

Diary Dates:

25 November 2012 - Family Fun Day (3pm - 6pm)

27 November 2012 - Annual General Meeting

17 December 2012 - Last session for 3 Year Olds AND Koala Christmas Party

18 December 2012 - Kangaroo Christmas Party

19 December 2012 - Last session for 4 Year Olds

21 December 2012 - Clean up day and Working Bee (9am - 1pm)

PRESIDENT'S REPORT - NOVEMBER 2012

Term 4

We are nearing the end of the kindergarten year and, just as our families are planning the next phase for the children, so is the kindergarten. It's a very busy and exciting time with transition statements for those graduating to school, moves from 3 year-olds to 4 year-olds, decisions to continue in 4 year-olds, and new enrolments.

There are a couple of very important events in the coming weeks including the Family Fun Day and the Annual General Meeting.

Family Fun Day

Each year to celebrate the approaching conclusion of the kindergarten year we hold a Family Fun Day at the AELC. This is a free event with the kinder providing sausages in bread, drinks and icy-poles, as well as some live entertainment - back by popular demand is Luigi Zucchini.

This year it will be held on Sunday, November 25th, between 3-6pm. Please put this date in your diaries, as it is a lot of fun for the littlies.

Annual General Meeting

We are currently finalising matters for the Annual General Meeting and encourage you to attend, especially those who are considering joining the Committee in 2013.

The AGM is scheduled for Tuesday 27th November 2013 at 7pm for a 7:30pm start.

2013 Committee

The new Committee will be elected at the AGM. All roles are up for re-election in accordance with our Constitution.

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.

Parent Survey

You should have recently received an email with a link to our annual parent survey. Please take the time to give us your valuable feedback so we can continue to improve the AELC.

2013 Enrolments

Enrolments for 3 year old places in 2013 are very strong however we still have places available in 4 year old, in particular extended hours.

We are actively seeking opportunities to promote the vacancies and Marshall White has offered us up to six signboards for erection around the neighborhood as well as a digital advert in their weekly electronic distribution mail that goes to 13,000 subscribers for free. If you have a property located in a high traffic area and would be willing to have a signboard erected promoting the kinder, please let either Annette, Sylvia or myself know.

We would very much appreciate you proactively spreading the good story of AELC to parents looking for kinder places in 2013. If you know anyone who may be interested in these please ask them to contact Sylvia Stutt (Administrative Officer) on 9509 3187. Thank you to Sylvia for all her hard work in organising the 2013 enrolment offers.

Fees

Deposits for 2013 places and Term 4 fees are now all due. If you have not paid to date please do so or contact Sylvia Stutt on 9509 3187 to advise when payment can be expected.

Website

I again encourage everyone to visit our new website www.armadaleelc.vic.edu.au, which is increasingly becoming the go-to source for AELC information.

Regards,

Damian Dalton, President.

FUND RAISING

Tea Towels:

The children have completed their drawings for the tea towels and they have been sent to the manufacturer so the tea towels can be designed. Proofs of the tea towels have been received and some changes need to be made before we have them printed and delivered to us. Thank you to all families who have indicated that they would like to purchase the tea towels (and have paid). I will let you know via email an approximate time of their arrival once I know. Apart from receiving a memento of your child's time at AELC, you are also supporting the kinder.

Survey - Fundraising:

Every family will have received an email about the AELC Parent Satisfaction survey on Survey Monkey on 8 November. There is a section for fundraising and I would greatly appreciate your honest feedback on what you want in relation to our fundraising activities for 2013.

Thank you.

Stacey Farrell.

MAINTENANCE

Thank you Gavin and Kelly Blue (A group), Damian and Dom Dalton (A group), Stacey and Sean Farrell (Kangaroos), Melissa Larner (Extended hours and Kangaroos), Karen M (Kangaroos), Clara Officer (A group) and Fiona Tribe (Kangaroos), for generously giving your time to help during the holidays and at the Working Bee on Sunday 23rd September. Your help to keep the centre looking good is greatly appreciated.

The final clean up day will be on Friday 21st December. More information will be sent out soon.

Thanks, Sarah Barlow
0403 933 497

HOUSEKEEPING

NQF

ACECQA has launched a Family Newsletter to help educate families about the National Quality Framework. Please click on the link below to be taken to the newsletter:

<http://acecqa.gov.au/storage/Families%20Newsletter%20Issue%201%20vFinal.pdf>

The link can also be found on the AELC website (www.armadaleelc.vic.edu.au) on the Parent Access Page.

Email Privacy

The personal contact details provided by AELC families are to be used for social interactions only and not for commercial purposes.

Please respect the privacy of others in relation to this.

Family Fun Day

Be sure to set aside Sunday 25th November from 3 - 6pm for the AELC Family Fun Day! There is entertainment for the children (magician Luigi Zucchini), sausages on the BBQ, cordial and icy poles!

The perfect Sunday afternoon combination. Grown-ups can bring their own dinner and drinks too (why should the children have all the fun?). Hope to see you there!

Fruit Duty

Have you checked your child's group fruit duty roster?

Please add your name as we enjoy having families participate and your child loves having you there.

Prompt Arrival and Drop Off

Prompt arrival at pick-up and drop-off is greatly appreciated.

Now it is Term 4, it is excellent practice for the 4-year-olds in getting ready for school. We also ask if you could please exit the rooms in a timely

fashion as it aids in settling the children into their daily routine greatly. If you would like to keep chatting with the other parents, just move it along out of the rooms! We thank-you in your understanding with this.

Please don't forget the importance of saying goodbye to your child. Even though it's tempting to sneak out without being noticed, it can make children more upset. They realise you've gone and haven't had the chance to say goodbye. It's best to let your child know you're going and say that you'll be back later (*sourced from the Raising Children Network, http://raisingchildren.net.au/articles/settling_in_to_care.html*).

2012 COMMITTEE MEMBERS

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your child's
development, ability to
play with others or
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