



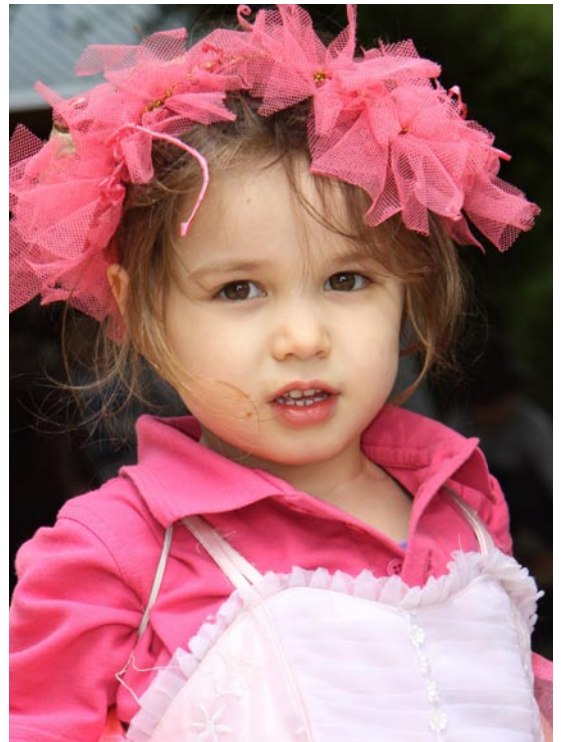
## Donvale preschool

*learning to grow*

Is it just me or has this term flown? It seems like yesterday when we were saying hello to term two, and now it's on it's way out. Every time I turn up to kinder I see happy happy faces and it is a joy to see. The children seem to be far more confident and chatty having well and truly settled into the routine of kinder-life.

There's been quite a lot of rain already and the new drainage system in front of the door seems to be holding up well - let's hope it continues.

It's time to start planning babysitters and talking to your family and friends - the Trivia Night is on it's way - Friday 21st October! Get a table together and take on your kid's friends parents for the right to the title "He who knows much about stuff that matters little!" More information will be forthcoming soon. We are still looking for donations for the night, please check out page 5 for more details. This will be a major fundraiser for the kinder and we hope everyone will come and have a fabulous night - it's going to be a blast!

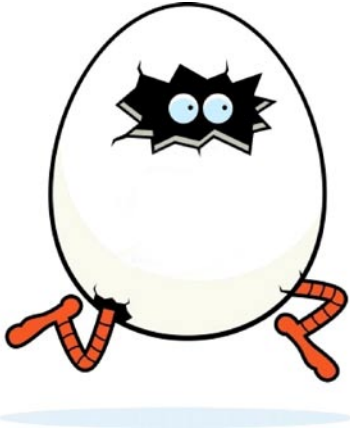


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## Term Dates

**The last day of Term 2  
is Friday 1st July.  
Kinder shall resume  
Monday 18th July.**

3's



With the onset of cooler and wet weather, we have been extending indoor time but still making use of the undercover sandpit and veranda area. It is important for the children to get fresh air and exercise each day and as long as they are warmly dressed we can still enjoy activities and experiences outside.

The chicken hatching program was very well received and full of learning opportunities for the children. Unfortunately, no chickens actually hatched during a 3yo session but we were still able to watch the chicken's growth from a few hours old. All children were given the opportunity to hold or touch a chicken if they wished and this was done very gently. One of the chickens died which was upsetting to some children but enabled us to discuss the topic of animals and pets dying.

The children and staff have had lots of fun playing with the new equipment purchased with the grant money from last year. We have many new table and floor puzzles,

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games, magnetic shapes, outdoor equipment, new easel and drying racks. You can never have too much equipment and it is great to be able to challenge the children with new and more difficult experiences.

We have been taking particular notice lately of the children's pencil grip and helping them to develop a correct grip which will make drawing and writing easier. Some children are still deciding their hand preference which is perfectly acceptable for their age.

Outside we are providing lots of opportunities for the children to practise and improve their balancing and co-ordination skills. The wooden balance beams, stepping stones and walking stilts have provided lots of challenges for the children in this area. The smiles on faces and looks of satisfaction are a pleasure to see as the children's skills improve and they gain confidence in their ability on the equipment.



Last week saw the beginning of our studies and learning about the aboriginal people of Australia. We really enjoy exploring this topic with the children as there is so much to learn and the children are full of enthusiasm. We learn new words, different customs and how the aboriginal people lived many years ago. We share bush tucker, make boomerangs and learn about the aboriginal flag. We have already received positive feedback from 5 families impressed with the amount

of knowledge that their children have retained and shared with family members. It really is a very worthwhile and exciting area to explore with the children.

As a follow up to our aboriginal studies, we will be visited by Keith from the "Drumclub" who will conduct rhythm workshops with the children using a variety of drums. Keith is always good fun and very experienced in holding the children's focus and interest.

To finish the term, we will be having footy dress up days with the children where everyone is able to come dressed in the colours of their favourite footy team and share cocktail frankfurts for snack. This is a fun way to end a very busy and productive term.

*Helen*

Unfortunately we have had Sue away for the last few weeks. She was very unlucky and has been very ill; in fact she was intensive care in hospital for a short stint. We are pleased she is now home and recovering, however as she improved from her condition she contracted shingles (which is highly contagious) and is now home recovering. We wish her the best and hope she improves and feels better soon. The children and staff look forward to her return.

4's

The last month at kinder has been extremely busy. We have had a heap of fun raking autumn leaves and jumping into them, engaging in autumn songs, and art and crafts.

***We will be continuing to develop the children's self confidence, language and listening skills as we continue to read each child's photo book that they completed during the holidays.***

Our Chicken Hatching program ran for two weeks during which time the children watched and documented the fabulous life cycle of a chicken. We were even lucky enough to handle the chicks before they left the kindergarten. Many of the boys have really had fun getting down

and dirty in the mud and we plan to expand this lot more during term three, so watch this space... dirt alert!!! Advance warning!!!

Hairdressing corner was very busy and the children really enjoyed themselves in this area. Currently we have changed over to a pet shop as many children have been talking about their pets, we have had a horse, cat and dog come to visit us so far this term.

Over the last week or two we have been exploring color and how to mix and create new colors. This has involved some great discussions and fun activities to see what we can create.

Wilbur Wombat & Katie Koala started their annual holiday to visit all the kinder children and all the children are quite excited about this new part of the kinder program. They will eventually get to visit all children, but it will take a while. So patience my little friends.





We will be continuing to develop the children's self confidence, language and listening skills as we continue to read each child's photo book that they completed during the holidays. As we only read one a day it will take us the remainder of this term to complete them, so please tell your child to be patient their turn will eventually come about. Thank you to those parents who

supported their child and assisted them to complete this project.

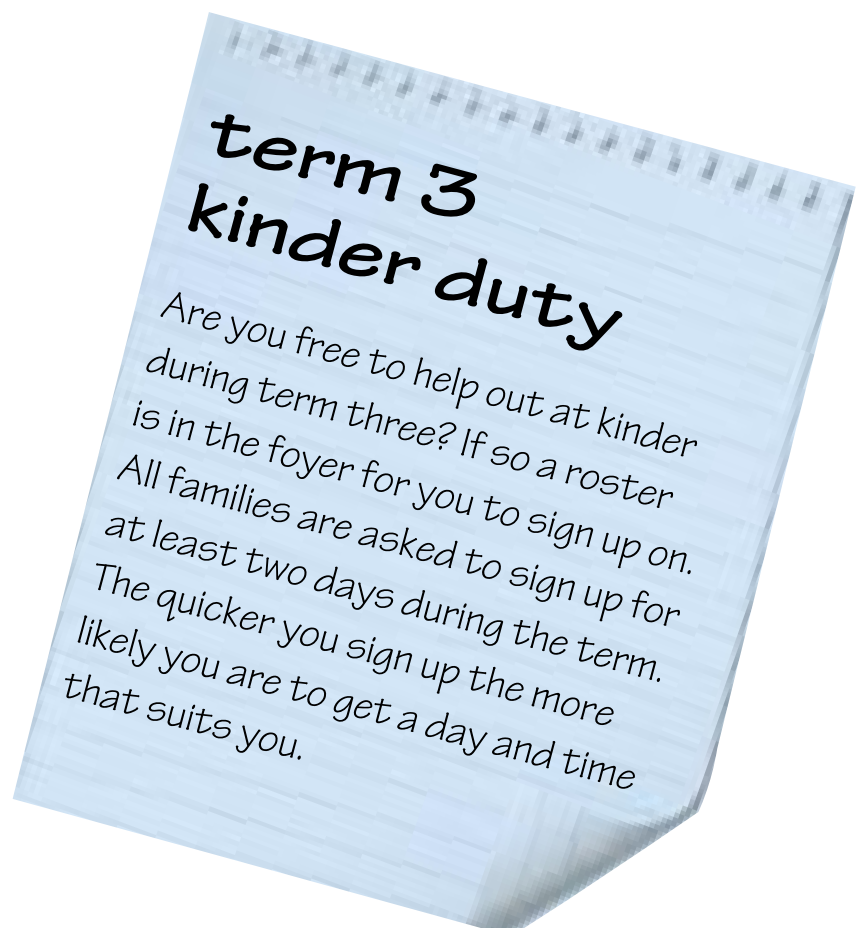
Children are being encouraged to be responsible for their own belongings and to put things away. Also to show respect for others peoples belongings and feelings... learning to be considerate of others is a skill that takes lots of practice, so we plan on having lots of opportunity for this to occur.

Developing the ability to hold scissors correctly and to cut continuously is also a focus this term, as many children have been struggling with this activity. There will always be a cutting activity out to allow the children to practice and fine tune their skills.

Staff have recently gone shopping and spent an equipment grant from the end of last year. Our new equipment has been arriving and the staff and children alike are having lots of fun opening and exploring our new activities. Thank you to the committee for allowing us to purchase such fun and wonderful things for your children to utilise. It makes our program so much better when we can add and extend our equipment available to the children.

With only a few weeks of term left we will finish up expanding upon our visit from Museum Victoria, who came out to do a dinosaur and fossil presentation. We apologise to Wombat and Kangaroo children who missed out. The presenter was sick on our session and was unable to attend. They have rebooked for those two groups; unfortunately it is not until October.... My apologies... We are also trying to arrange a visit from a police officer to expand upon the children's never ending police play outside.

We have a very busy and exciting term planned for term three; we just can't wait to get started. So rest up over the holidays we will keep you on your toes next term. Please make sure you read all your notices and ask questions if you do not understand anything.



*Jackie and Sue*



## Call for donations for the Trivia night

Our trivia night is fast approaching and we are currently seeking donations from family, friends, friends of family, friends of friends of family - actually anyone who's willing to donate any goods, vouchers, services, or just cold hard cash that we can auction or raffle off to raise funds for the kinder. So get your best thinking caps

and game-faces on and try and rustle up something that everyone's going to want! What's in it for those who donate - apart from all that goodwill and the warm fuzzy feelings that go with helping little kiddies? For businesses it can be great exposure to a huge variety of families, fantastic word of mouth and free advertising in our newsletter, and not to mention the wonderful certificate of appreciation that shows others how wonderful and generous they are. And did we mention those warm fuzzy feelings...?



## Box Alert!!

We're still looking for clean boxes and containers - we have some very busy 'Bob the Builder' types at kinder and they're flying out the door as quickly as you can bring them in! I'm sure some of you have some very wonderful creations gracing your homes! Lol

Just a reminder that no nut, milk or egg containers are to be bought to kinder due to some children's allergies, thanks.

## **kinder hoodies are now available**

Great full-zippered hoodies with the kinder logo are now available. A choice of green or purple, in sizes 4 or 6, they are \$28 each. Examples are on show in the foyer. Order forms have been placed in your family pockets or you can contact Annette Powell on 0421028613 or [agpowell7@bigpond.com](mailto:agpowell7@bigpond.com).

**Orders need to be in by July 1st for delivery 2nd week of term 3 (approximately)**

# working bee

Here's the chance to get your Jamie Durie on again!

**Sunday 24th July 10am-12pm**

Remember just a 2 hour commitment from you and you'll get your \$40 maintenance levy back!

There will be a list of jobs put up in the foyer, so please sign up and we will see you there!

And of course children are always welcome (and we're not adverse to a little child-labour in the form of picking up leaves and the like either!)



## Can you help?

We're currently looking for possible advertising spots for billboard signage. Do you live on a busy road or do you know someone who would be willing for us to place some signage out the front? It could be a family friend or a local business that you know? Ideally we would like this close to the kinder where lots of people are likely to drive past and see it.

If you think you can help, please contact Nikki Healy at [nikki@gravitydesignstudio.com.au](mailto:nikki@gravitydesignstudio.com.au) or on 0412 861 866

thanks for your help, Nikki



## Happy Birthday to you & you & you

### ~ 3 year olds

#### july

Joshua	1/7/07
Malcolm	3/7/07
Tom	5/7/07
Claudia	28/7/07
Archie	29/7/07

#### august

Sarah	14/8/07
Amarli	16/8/07

### ~ 4 year olds

#### june

Alexis le Page	05/06/06
Eddy Saddler	10/06/05
Robbi Saddler	10/06/05
Zoe Hagger	02/06/06

### ~ 4 year olds (cont)

#### july

Amelia Ronchi	12/07/06
Astrid Harkin	25/07/06
Hamish Warner	16/07/06
Isabella Bonello	20/07/06
Jaimi Cook	11/07/06

#### august

Grace Saxton	03/08/06
Maisie Shimmin	26/08/06
Orlando Franklin	04/08/06
Sofia Marchionno	17/08/06

# Did you know?

- We regularly practice Fire Drills with the children
- We are run and managed by a committee of management
- We rely on fundraising to assist covering operational costs
- Parents can be involved within the centre by: sharing a talent, coming along for duty, assisting with maintenance tasks, being on the committee, assisting behind the scenes with administration.
- Staff take written observations of your children and set developmental goals based upon these observations.



## Parent/Teacher Interviews



*This information has come from Jackie for the 4 year olds, but I am sure that it would also be applicable to any parent of a 3 year student that would like a chance to talk with Helen on a one to one basis.*

Parent/Teacher interviews allow parents and staff an extra opportunity to discuss your child's progress to date; to discuss their friendship group, areas of strength and weakness, or any issues or concerns that you or a staff member may hold. Parent/ Teacher interviews are optional, however if the staff have indicated that they want you to attend, please do so.

If you are interested in attending parent teacher interviews during the first few weeks of term three a form will be sent home at the start of term. The parent teacher form will indicate if it is optional or a request that you attend. If your form requests that you do attend, we suggest you try and come along for a chat as we may have issues we want to discuss with you.

## Coats and Hats

Hats, coats and boots are a must each day. It can get very cold outside, especially if your child chooses to participate in a less active experience.



# event calendar

## for the 4's

### Monday 18th July -

First day of term three.

All holiday homework due back at kinder this week.

### Tuesday 26th July - Reptile Show

8.30 – 11am Wombats Kangaroos, Bilbys

11.15 – 1.15 Emus and Koalas

### Tuesday 9th Aug - Kinder photos

8.30 – 11.30 Wombats, Kangaroos and Bilbys,

11.15 – 11.30 Group Photo

11.15 – 2.00 Emus and Koalas

### Wed 17th August -

Box Hill Hospital - Koalas Bilbys, Emu

### TUESDAY 23RD AUGUST - NO KINDER TODAY

### Wednesday 24th August -

Box Hill Hospital - Wombats and Kangaroos

## working bee

Sun 24th July  
10am-12pm

## 4yr olds - KINDER PHOTOS

**Kinder photos are booked for Wednesday 9th August.**

This day involves a lot of planning as we would like to have a group photo with all 40 children present, as opposed to group photos of the five smaller groups.

**Therefore from 8.30 – 11.30 Koalas, Kangaroos and Bilbys will attend kinder for the photos.** Parents need to be on time for the 11.30 pickup.

**Emus and Koalas will arrive on this day at 11.15** for the group photo prior to the morning children leaving. Upon arrival parents will be asked to wait inside for 15 minutes and not to sign their children in. **At 11.30 after the group photo is taken the morning children will be collected** and the Emus and Koala parents can sign their children in and leave. The session will end at 2.00 pm.