment of a volunteer committee of management body. They are each busy parents of young children, like all of us. They will deserve all the understanding and the support that you can muster.

### Orientation Day - Friday 23 November

On Orientation Day, the day is set aside for enrolled children for 2019 to attend and familiarise themselves with the kinder and their classes. Regular Friday scheduled kinder sessions for Koalas and Joeys will not go ahead. Relevant information relevant to your child is included in the information pack made available at and after the AGM.

### Thank you BBQ - Friday 23 November, 5.30pm

All 2018 kinder families are invited to join staff and committee members for our thank you barbecue dinner. Information is being circulated to families and we ask for \$5 to be donated per adult attending (no charge for children). Staff and Committee members will each supply a salad to share and we ask attending families to contribute something sweet to share on the night. As always, we have a children's entertainer booked and we expect it - as always - to be a fun and relaxed evening.

### Retirement Celebration for Ros Doutré - Sunday 25 November, 2.00pm

All welcome. Please come along to the 'high-tea' themed afternoon to celebrate and honour the career and contribution to Bundoora Pre-school. The event will start from 2.00pm and past and present members of our community are welcome. This is a child-friendly event and is alcohol-free. For our retiring member of staff, Ros Doutré what I can say is that you will be missed. Your contribution to Bundoora Pre-school is far-reaching and your legacy will remain with all who know you. From the bottom of our hearts, we look forward to hearing all about your retirement and the joys that you will encounter during your next chapter in your post-Bundoora Pre-school life. Please see the flyer contained within this newsletter.

### Committee Handover Meeting - Thursday 29 November, 6.00pm

Current committee members are invited to meet at 6.00pm, followed by our staff at approximately 6.30pm. New incoming 2018 committee members are invited at 7.30pm to join in for a light supper and to begin the handover process. The existing committee of management will remain in control of the service until 30 January 2019, with the new committee members taking office from 31 January 2019.

### End of Term four of kinder for 2018

Please note the dates of final full kinder sessions

**Possums - Thursday 13 December, 8.30am - 3.00pm**

**Koalas - Friday 14 December, 8.15am - 1.00pm, and**

**Joeys - Friday 14 December, 2.00pm - 4.30pm**

Your child's end of year concert and party day will take place in the final week of term four. Please refer to direct communication from your group teachers and educators about the times on the following dates:

**Joeys - Monday 17 December**

**Possums - Tuesday 18 December, and**

**Koalas - Wednesday 19 December**

Finally, our Staff and Family Clean-up day is scheduled for Thursday 20 December. Helpers big and little, are invited to come along and help the staff to prepare the kinder for the summer holidays and the new year.

With only a few more weeks of kinder to go, I wish you all well for the preparations for the rest of term four, the coming summer break and festive season for many of our families. On a personal note, it will soon be time for my little tribe and I to begin our walks to school, to and from the same location and I must admit, that I do look forward to less frantic mornings driving across Banyule!! However, I will miss the camaraderie of the kinder committee and staff, whom I have befriended over the past six years. I do however, look forward to continuing friendships and new chapter in 2019. Thank you to all who have provided me with the support that I have needed. I will never forget this time. xx

Kind regards,

**Jaci De Fazio**  
Committee President

## JOEY Group News

The children have been really busy and engaged in their play and activities. They are enjoying one another's company more and more! After the weekend of the 21 October, the chicks had grown quite a bit and so the children were able to handle them. They sat with the chickens on their laps and had a hold. They were gentle and quiet and had fun watching the chicks move about, jump off them and some even fell asleep. It was very special. The children used words to describe the chicks as 'soft, cuddly, funny, pecky, and sleepy.'

On Monday 29 October, Hazel's Mum Amy, from the Possum group visited and brought in dry ice. She explained that it was extremely cold and that it was not OK to touch it. We watched all the things that it could do. When sealed inside a balloon, the dry ice slowly made the balloon grow bigger. When it was put inside a container with a lid, it made the lid pop off into the air, which was exciting! When water or detergent was added to it, it made lots of bubbles that poured out of the glass. We could pop the bubbles and see the 'fog' get released into the air. We really enjoyed learning about dry ice, thank you SO much Amy!!



The children have enjoyed continuing to look after the stick insect. They ask to spray the leaves and to hold it. The legs on the stick insect can be a little 'prickly' so we are always surprised when the children take turns holding it and allowing it to climb up their arms and sometimes onto their head! They demonstrate interest, wonder, courage and resilience. Our kinder received a grant for the area of sustainability and we chose gum boots, many varied digging utensils, garden gloves, big potting mix tubs and watering cans. We put them to good use to plant our individual pumpkin seeds. Many have begun to shoot already. We also planted some alfalfa sprouts in egg shells, then stuck eyes on the egg and drew a mouth and nose. It was a bit tricky drawing on the round egg, but they look terrific. Some have grown sprouts and they look like egg heads with hair.



We introduced box construction this term and the children are really enjoying it and exploring the different materials on offer. Sometimes the children have very real ideas of what they have created although it is not always obvious. One way we approach this is by asking, "Would you like to tell me about your creation/work/box?" They are being challenged by using the tape dispenser, working out if a glue stick, PVA glue or sticky tape works best to hold things together with and making choices with all the varied materials to suit their work best.



On Friday, Lia's Mum Alanna brought in their new puppy called 'Skeeter'. She was very small and extremely cute. The children were very respectful to keep their excitement levels down so as not to scare her too much. We talked about not approaching dogs without a lead. We also discussed that if we saw a dog on a lead with their owner that we are to ask the owner if we can pat their dog. We sat in a circle and took turns to ask Alanna if they could pat Skeeter. Some children didn't want to and that was OK. Skeeter showed us how clever she was by 'sitting' and 'dropping', she is only 10 weeks old! Thank you, Lia and Alanna, for bringing Skeeter in to visit us.

Next week we will be having a small incursion of drama and movement with the theme of "Fairies and Elves". We look forward to seeing how the children participate in this half an hour activity. Soon, it's our kinder concert! This will be on the last day of kinder, Monday 17<sup>th</sup> December, followed by a party. More information will follow. Thank you!

**Dani and Grażynka**

## POSSUM Group News

Hi to all our kinder families. We have enjoyed such an exciting time of learning. Several special events have challenged the children's resilience with change to their regular routines and it has been wonderful to observe their enjoyment and their confident participation in these events.

Amy shared her scientific skills and knowledge with us! We observed as she demonstrated all of the really 'cool' things dry ice can do. The children were fascinated as were the staff! It was great to see concepts and vocabulary being recalled by the children as Amy questioned them and the thinking behind the answers they offered. Thank you so much Amy.

Our combined emergency offsite emergency evacuation practice, community walk and letter posting excursion was a wonderful success. We observed our local neighbourhood and talked about what makes up our community. We communicated and practised road and pedestrian safety. We enjoyed a snack at the school, respecting the environment and recognising that we are visitors. We then had an exciting play on the playground demonstrating great motor skills and remembering to keep safe. We discussed the postal system and what we need to do to post a letter. The children were all very excited to find their own letter in their own letter box!

The Museum Outreach program was a great introduction to fossils and provided a great explanation about dinosaurs. Dinosaurs did exist a long time ago but we don't really know what they looked like because there were no humans at that time to draw or photograph them. We need to rely on fossils to give us clues. The children interacted with life size dinosaurs 'bones' and fossils. Our presenter was wonderfully animated and the session was great fun. Learning about history and how our world has changed to what we see and know in the current day, asking questions, problem solving using creative thinking, hypothesizing, sharing opinions, developing knowledge.



Drama Toolbox was a real highlight. We read two versions of the Dreamtime story about Tiddilick in preparation for our drama session relating to the story. The children participated with joyful enthusiasm and amazing confidence. They identified well with the Australian animals in the story and were really engage with Gavin our presenter. Learning about our indigenous culture and animals, water conservation, sharing and being thoughtful of others.

Each of these events brought a range of learning opportunities for the children. In particular supporting children's confidence, independence and capacity to process verbal and visual information and instructions. It is wonderful to see the development of children's independence and sense of responsibility. They have accrued information and been capable to recall and discuss this. Literacy and numeracy skills have been promoted and finally we all had lots of fun! A huge thank you to all parent helpers; you enable us to provide a rich program of learning for the children.

I would like to take is opportunity to congratulate the Committee for a successful Annual General Meeting and thank all parents who have chosen to support us in the 2019 Committee. We have been so lucky to have maintained a community pre school, managed by the parents of the children who are attending. This allows for shared decision making based on the needs and the preferences of our preschool community. It is a real blessing and I am so happy for the children and their families and especially for the staff. Thank you to you all.

**Cathrine, Melinda, Silvana, Lyn, Nicole and Ros**

## Koala Group News

Gavin from Drama Toolbox visited and helped us tell the Dreamtime story about Tiddalick the frog. Tiddalick drank all of the water in the world and did not think about all of the other animals or how all of the plants would survive. The animals worked together to solve the problem...they decided to make Tiddalick laugh so that all of the water would come gushing out of his mouth!!! Each animal tried: the kangaroos jumped holding each others tails, the birds made funny squawking sounds, the wombats and the koalas made funny faces and rolled about...but still Tiddalick did not laugh. Then all the animals worked together and danced a funny mixed up animal dance...finally Tiddalick laughs!!! All of the water came pouring out and the land became wet again and the animals had water to drink.



There was lots of learning: listening, confidence, self help skills, developing awareness of indigenous culture, developing awareness of sustainability, developing cooperative skills/sharing, teamwork, motor skill planning, self control, literacy skills: storytelling, vocabulary, relationship to books...and lots of fun!

To follow up on this experience, we have also read the story of Tiddalick, noticing the similarities and the differences between the two versions. Then we held a movie day at kinder where we made our own tickets, cooked some popcorn and sat and watched the story of Tiddalick on the big screen while we ate our popcorn! The children all had so much fun and were so well behaved at 'the movies'. **Marijke, Grażynka and Silvana**



Name: **Bundoora Pre-school Staff and Committee**

Mrs Doutré is Retiring



and we would like to invite you to join us to honour Ros at kinder on:

**Sunday 25 November 2018, from 2pm**

Bundoora Pre-school

20 Noorong Avenue, Bundoora

RSVP by Sunday 18 November to:

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## What's happening at Bundoora Primary School?



We would like to thank all of the families from Bundoora Preschool who have visited our school throughout the year. Whether it be through our Kindy Time sessions, School tours, and other school activities, it has been lovely having you here. We hope you have enjoyed visiting with us and we look forward to seeing you again.

Please note our School Tour and Kindy Time dates for 2019 will be available on our website in the coming weeks. Bookings can be placed through our school email ([bundoora.ps@edumail.vic.gov.au](mailto:bundoora.ps@edumail.vic.gov.au)) or phone 9467 2601.

### Still to come at Bundoora Primary School

#### Family Christmas Carols

We invite all families from within our community, and beyond, to attend our Family Christmas Carols on Monday 10<sup>th</sup> December starting from 4.30pm (Carols at 6.00pm)

Our Rock Band and School Choir will be performing from 5.15pm. Sausages and burgers will be sizzling from 4.30pm. Each class will perform their own rendition of a Christmas Carol, followed by a visit from a special guest!

Bring your picnic rug, a picnic and enjoy the festivities!

#### STEP UP TO 2019

As part of our Transition Program, all students spend time in their 2019 classroom where they will get to know their 2019 teacher and classmates. This session helps students to become familiar with the location of their new class, learn about new programs and structures that may be in place, and maybe even make some new friends. This follows an extensive handover session between our teachers in which information is shared regarding academic progress and any other relevant information about the social, emotional or physical needs of students.

Our **Bundoora Primary School Scholarship of Excellence Awards** will be announced at our last assembly on Monday 17<sup>th</sup> December. Our school values of Excellence, Respect, Resilience, Friendship and Cooperation are embedded within our teaching program. Our teachers and students pride themselves on displaying and celebrating each of our school values throughout the school year. A student from each learning area will be commended for their commitment to learning, demonstrating outstanding behaviour and always striving to be the best that they can be. Our school believes in the importance of acknowledging and congratulating students who have demonstrated exemplary performance and effort to one or more of our Bundoora Primary School Values.

To all Bundoora Pre-School staff, committee, and families, thank you for allowing us to contribute to your newsletters this year. We are very proud of what we do here at Bundoora Primary School, and we hope we have been able to provide you with interesting information about our programs.

We wish you all a very **Happy Christmas** and safe holidays.



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For more information about our school or to book a tour please telephone our office on 9467 2601.

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# Bundoora Preschool

## Committee Members 2018

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**Group Rep Joeys** - Corrie Quigley & Narelle Conway

**Fundraising Committee** - Amy Armstrong, Ellen Daly, Narelle Conway, Natalie Cogley, Joelle Nader, Shelley Simm & Paige Kennett

### Parents Please Note:

Copies of all committee meeting minutes are kept in the Parent Library and Kinder Policies are held in the Parent Library at the Kinder. The Parent Library is housed on the shelves in the bathroom area. There is a small range of books available that parents/carers may wish to borrow. Please complete any entry in the 'Parent Library Borrowing Book'. If you would like to leave a review of any books you read, please speak to staff.

## Additional Dates for your Calendars...

### Victorian 2017 Term Dates

**Term 4:** Monday 8 October - Friday 21 December

### Orientation Day 2019

Friday 23 November

### Last kinder session of 2018

**Joeys:** Friday 14 December

**Possums:** Thursday 13 December

**Koalas:** Friday 14 December

### Kinder Clean Up Day

Thursday 20 December