Presidents’ Report

The committee, educators and staff welcome you back to Term 3!

We’d like to reflect on Term 2 for a moment and thank everyone who came to the movies to see Toy Story 4. Not only did we raise funds for our kindergarten, we also received overwhelming feedback on what a great community event it was for our families.

Time spent as a family is always valuable - when we can participate in an event like this and have some genuine mindful time away from our busy lives.

Term 3 is here, and we have a fun filled term ahead with fundraising events, working bees and a jam-packed program for our children to jump right into. From reptiles to library visits to road safety, the term is sure to create many moments of conversation with your children and spark their imagination and creativity.

We hope you have a wonderful Term 3.

Emma Sceberras and Erin Sinclair

Please remember NO NUTS allowed at kindergarten

This Newsletter has been uploaded to:
Storypark, our Pinjarra website and Facebook page.
If you are not connected to Storypark, please email:
pinjarra.kin@kindergarten.vic.gov.au
We know drop off and pick up are very busy times; please feel free to send us an email.
We both work part-time, so if it’s important information please send the email to both of us.

Jo: pinjarra.joanne@outlook.com
Swapna: pinjarra.swapna@outlook.com

Thanks
Jo & Swapna

This term we’ve been exploring!
The children have chosen to learn about bugs, flowers, rockets and space.

We’ve all been working together building a HUGE rocket ship and we’ve been creating lots of fun space-themed artwork.

Jo & Swapna

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Library visits:
23rd August –
Session starts at the library
26th August –
Session ends at the library

Thingle Toodle -
27th August 1:15pm – 28th August 12 pm
Road safety education visit. Parents encouraged to attend.

Dads Night Out –
5th September
from 5:45pm (booking times available soon)

PAST EVENTS:

Dental Visit –
Dr Annette spoke to us about healthy eating and dental hygiene
This term we've been painting rockets!
This was a child-led activity; they wanted to make their very own rocket. We have also painted stars to add to our rocket and will make a door so the children can play inside. This activity helped children to participate and develop their fine motor skills, which is an educator’s goal.

They have been very interested in traffic lights and are playing a running game when someone turns the light to green. This is great for developing the gross motor skills.

New friendships are also developing, which is lovely to see, and the children are all playing beautifully together.

Kitty & Melissa

UPCOMING EVENTS:
Reptile Incursion –
12th August
We are so excited for this incursion and no doubt there will be lots of talk about snakes afterwards.

Father’s Day Night –
28th August 5-6pm
This is a fun night for the dads/special person to have at kinder with their child. There will be lots of activities for them to do together.

Drop off and pick up times can be a little crazy, if you do need me you can email me.
Melissa: pinjarra.melissa@outlook.com
Thanks!
Kitty & Melissa
Toddler Enrichment Program

The children have been learning about mixing colours; they made spinning plates. The beautiful look on their faces when all the colours mixed to make a new one was priceless!

We have also enjoyed playing “The Wiggles” Apples and Bananas song which is Hamish’s favourite song. Our little toddlers have also been busy building with blocks, drawing (fine motor activity) puzzles, playdoh and lots and lots of paintings.

Over the coming few weeks we have some new enrolments for our toddler group, which is exciting news.

Melissa

If you need me for anything and we don’t get a chance to talk during session, please feel free to email me.

Melissa: pinjarra.melissa@outlook.com
TODDLER ENRICHMENT GROUP

2020 Applications Open!

9:15am - 10:45am Tuesdays during school terms

$110 per term
- Run by Kindergarten Educators
- Degree Qualified Support
- Smooth Transition to Kinder
- Socialisation & Development
- Lots of fun!

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For 2 & 3 year olds
(Must be 2 by the end of April year of attendance)
Thank you so much to all the volunteers who have participated in the Working Bees. We rely on parents and families to help each term to keep the kinder in check. Feel free to drag along your extended family to help out for our next Working Bee on Saturday 31st August. Each family who volunteers will earn their $75 maintenance levy.

We are going to be focusing on:

- Installing fencing to the water tank
- Washing cubby roofs
- Possible replacement of post to cubby verandah
- Removing padding to shade sail columns
- Sanding and possible re-varnishing of swing frames
- Applying corner protections to the fish tanks for Blueberry and Sparkly Turtle

Your Purchase Supports Pinjarra Kindergarten

Order your labels, Bento boxes, Stationary and other gifts from Stuckonyou with the link below to support Pinjarra

Trivia night in coming up! The fundraising team would love some donations for prizes to auction off or give out as prizes. If you have any connections and are able to donate please bring your items to kinder for the teachers to pop away in the meeting room.

If you would like any advertising in return for the donation please write a note and leave it with your item.

Thanks everyone!
What to do if you’re running late

We would like to remind parents of their responsibility to collect children on time from their Kinder sessions. If running late please contact Kinder on Ph 9723 2816 with as much notice as possible.

Please be aware that if you have organised an alternative person to complete pick up, in order for the staff to release a child into another’s care, authorisation in writing is required - either on original blue enrolment form or written notice provided separately. If the person is not known to staff a copy of photo ID will be requested to ensure they match the authorisation. For more information on Pinjarra's Policies please refer to the Policy folder in the Foyer. Everyone's cooperation is appreciated in providing a safe and secure environment for the children.
Flowchart: CHILD SAFETY REPORTING PROCESS

Who can report?
- Parent
- Child
- Staff member or volunteer

What to report?
Any child safety concerns, including:
- disclosure of abuse or harm
- allegation, suspicion or observation
- breach of Code of Conduct
- environmental safety issues.

Call 000 if a child is in immediate danger

How?
Face-to-face verbal report, letter, email, telephone call or meeting

Who to?
President: Emma Sceberras on 0417 690 063 or
Grants Policy Officer: Erin Sinclair on 0422 627 290

What happens next?
The President or Grants Policy Officer will:
- offer support to the child, the parents, the person who reports and the accused staff member or volunteer
- initiate internal processes to ensure the safety of the child, clarify the nature of the complaint and commence disciplinary process (if required)
- decide, in accordance with legal requirements and duty of care, whether the matter should/must be reported to the police or Child Protection and make report as soon as possible if required.

Outcome
Investigation; outcome decided; relevant staff, volunteers, parents and child notified of outcome of investigation; policies, procedures updated where necessary.

Contact information:

**Office:**
9723 2816 - Kathryn McDonald, our Admin Officer is in the office
Tuesday 11:30am – 1:30pm
Thursday all day
Friday 11:30am – 1:30pm
Messages left will be answered as soon as possible.
**In session phone: 0407 914 760** - Please only use this for important calls to reach educators in session.
**Email:** pinjarra.kin@kindergarten.vic.gov.au
Please call the office and leave a message if you’re going away, child’s sick or any other queries or questions for the teachers.

**Committee:**
**Fundraising** queries can be directed to Karen from the Fundraising team
Email: kccaldwell@bigpond.com

**Fees** queries can be directed to our Fees Officer, Donna
Email: pinjarra.fees@outlook.com

**Media** queries for items in the **Newsletter** or our **Website**, you may contact Stacy, our Social Media Manager.
Email: vic3y@gmx.com
or message our Facebook page

**Links:**

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