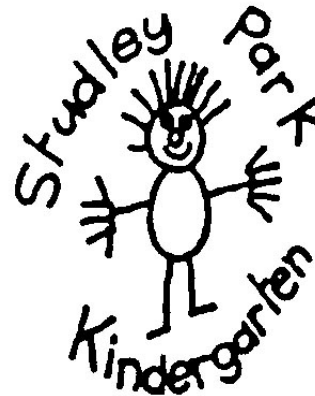


## IMPORTANT DATES

APRIL	
Tue 26	Picture Plates Orders Commence
MAY	
Thur 5	Mother's Pamper Morning – Yellow Group Mother's Day Dinner
Fri 6	Mother's Pamper Morning – Blue Group
Sat 7	Term 2 Working Bee 8-10am @ SPK
Tue 10	Drama Toolbox Incursion – Yellow Group 10:30am
Wed 11	Committee Meeting 8pm @ SPK - ALL WELCOME
Sat 14	SPK Open Day 10am - 12pm
Fri 20	Picture Plates Final Orders Due
JUNE	
Thur 2	Yellow Group Coffee Morning
Wed 8	Committee Meeting 8pm @ SPK - ALL WELCOME
Mon 13	Queen's Birthday Kindergarten Closed
Thur 16	Special Persons Day Yellow Group
Fri 17	Special Persons Day Blue Group
Thur 23	Term 3 Fees Due
Fri 24	BKCES Applications Due For 2017 Positions End of Term 2
Sat 25	Masters BBQ

## 2016 TERM DATES

Term 1	27 Jan – 24 Mar
Term 2	11 Apr – 24 June
Term 3	11 July – 16 Sep
Term 4	03 Oct – 20 Dec



## Message from our Teachers

### Welcome Ellie - our new Blue group morning co-educator

We are excited to welcome Eloise LeFevre (Ellie) to join our kinder as the morning co-educator for Blue group! Eloise started at the beginning of Term 2. Eloise has her Diploma and is also currently studying to complete a Bachelor of Early Childhood Degree. Blue group families please say hi and welcome Ellie to the kinder when you see her at drop-off

### Volunteers at Kinder

We are lucky enough to have volunteers who are coming to our kinder every day of the week. Mondays we have Harshitha; Tuesdays we have Rebecca, Wednesdays and Thursdays we have Puja and Fridays we have Isuri.

Our volunteers are accessed through our relationship with bestchance and are here to support all the children's learning with a special emphasis on any children with additional needs. All our volunteers are given guidelines through bestchance and an orientation by our staff. They all have a Volunteer Working With Children Check.

Thanks so much ladies for your valuable support at Studley Park Kinder! We hope your time here is memorable.



## Healthy eating

Please remember to provide healthy food for your child's snack and lunch. Great choices include:

- Sandwiches, wraps or rolls (especially with whole grain bread, salad, cheese, tuna)
- Fresh vegetables
- Cold meat, tuna
- Sushi or rice
- Rice paper rolls
- Meat balls
- Eggs, cheese
- Baked beans
- Corn cobs
- Yoghurts
- Fresh fruit

## Food Allergy Aware

No nuts, nut products (e.g. Nutella, peanut butter), or products containing nuts (e.g. muesli bars), can be included in your child's lunch box.



## New lunch box and drink bottle procedures

From the Beginning of Term 2 we have implemented a new procedure for the children's lunch boxes and drink bottles. As you will have noticed, instead of putting them on the trolley in the kinder room, there are clearly labeled laundry baskets for them to be put in. These baskets are on the veranda. Then when we go out to the front or back garden, drink bottles can be taken outside much more easily and are more accessible to the children.

We have also added a water dispenser for inside drinking where the children are able to pour their water, drink it and then wash their own glasses.

## Mother's Pamper Mornings

On Thursday 5th May and Friday 6th May Mums are invited to a very special Mother's Day Spa.

They will be greeted by their very own "Spa Specialist" and enjoy a hour full of pampering, which includes head, neck and shoulder massages, manicures, and a special "Mummy and Me" photo booth session.

Tea and biscuits will be served by the children to wrap up this very special day! We look forward to welcoming all the Mums who are able to join us on these lovely days!

## Term 2 Incursions

During Term 2, each of our kinder classes will have an exciting incursion!

Yellow Group will be having Drama Toolbox come to kinder on **Tuesday 10 May** to do an exciting interactive drama workshop with the children with the theme of Minibeasts!

Blue Group will be having Dianne from Wiggerley Worm Dance Company come to do an exciting creative dance workshop with themes of Dinosaurs, Toy Box And Chinese Dragon! Date to be confirmed.

***BOTH WORKSHOPS WILL INVOLVE EXTENSIVE USE OF COSTUMES AND A VARIETY OF MUSICAL GENRES!***

See you at Kinder,  
Karen, Hilary, Lyn, Anne and Ellie.

## Sports Day Report



On Sunday we held our Annual Sports Day at Kew Primary School. It was an absolutely gorgeous day and many kinder families were in attendance. The kids took part in a range of sporting activities including an obstacle course, soccer drills, tennis lessons and musical games. We had a three-legged race for the parents, which was lots of fun. Then it was time for the main event, the fun run. All the kids completed a full lap of the amazing new oval at KPS. In addition to all the fun, so far we think we have raised about \$1000 for the kinder, with more donations to come, which is a fantastic effort!

We are hugely grateful to all the businesses that provided donations to supply the BBQ. Woolworths Kew and Coles Victoria Gardens each provided \$50 gift cards, Brewsters Butchers at Victoria Gardens supplied the sausages, Bakers Delight at Victoria Gardens supplied the bread and Aussie Farmers Direct donated two fruit boxes. We also secured kind donations of raffle prizes from Top Tenn Tennis Academy, Yarra Bend Adventure Golf and Big Swing Golf Kew.

We are also very grateful to the families that helped out on the day: Tanya & Dan, Cathy, Danielle, Larissa, Tamara, Evelyn, Emily, Yosh and Ishara, and Meg. An extra big thank-you to Gareth and Angela who masterminded and ran the event on the day!

A few housekeeping points:

- If you have not yet returned your sponsorship form and monies, please leave drop these in the red box at kinder over the next week. The kinder really appreciates the donations you have secured!
- We secured a couple of late prize donations which we're offering to the highest bidder. Please send us an email and your bid if you are interested.
  - Two tickets to Melbourne Rebels vs. Brumbies Friday 13 May at AAMI Park .
  - A term of kids sports lessons at Ready Steady Go valued at \$180. Eligible locations include Hawthorn and Carlton, weekday classes only.

## *Upcoming Social Event*

### **Mother's Day Dinner**

Please join us for a girls' night out to celebrate Mother's Day!

8pm Thursday 5 May

Beehive Hotel, 84 Barkers Road Hawthorn

\$39 for 2 courses or \$49 for 3 courses (drinks to be purchased on the night)

Please place your cash payment (in an envelope with your name) in the red box and RSVP on the sign-up sheet by **Friday 29 April**

Hope to see you there!

Tanya (Yellow Group Rep) and Emily (Blue Group Rep)

## *Message from the Committee of Management*

### **Maintenance**

Term 2 Working Bee is coming up on Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> May from 8am-10m. This time we will be focusing on sprucing up the Kinder classroom and grounds in preparation for SPK Open Day the following weekend. Our front (and back) yard gets absolutely overwhelmed by leaves from the kinder trees during Autumn. We will therefore be assigning autumn leaves sweeping as Take Home Tasks. Please see attached flyers for further details.

### **Registered Carer Accreditation**

Karen is now a Registered Carer and will be able to issue receipts for eligible families in both Blue and Yellow Groups to claim Child Care Benefit from Centrelink. Please contact the committee by email if you would like to be issued with a receipt.

### **Committee Vacancy - Events**

Many thanks to Luisa De Luca, who did a fantastic job as SPK's Events Officer in Term 1. Due to work commitments Luisa has to make other preschool arrangements for her son Jay. If you would like to get involved in the committee we'd love to have a new Events Officer!

### **SPK Open Day**

On Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> May from 10am-12pm we are holding our Open Day for new kinder families. If you have friends or family living in the local area who are thinking of enrolling please encourage them to come along to check out the kinder and meet our teachers and parents.

### **Masters BBQ**

This year we will be hosting two Masters BBQ as part of our Fundraising efforts. The first BBQ is on Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> June, and will be hosted by Yellow Group Families. We will be posting up flyer and sign-up sheet closer to the date.

## 2017 Enrolments

A reminder to all families with children in Yellow Group, and families with younger siblings that will start three year old kindergarten next year, that you need to apply for a place in our 2017 programs through the Boroondara Kindergartens Central Enrolments Scheme. Enrolments for 2017 are now open and will close on Friday June 24th. Please apply by online submission via the Boroondara Council

Website: <http://www.boroondara.vic.gov.au/residents/families-children/kindergartens>.

## Stuck on You Fundraising

Help support our kinder by ordering your labels and various other supplies at Stuck On You, include our fundraising code 'STUDLEYPARKKINDERGARTEN' at the checkout, and a portion of the sale goes back to the kinder.

## Picture Plate Fundraising

The 'Picture Plate' art activity is coming up this term. This year we'll be offering it up to kinder siblings as well. You can order a couple of plates to be decorated at your leisure at home. Look out for order forms. Many of us still have picture plates from when we were kids, so they're certainly a great momento!



## **Getting Our SPK Kids Out Into Nature**

Between the committee and our educator team we have been considering ways to get our kinder kids (specifically the 4yos) out into nature a bit more within our educational program.

Early childhood studies highlight the significance of play in nature for children's health, wellbeing and development. As time-poor families juggling work, multiple kids etc we are sometimes challenged to get our kids out in nature as much as we'd like during family time. With Blue Group kids spending three full days at kinder, our thinking is that the kids could really benefit from incorporating more of this type of play into the kinder program. It is also consistent with the Australian National Quality Standards for kindergartens which emphasise that "outdoor spaces with plants, trees, rocks, mud and water invite open ended interactions, spontaneity, risk taking and a connection with nature". Obviously the kinder has a fantastic natural setting of its own, but we're also lucky to have a lot of beautiful bushland right on our doorstep.

One initiative some Melbourne kinders have taken is to establish a program called Bush Kinder. In this program there is a regular component of the kindergarten program each week (typically 3 hours) that is held exclusively outdoors at a bushland site. No toys, no tools, no art supplies, the program has children interacting only with what nature has provided.

We're currently in the process of investigating what could work for us at Studley Park Kindergarten, be it a regular weekly session on one of the kinder days, monthly excursions or something else. We'll keep families posted as our plans firm up. In the interim if you have any ideas or input or any time to help us with planning please don't hesitate to contact Karen (Nominated Supervisor) or Emily (Committee President).

## **SPK Draft Policies And Procedures For SPK Community Feedback**

Each year, Bestchance (Studley Park Kindergarten's approved provider) reviews its policies and procedures and seeks feedback. They have encouraged us to seek feedback from the kindergarten families.

Please find attached to the email, the following draft policies for your interest and comments.

- Enrolment Policy
- Supervision of Visitors Procedure
- Excursions and Service Events Procedure
- Diabetes Procedure

We will also make the draft policies available at the sign-in desk.

Please provide any feedback on the policies to the SPK Committee email address [spk.committee@studleyparkkindergarten.vic.edu.au](mailto:spk.committee@studleyparkkindergarten.vic.edu.au) by Friday 6th May 2016.

## Why do we fundraise at SPK?

Studley Park Kindergarten is a non-profit community kindergarten. We are lucky to have the use of our great facility that is provided to us by council. The rest of our costs (staffing, running and upkeep of the building, program materials) are covered by our term fees (and some government funding for our four year old program). We try to keep our fees as low as possible, and they typically cover just the costs of running the program, rather than any major capital works.

The kinder does apply for a range of grants each year (the Rubaroc resurfacing of the front yard was secured last year through a grant from Boroondara Council) and we have a private grant application in already this year. Nonetheless we typically find it harder to secure grant funding, as they are often targeted to organisations in more disadvantaged sectors.

For any projects at kinder (either new or major rejuvenation) we therefore turn to fundraising to fund the works. We run fundraising drives throughout the year (the tea towels, picture plates, Fund Foto, etc) and also hold fundraising events, eg the Sports Day. Where possible we look at ways to fundraise beyond the kinder community, e.g. the two Masters BBQs we're holding this year.

In terms of how we're using funds raised in 2016, the major initiative we are focused on is the rejuvenation of the front yard (more planting, decoration, landscaping) to make it more inviting for the kids and present a more attractive facade in keeping with the lovely natural aspect in Studley Park. We are also considering ways to further develop our backyard play area, potentially developing a more advanced water play area. The irrigation in the backyard also needs upgrading.

Also, in some years - and this was the case in 2015 - our enrolments are lower than anticipated and we are not able to break even on fees alone. In those years we use whatever fundraising monies are raised to cover running costs, and then as a last resort draw on our limited cash reserves to cover the remainder of these costs. Having a good level of cash in reserve is essential for the kinder's ongoing viability, to provide cover in years of lower enrolments and enable us to cover one-off costs that we do incur from time to time (e.g. maternity leave payments to staff members, significant repairs). Therefore having drawn on our reserves in 2015, some of the funds raised through our fundraising efforts in 2016 will be used to replenish the reserves, so as to build our cash position into 2017 and beyond.

Please feel free to speak to Emily or anyone else on the Committee of Management if you'd like to discuss this further.

## Reminders



### Pick up policy

Please remember we require both written authorisation on enrolment forms and for you to inform staff verbally if children are to be picked up by someone other than parent.

Please ensure you have left the kinder grounds 15minutes after your child's session has concluded. The teachers need to pack up and lock up including taking away children's crossing flags.



### Safety at the Front Gate

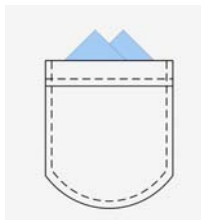
Please be aware when opening and closing the front gate to only let your own children out of the kinder and make sure the gate "clicks" closed.

We know children can run in and out without warning, so a reminder for all parents to be vigilant.

Remember that before children are dropped off (signed in) and after they are picked up (signed out), they are the responsibility of parents/guardians.



SPK is a **nut free zone** (incl. Nutella and peanut butter).



Please remember to check **your child's pockets** (next to the sign-in desk on the verandah) for communications from kinder, committee or other parents.



## 2016 Committee of Management

Email: [spk.committee@studleyparkkindergarten.vic.edu.au](mailto:spk.committee@studleyparkkindergarten.vic.edu.au)

<b>Committee Roles</b>		
<b>President (Bestchance Liaison)</b>	Emily Dunt	Blue Group Parent
<b>Vice President (Enrolments)</b>	Pippa Harding	Blue Group Parent
<b>Treasurer</b>	Yosh Suri	Yellow Group Parent
<b>Secretary</b>	Evelyn Chin	Yellow & Blue Group Parent
<b>Accounts &amp; Fees Officer</b>	Megan Toose	Blue Group Parent
<b>Maintenance Officer</b>	Jarrad Jeffs	Yellow Group Parent
<b>Fundraising Officer</b>	Kate Cannard	Yellow Group Parent
<b>Grants Officer</b>	Belinda Barker	Blue Group Parent
<b>Non Committee Roles</b>		
<b>Website &amp; Newsletter Editor</b>	Zoe Kilby	Blue Group Parent
<b>Yellow Group Representative</b>	Tanya Lintzeris	Yellow Group Parent
<b>Blue Group Representative</b>	Emily Layland	Blue Group Parent
<b>Sub-Committee Members</b>		
<b>Events &amp; Fundraising</b>	Danielle Leo	Blue Group Parent
<b>Events &amp; Fundraising</b>	Gareth Lochaden	Yellow Group Parent
<b>Events &amp; Fundraising</b>	Kelly Story	Blue Group Parent
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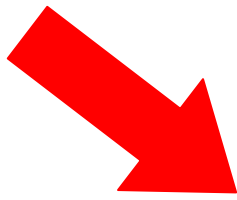
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# STUDLEY PARK KINDERGARTEN



## WORKING BEE



**Saturday 07th May 2016  
08:00 am – 10:00 am**

**Dear Mums, Dads, Carers, Grandparents & Friends,**

Yup its that time of the term again...Working Bee morning! Working Bees are a great way to meet parents, show your handyman/handywoman talents and make the kinder a safe and secure environment for the children.

Simple tasks will include:

- Cleaning (sweeping pathways, cleaning toys and sandpits)
- Gardening (pruning trees and scrubs, cutting grass)
- Sanding and varnishing play equipment
- Fixing (minor repairs)

No experience necessary, just lots of hands on deck to spruce up the Kinder grounds!

Please bring your toolbox, lawn trimmer, rakes and brooms, power drill, hedge trimmer and whatever you think could be useful for the working bee.

Morning tea will be provided.

Looking forward to seeing you on site!

(Please read the Take Home Tasks flyer if the working bee date does not suit you)

Jarrad Jeffs  
m: 0433 923 743  
e: jarrad.jeffs@gmail.com

**Note: Attending any of the Working Bees for at least 90 minutes per session or completing a take home task entitles you to ¼ refund of the Maintenance Levy.**

# TAKE HOME TASKS

STUDLEY PARK  
KINDERGARTEN



WORKING BEE

Dear Families,

The temperatures might not be dipping yet but Autumn is well and truly here, with the leaves beginning to turn and fall.

We need your help to sweep up the fallen leaves in the front yard and rear garden!

In lieu of attending the scheduled Working Bee, families can put their name down for one of the five time slots listed below and then complete the leave sweeping task at any time within the selected timeframe.



26/04 – 06/05



12/05 – 13/05 (to prepare for Open Day 14/05)



16/05 – 26/05 (for Friday 27/05/16 Green Waste collection)



27/05 – 09/06 (for Friday 10/06/16 Green Waste collection)



10/06 – 23/06 (for Friday 24/06/16 Green Waste collection)

Please bring along your rakes and brooms and any tools that could be useful for the tasks.

**Please confirm with our Maintenance Office - Jarrad to secure your time slot.**

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