

## **Diary Dates:**

Friday 31<sup>st</sup> August/Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> September - Father's Day celebration

Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> September - Friday 14<sup>th</sup> September - Living Eggs for 2 weeks

**Friday, 14 September - Auction/Trivia Fundraising Event**

Monday 17<sup>th</sup> September - Mobile Farm, 9.45am to 2.45pm (3 year olds)

Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> September - Mobile Farm, 9.45am to 2.45pm (4 year olds)

Monday 8<sup>th</sup> October - 21<sup>st</sup> December - Term 4

Friday 19<sup>th</sup> October - Museum Dinosaurs and Fossils (4 year old groups)

Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> November - Guide Dog visit

## **PRESIDENT'S REPORT - AUGUST 2012**

The Olympics seems to have captured the imagination of many of our children and in keeping with the Olympic theme of 2012, we have had some gold medal performances from staff and parents in keeping AELC on track.

### **Fundraising**

Stacey Farrell has done an amazing fundraising job all year but has excelled in her efforts to organise the auction night. Thanks to everyone who has also helped in securing goods for the auction.

Please see her report below for more details and continue to support the kinder through these events.

### **Web Site**

Sarah Wade has done a remarkable job of creating a new web site for the kinder and we anticipate launching the new site very soon. It has been a gold medal performance by Sarah considering she has a new born to look after as well.

Please continue to visit our website at [www.aelc.net.au](http://www.aelc.net.au) as it is a great reference for information.

### **NQF**

Sarah has also done a great job with Annette and others to organise the National Quality Framework implementation plan. The action list totaled 76 items and each has been rated by priority, scheduled and assigned to a committee or staff member.

### **Working Bee**

Sarah Barlow did a terrific job in organising the second working bee for 2012. Many thanks to those who helped out. Please see Sarah's report below.

### **2013 Enrolments**

Thank you to Sylvia Stutt for all her hard work in organising the 2013 enrolment offers.

We would very much appreciate you proactively spreading the good story of AELC to parents looking for kinder places in 2013. At this stage

we have several places available especially in the Extended Hours group.

We still have a number of vacancies this year in both 3 and 4 year old groups despite concerted efforts to fill them.

If you know anyone who may be interested in these please ask them to contact Sylvia Stutt (Administrative Officer) on 9509 3187.

### **Next year**

We must start planning for next year.

The end of this year will see many families moving on from AELC to the next phase of child rearing i.e. being a parent of a schoolgirl or schoolboy. Unfortunately this will mean the loss of many of our hard working Committee members.

The next few months will see us begin to recruit next year's Committee. The new Committee will be elected at the Annual General Meeting that is scheduled for Tuesday November 27, 2012.

All roles are up for reelection in accordance with our Constitution. However we expect some of the Committee will continue in their roles into next year.

I list the positions available below, so you can decide which might fit your abilities best.

They are:-

President

Vice President(s)

Secretary

Finance Coordinator

Grants Officer

Publicity Officer(s)

Fundraising Officer(s)

Maintenance Officer

Salaries Officer

General Committee Members

I am asking those parents or grandparents who have children in this year's 3 Year Old Groups in particular to review this list and let me know how you can help us. As you know we are a Community, Not-For-Profit Kindergarten. As such we rely almost solely on

parents/grandparents to help support our Staff.

### **Road Safety**

Please continue to be mindful of road safety around the kindergarten. Please supervise children closely all the way to the front gate and where appropriate hold their hands.

Again, 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.

### **Finally**

I'd like to take this opportunity to again thank all the Staff, Committee members and parents/grandparents for their hard work so far this year.

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.

Regards,

Damian Dalton

President

### **MAINTENANCE**

Thank you to Melissa Lerner (Kangaroos), Stacey Farrell (Kangaroos), Greg Burns (grandad Kangaroos), Greg Stewart (Koalas), Marcus James (Koalas), Jim Gaylard (Koalas), Jodi Deipenau (Koalas), Karen (Kangaroos) and Annette Baker for braving the cold and wet to help out at the Working Bee. The centre looks great thanks to all your hard work.

If you were unable to help out this time, the next working bee is scheduled for the September 23rd.

Thanks Sarah Barlow

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## FUNDRAISING TEAM

As many of you know AELC relies heavily on fundraising to augment income from fees and government grants to maintain its operation.

Our major fundraising event, the Fundraising Trivia and Auction Night, will take place on Friday, 14 September 2012 at Functions on Chapel, Prahran Town Hall from 7pm for a 7.30pm start.

A comprehensive list of businesses who have already agreed to support us can be found at the end of the newsletter. A second list of those businesses we are waiting to hear from is also attached.

### Event Details

The event is a combined trivia and auction night, hosted by a professional trivia MC. Cost per person is \$25 including champagne on arrival.

It is a great opportunity for parents to get together in a relaxed and informal atmosphere, as well as being able to collect a number of bargains along the way from the live and silent auctions.

Please feel free to make up tables with other parents from the kinder or you are more than welcome to make up a table from friends and family outside the kinder. Tables can be a maximum of either 10 or 12 people. We can also seat you at a table.

Attendees must provide their own picnic dinner and drinks on the night and Crust Armadale is very happy to take orders and deliver to the venue (as they have done for the past two years). Further details for Crust will be provided prior to the event.

The invitation for the fundraising event will be forwarded via email shortly. RSVP date is Thursday, 23 August. Replies must be placed in an envelope and placed in the fundraising boxes in either room, along with full payment.

## Donations:

Last year, through generous donations from local businesses and parents, as well as the support of those who attended on the night, we raised a wonderful \$11,500 for the kinder. The funds raised allowed the kinder to purchase toys, books and equipment. This year, we are raising funds to contribute towards new furniture, new carpets, computers, website upgrade and kitchenware.

In order to make the night a truly fantastic one, we are currently approaching many local businesses for donations of goods and/or services for our silent and live auction items. A list of the confirmed 2012 auction items is attached for your information. A list of other businesses that have been approached, and are currently being followed-up is also attached.

### How You Can Help

Each year, we also ask our families at kinder to assist with the donation of either goods/services as auction items or prizes. Suggested items for donation could be any of the following:

sporting memorabilia;  
travel/accommodation - city/country;  
weekend getaway;  
professional services;  
beauty products/services;  
major event and sporting tickets;  
jewellery;  
artworks;  
homewares;  
clothing;  
restaurant/cafe vouchers;  
wine; and  
toys/games/books for children.

If you need a letter from AELC requesting a donation from a business, please contact me via email - [stacey.farrell@live.com.au](mailto:stacey.farrell@live.com.au). I can also make up vouchers for any businesses that do not have this facility.

Do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions regarding the event or a potential donation that you may have.

Thank you for your support and we look forward to seeing you, your families and friends on Friday, 14 September.

### **Chocolates**

Most of you will be pleased to know that we have finished our very last box of delicious chocolates. Thank you to all the families who have supported the kinder by purchasing the range of chocolates on offer.

### **Caring for Kids - KPV Raffle 2012:**

Thank you to all the families who purchased raffle tickets in the KPV Raffle. Our kinder was also amongst the top 20 ticket sellers in the raffle, so we received a small selection of books valued at \$25. As far as I know, we didn't have a winner, however, with your support we raised a wonderful \$1,050 for AELC!

### **Picture Plates**

Thank you to all the families who participated with the picture plates. Due to a delay at Picture Products, the manufacturers of the picture plates, we will now be receiving the plates at the end of August. I apologise for the delay and appreciate your patience.

### **Carnival Club Catalogue**

You would have all received a brochure from Carnival Club that contains great prices on books and games. Orders must be placed by 16 August directly with the organisation. The kinder benefits from our participation through large or small purchases.

### **'Chalk' and 'Parent Direct' & 'Toy and More' Catalogues**

You will have already received three catalogues to purchase a variety of items for your children, with 20% of the total purchases going to the kinder. You can fill in the forms at your leisure and return them directly to the kinder by Thursday, 18 October (marked to the attention of Stacey Farrell). Further information will be posted at kinder and sent via email.

### **Tea Towels & Aprons**

Children will be working on their drawings in class during this term. Cost for the tea towels and aprons will be available in term 4. Pricing to be advised via email shortly.

### **Animal Yoga for Kids**

Fiona Edelstein of Flavours of Yoga has donated a fantastic 10 sessions of yoga/pilates/breathing and a Peace Workshop at her studio in Barkly Avenue, Armadale to our major fundraising event. She is running sessions for children on Tuesday afternoons at 4.15pm. Full details in the newsletter.

Thank you  
Stacey Farrell

### **National Quality Framework - The Rating System**

As you may remember, AELC submitted a Quality Improvement Plan (as part of the National Quality Framework, NQF) towards the end of April this year. And so begins the long process of receiving a rating for the kindergarten. Every service around Australia will receive a rating for each quality area (7 in total) and an overall rating. These ratings will be displayed at the kindy. At this point of time, the kindy has a Provisional rating - not yet assessed under the NQF.

There are five rating levels with the national quality rating and assessment process:

Excellent  
Exceeding National Quality Standard  
Meeting National Quality Standard  
Working Towards National Quality Standard  
Significant Improvement Required

The Australian Children's Education and Care Quality Authority (ACECQA) expect most services to start off in the middle range of the ratings mentioned above. The bar for quality has been set much higher than in the previous accreditation system. The Guide to the National Quality Standard contains high level statements of quality care and education and services should be proud to achieve a rating of Meeting

National Quality Standard, especially if they do so in their first assessment.

Information on what the rating system means can be found at this link:

<http://acecqa.gov.au/news-and-media/article/?id=what-the-ratings-mean-for-you>.

Please be sure to look through our Quality Improvement Plan, located in a folder in the kindy foyer. We are hard at work addressing

the action items raised from conducting the self-assessment, 76 in total. If you would like any further information on the NQF, or if you have any feedback or ideas where you think the kindergarten can improve, please get in touch!

Sarah Wade  
[sarah.e.wade@live.ca](mailto:sarah.e.wade@live.ca)



## ANIMAL YOGA FOR KIDS

A 45 minute kids yoga class, which is a mixture of yoga, chi gung, breathing, stretching, stories, meditation and fun.

**Classes run on Tuesdays at 4.15pm.**

Casual - \$18 per class OR \$150 for 10 classes. *One casual class permitted and then a commitment to the rest of the school term.*

Bookings required with Fiona Edelstein on 0425 770 464

2A Barkly Avenue, Armadale /

[www.flavoursofyoga.com](http://www.flavoursofyoga.com)

2012 COMMITTEE MEMBERS

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MAINTENANCE	Sarah Barlow	9576 3285 0403 933 497
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# AUCTION ITEM LIST

## CONFIRMED BUSINESS DONORS

Active Feet 2 x Vouchers valued at \$50 each \$100.00  
Aesop Hamper to the value of \$80 and \$100 \$100.00  
Armada Angling 1 x Children's Orange Fishing Rod \$35.00  
Armada Cellars 5 week wine appreciation course \$199.00  
Barca Food & Wine \*\* Voucher to the value of \$100 \$100.00  
Bared (Shoes) \$200 Voucher \$200.00  
Blockbuster Video 4 months free rental - valid for hires until 31st January 2013. Valid for one new release and 5 weekly hires per day and valid only at Blockbuster High St Armadale \$400.00  
Books from KPV Selection of books: 'Baby Koala's Bedtime'; 'My Daddy and Me'; 'Wanda-Linda goes Beserk'; & 'Hop, Little Hare!' \$25.00  
Brow Theory (Brow Bar) \*\* 2 x Complimentary Eyebrow Shaping Treatment Vouchers valued at \$35 each \$70.00  
Bunnings Hawthorn Ryobi Blower Vac (valued between \$99 & \$198) TBC  
Cafe Lagom Voucher for 3 course meal for 2 people (food only) \$120.00  
Caffe La Via Voucher for food/beverages to the value of \$50 \$50.00  
Caltex Starcash 2 x \$100 Petrol Voucher \$200.00  
Campbell Dixon Gardening/Maintenance Service - no. hours & value TBA  
Capelli's Hairdressers TBA  
Centre Mgmt, Malvern Central 10 x Marie Claire Cook Books valued at \$39.95 each \$399.50  
Coaching Concepts 3 x 1 hour PT sessions OR 1 term of Children's Swimming Lessons \$150.00  
Coles, Malvern Voucher \$40.00  
Crust Pizza 100 x \$15 dine-in or take away vouchers \$1,500.00  
Cubby House Cafe Voucher towards a party to the value of \$100 \$100.00  
Dan Murphys \*\* Voucher to the value of \$25 \$25.00  
Dashing Nails \*\* 2 x Manicure Vouchers valued at \$15 each \$30.00  
Daydreamers Playcentre 2 x 10 Pass Entry Card (saving of up to \$108) valued at \$50 each \$100.00  
Durance en Provence Items (to be finalised by late August) to the value of \$100 \$100.00  
Edward Beale, Armadale \*\* 3 x Vouchers (\$50 off any service, plus \$20 Edward Beale sham/cond) \$210.00  
Expressions Gallery 2 x Animal Prints (framed), both valued at \$100 \$200.00  
Expressions Gallery 1 x Japanese Print (framed) valued at \$65 \$65.00  
Flavours of Yoga 10 x Classes of Yoga/Pilates/Breathing & a Peace Workshop \$280.00  
Fleischers Continental Cakes 4 x \$20 Vouchers (TBA) \$80.00  
Gavin Blue Photography Photography Session & 12x16 inch print \$500.00  
Glittery Tapping Wonderland 2 x Glittery Fairy Tapping Dance Lessons valued at \$20 each \$40.00  
Goodlife Health Club 3 month membership at the gym \$449.00  
Hairport Hamper of L'Oreal Products \$120.00  
Happy Kids Photography Photography Session & 14x20 inch print \$700.00  
Harold Holt 3 x 10 Visit Swim Passes valued at \$93 each \$279.00  
Health Protect International Carpet & Upholstery Cleaning Service - Voucher to the value of \$... (TBA)  
Honeybee Toys Satchel; Carrying Strap for Kidz Bottle; Drink Bottle; Lunchbox \$78.85  
Inspirations, Dulux Voucher for paint & accessories to the value of \$300 \$300.00  
Jacadi Paris \*\* \$50 Voucher \$50.00  
Jack and Jill Boxes Keepsake Boxes (number & value TBA)  
Jurlique 2 x Anti-Stress Facials valued at \$55 each & products valued at \$295 each \$590.00  
Kiddy Gym \*\* Voucher for 7 weeks (Glenferrie Road, Malvern) \$115.50  
Kinderplay Item(s) TBA to the value of approximately \$100  
Kings Swim 2 x Swim Packs valued at \$70 each \$70.00

Larder Provisions & Cafe \*\* Voucher for goods \$30.00  
Matchbox 5 x Salt & Pepper Drinking Games valued at \$25 each \$75.00  
Malvern Hotel \*\* Voucher to the value of \$100 \$100.00  
Mind Games Voucher to the value of \$25 \$25.00  
Oskawhyte Cafe TBA  
Nature's Formula @ Goodlife Voucher for 1 x 1 hour massage (Armadale, incl. Creche fee) \$80.00  
Nature's Formula @ Goodlife 5 hours of Corporate Massage at your office \$400.00  
Perfect Pieces Hamper - value TBA  
Phillippa's Bakery Goods/Hamper valued at over \$50 (final price to be confirmed) > \$50  
Rococo Lane 3 x Vouchers (30 coffees) valued at \$135 each \$405.00  
Ruggles Dry Cleaners 4 x \$10 Vouchers to be used with incoming dry cleaning \$40.00  
Second Childhood 1 x Voucher to the value of \$50 \$50.00  
Snooze South Yarra 1 x Children's single bed mattress by Simply Kids \$299.00  
Snowgum Snowgum Backpack valued at \$40 \$40.00  
Street Talk 500 grams of coffee per month for one (1) year The Cupcake Queens 1 x Mixed Dozen Cupcakes \$40.00  
The Smith \*\* 1 Voucher for 2 x Tasting Platters valued at \$70 each \$140.00  
The Wash - Car Wash, Malv Cent 2 x 'In & Out' Vouchers valued at a maximum of \$49 each \$98.00  
Thomas Dux 2 x \$50 Vouchers \$100.00  
TLC Natural Health Works Voucher for 1 x 1 hour massage to the value of \$80 \$80.00  
Town & Country Gardens 1 x Plant to the value of \$40 \$40.00  
Victorian Tennis Academy 1 x Term of Tennis Whizz Lessons (for children aged 4-5) - 30 minute sessions \$130.00  
Victorian Tennis Academy 5 x Ladies Coach & Play - 1.5 hour sessions \$125.00  
Victorian Tennis Academy 1 x Term of Aussie Mozzie (for children aged 5-7) - 45 minute lessons \$160.00  
Wen & Ware Living \*\* 2 x Decorative Flowers (white) valued at \$24.95 each \$49.90  
White Rabbit Hamper, value TBA  
Wild Action Wild Action Series DVD valued at \$40 \$40.00  
Wonder Nails 1 x Manicure valued at \$15 \$15.00

## Parent Donations

Kongo Coffee Kongo Organic Coffee (whole bean) from PNG Highlands - 750g \$30.00  
Mondo Cherry 1 x Artwork \$180.00  
Phillip Rouse Pty Ltd Garden Consultation \$100.00  
Phillip Rouse Pty Ltd Building Consultancy \$200.00  
Style My Home Home Styling - Consultation  
\*\* New Businesses in 201

## Potential Donors

8 Days Cafe \*\* Cucina Vostra \*\* Readings  
99 Bikes (Malvern) \*\* Diving HQ Sinc Kids  
All Sportz Fairies of South Yarra Sweet Crumble \*\*  
Amalia (Rose Street) \*\* Grapeseed Cafe Tartine \*\*  
Balloon for Kids Jeanette Maree Jewellery The Luggage Professionals \*\*  
Bare Beauty \*\* Lorna Jane, Armadale Toni & Guy Hair Salon \*\*  
Books in Print Malvern Automotive Repairs Town & Country Style \*\*  
Brava Lingerie  
Mecca Cosmetica  
Treat Catering Company \*\*  
Cafe Bouchon  
Melbourne Taekwondo Centre  
Woodstock Espresso Bar \*\*  
CC Colours Cafe Miracles (Beauty Salon)  
Zetta Florence  
Chemist Warehouse Mt Erica Hotel \*\*  
Clover Beauty & Natural Therapy \*\* Orotan Group \*\*  
Coin Laundry Cafe Peaches & Cream  
Coochicoo (Malvern)  
Prahnan Market - Vouchers  
\*\* New businesses approached in 2012