



THE BUZZ

HOLLAND PARK KINDERGARTEN'S OFFICAL NEWSLETTER

Community Day

HOLLAND PARK KINDY COMMUNITY DAY - STALL COORDINATORS NEEDED

HPK is holding a Community Day on Sunday 27 August and we need your support! The day is an important fundraiser and an opportunity for local families to experience our kindy community. For the day to be a success we will need parent/guardian involvement and donations.

To start with we are seeking stall coordinators. As a Stall Coordinator you will be required to organise the donations and coordinate volunteers. You will be part of our Events Committee who will meet monthly in the lead up to the event. Sign up here: <https://signup.com/go/tUfwJBr>



Have an idea for a stall that isn't on the list? Maybe you own an ice-cream van or a pony? We'd love to hear your suggestions so please reach out to our Events Coordinator Sophie Baker (sophiebaker83@gmail.com).

Kindy Kids in Action

From wildlife adventures to crownless kings take a peek into the world of our kindy kids as they explore, learn, and play!



REMINDERS

Community Day 27 Aug 23

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Please Label Jumpers

As well as blankets if you add them to your child's rest time bag.

Library Borrowing

Library borrowing is now every Tuesday and Thursday. Don't forget to return your library books each week. Thanks to the parents who are helping out with this.

Next Committee Meeting 22 June 23 at 6:30pm

Meetings generally are 3rd Thursday of the Month. Meeting Minutes will be displayed in the Kindy.

Kindy Pick Up Times

Kindy finishes at 4pm Mondays and Tuesdays. 2:30pm Wed – Fri. Children need to be picked up by these times so that staff have time to do their clean up and prep for the next day. We do understand that sometimes families are running late so we ask that parents remember to call so that we can let your child know. We appreciate your support with this.

Directors Report

Educational Program and Practice: Overview of Curriculum, Highlights of play and learning that have occurred in both groups

May has been an exciting month for everyone at HPK. We enjoyed making something special for our Mums in the weeks leading up to Mother's day. We also took the opportunity to read lots of stories about Mums and think about how our Mums are amazing. Our Parent Night was a lovely night for one Special person and their kindy child to connect and spend time together. Outside was especially magical with the fairy lights and music.

Both groups enjoyed our first Incursion for the year. Wildcall Wildlife show is a wonderful way for children to share their prior knowledge, learn interesting new facts and watch the funny antics of the animals. Whether it was the slow moving lizards sticky out their very blue tongues, the turtle who could flip himself back over or the snake that wanted to slither all over her handler....just to name a few. But the best part was we got to gently touch the animals. We also developed our awareness of human impact on animals and what we can do to ensure the safety of animal habitats.

After watching the children over the fence for the past few months it was great to finally meet and play with them. Our amazing outdoor space is the perfect place for a picnic and play with many many children. It was also a great opportunity for us to practise our "Friend making" skills and we were very good at this. All Educators could hear children talking to new friends. Unfortunately the Monday group had to postpone their picnic due to weather but they will have a redo soon.

Literacy development through play is a major element of our program. All children are exposed to a variety of texts throughout the day. We always make time for group story times and well as small group and individual experiences. Educators ask questions to develop a deeper understanding of the meanings in stories, encourage engagement with words and to connect to our prior knowledge and experiences. The Monday group have enjoyed listening to Pete the Cat and focused on the message that whatever happens you need to keep trying "No matter what you step in, keep walking along and singing your song because it is all good". The Friday group have enjoyed reading Wombat Stew and retelling it in many ways. During their Outdoor learning day the group came together to role play the story and discovered that they could be the story tellers.

Interestingly...both group have had lots and lots of play based around natural disasters! There have been many volcanic eruptions, twisters and Tsunamis occurring at kindy. We have explored these topics using books and technology. We love watching real volcanoes erupt and the lava creep down the side of the mountains.

Kindy Kids in Action (continued)

