

Diary Dates:

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| Friday, 29 June | - Last day for Term 2 |
| Tuesday, 17 July | - Term 3 starts |
| Sunday, 17 June | - Bunnings Fundraising BBQ |
| Saturday, 30 June | - Ice Age Movie screening |
| Friday, 14 September | - Auction/Trivia Fundraising Event |

PRESIDENT'S REPORT, MAY 2012

Welcome to Term 2 to all families.

It has been a very busy past few months for the Committee and staff of the kindergarten.

National Quality Framework

As some of you would be aware, we had to complete the National Quality Framework report, including our Quality Improvement Plan, by the end of April 2012. The report and plan covers seven quality areas and are very extensive documents. A sub-committee was established to prepare this report comprising Annette Baker, Sarah Wade and Stacey Farrell. It also required a significant amount of input from the other staff members and Sylvia Stutt.

On behalf of the Committee I'd like to thank you everyone involved for their efforts, especially the sub-committee of Annette, Sarah and Stacey. A special thank you to Sarah who didn't let pregnancy and birth deter her from finishing the job - quite remarkable!

A copy of the report and plan is available for review at the kindergarten.

Funding

We have also completed our submission to the Department in regards four year old funding for 2012 and I'd like to thank Sylvia and Annette for their assistance in completing our submission.

Web Site

As previously mentioned, we are in the process of updating our website. Sarah Wade has completed an analysis of our options and we will now be progressing to the next stage of having someone build our new site. We will continue to keep you apprised of progress.

In the interim please continue to visit our website at www.aelc.net.au as it is a great reference for information.

Vacancies

We have had a number of new starters since the beginning of the year however there are still a few vacancies in some of the groups.

If you know of anyone wishing to join either group please let Sylvia Stutt (our Administrative Officer) know.

Road Safety

We have recently had a number of instances of children running ahead of parents and crossing driveways without due caution. This is very dangerous as cars are often pulling out at drop-off time in the morning as people head off to work and small children (especially if running) are difficult to see and avoid.

We obviously do not want any of our children injured nor do we want any of our neighbours to be in the horrible position of hitting a child with their car.

Please supervise children closely all the way to the front gate and where appropriate hold their hands.

Also, please be respectful of our neighbours and do not park illegally near the Centre when dropping children off or picking them up.

Remember also you must not leave children unattended in cars.

National Teaching Awards

Please be aware that there are nomination forms in the foyer for the National Teaching Awards. If you would like to nominate one of our teachers, we encourage you to do so.

Feedback to the Committee

Throughout the year we welcome your feedback to help us shape the Centre's priorities and goals for this and the coming years. If you have any ideas or suggestions, please let us know as we are here to represent you.

Finally, another reminder to get involved in the kinder, whether it is by doing fruit duty, being on the laundry roster or by joining the working-bees. Please don't leave it to a few.

I hope you and your children are enjoying the year at AELC and we look forward to a great Term 2.

Damian Dalton
President

NATIONAL QUALITY FRAMEWORK SUB-COMMITTEE

The AELC National Quality Framework sub committee has been hard at work writing the kindergarten's Quality Improvement Plan, which was submitted on the 30th of April. This is all part of the new National Quality Framework (NQF) - a new reform across Australia with the aim of increasing the quality of early childhood services.

The idea behind having an Improvement Plan is the ability for AELC to conduct continuous self-assessments against the National Standards and improve on any areas where there are gaps. This means that you too can be involved in the process!

If there is any feedback you have for the kindergarten or ideas where you think we can improve (or if you would like to be part of the NQF committee), please let Annette Baker, Stacey Farrell or myself know. There is also a copy of the Improvement Plan in the foyer of the kindergarten.

As part of getting ready for submitting the Improvement Plan, AELC was reviewed by a consulting group - Elite Early Childhood Services. AELC received a very positive report and went well with the assessment.

If you would like any further information on the NQF, please refer to the Australian Children's Education and Care Quality Authority (ACECQA) website www.acecqa.gov.au/regulatory-authorities/ or ask one of the people mentioned above.

Thanks
Sarah Wade
sarah.e.wade@live.ca

MAINTENANCE

We would like to thank everyone who helped at the working bee on April 1st. There is another organised for the end of term 2 on Sunday 1st July from 9 am til 1pm.

A poster with the help needed will be posted in the kinder foyer nearer the time if you are able to help please sign your name next to the job. (Must be able to provide own tools).

We would like to thank you to Miles Foster for the donation of a wheelbarrow to the centre. This will help us enormously on our working bee days.

Thanks
Sarah Barlow 0403 933 497

FUNDRAISING TEAM

Chocolates:

Thank you to those parents (and encouraging children) who purchased Easter eggs prior to, and post Easter. We will be selling a number of different chocolates throughout the year, including Caramello Koalas, Freddo Frogs (strawberry, spearmint and pineapple), as well as mixed boxes of chocolates. The chocolates will be located in the foyer of the kinder.

Caring for Kids - KPV Raffle 2012:

Thank you to the families who have already returned their raffle tickets and money for the KPV Raffle. Just a reminder that all raffle tickets, money and any unsold tickets or butts were due back at the kinder by Friday, 18 May. Good luck!

Bunnings BBQ at Burwood Road, Hawthorn - Sunday, 17 June:

We are still looking for a number of parents to volunteer to assist with the running of the BBQ at Bunnings. If you are able to assist on the day for approximately 2 hours, please contact Stacey Farrell via email on stacey.farrell@live.com.au or fill in your names on the two A3 sheets located in the kinder foyer. The sausage sizzle will run from 9am to 4pm, so time slots will be 8-10am; 10am-12pm; 12-2pm and 2-4.30pm).

We would require at least 3 to 4 people at any given time. Your help will be greatly appreciated, plus it's a bit of fun!

Trivia/Auction Night at Functions on Chapel, Prahran Town Hall Friday, 14 September at 7.30pm :

This is our major fundraiser for the kinder so make sure you have the date and the venue locked in your diaries. Please note that there has been a *venue change* since the last newsletter. Due to Council elections at the Malvern Town Hall, we will now be going to the Prahran Town Hall.

It is a fantastic venue for our event and we are delighted to be able to use it. If you have any contacts who can contribute items to the event, or if you are able to volunteer your time on the night, please start thinking about how you can help.

Picture Plates:

Each family will have received a letter in their child's locker or pockets regarding an opportunity to purchase a Pictureplate (created by your child) at a cost of \$25 per plate. Should you wish to purchase a Pictureplate, you should have completed the form at the bottom of the letter and returned it to the fundraising box by Friday, 25 May, along with your money in an envelope.

The picture plates will be available for collection in term 3 this year. The children will be working on their masterpieces in their classrooms.

'ICE AGE 4: Continental Drift' - Saturday, 30 June 2012 at 10.30am:

We have been fortunate to secure a showing of 'Ice Age 4: Continental Drift' on Saturday, 30 June (due for release in cinemas on Thursday, 28 June). The event will be held at Village Cinemas Rivoli Theatre, Camberwell. The cinema holds 155 people so to secure your seats you will need to complete the form (which will be provided to you shortly) and returned to the kinder with your payment. Tickets are \$20 each (for adults and children), however, children under the age of 3 who can sit on a parent's knee will be free.

Tea Towels & Aprons:

Tea towels and aprons will be sold early in term 4 this year, and the children will be working on their drawings during kinder hours. Further details regarding this fundraiser will be provided in later editions of the newsletter.

If you are able to donate items for the kinder's major fundraising night or volunteer your time, please do not hesitate to contact me via email on stacey.farrell@live.com.au.

Thank you
Stacey Farrell.

GOOD ON YOU

A big thanks to Khanh Nguyen, mother of Tri in the extended hours group, for donating \$50 to the kinder for participating in the Bicycle Network Super Tuesday Bicycle count in March.

CONGRATULATIONS

To Jack, 3 Year Old Kangaroo Group, Matilda, Luke and Sarah on the birth of Lila.

To Lucy, 3 Year Old Kangaroo Group, Charlotte, Lachlan, Bec and Mat on the birth of Sophie.

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