



THE BUZZ

HOLLAND PARK KINDERGARTEN'S OFFICAL NEWSLETTER

Community Day

OUR COMMUNITY OPEN DAY IS PLANNED FOR SUNDAY 27 AUGUST, 10AM - 1PM

The day is our major fundraiser for the year and money raised will go towards new outdoor equipment for the kids. To help make the day a success we rely on the support of our kindy community. There are a number of ways you can support the day this year.

1. Volunteer your time by doing a shift at one of our stalls
2. Donate items needed for the BBQ
3. Bake a cake or sweet treat for our bake stall
4. Approach a local business about donating a prize for our raffle
5. Make a kids tombola pack (packaging and instructions will be sent home with children next week!)

Please think about how you can help and volunteer via the paper sign up sheets at the kindy entrance. If you have any questions about the day please contact our Event Coordinator Sophie Baker on 0404 276 549. We can't wait to share in a day of fun with our kindy community next month. Thanks!

Working Bee

We want to thank all those who volunteered their time at the working bee to replenish the softfall. The kids have loved it!



REMINDERS

Community Day 27 Aug 23

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.

Blankets

Families can pack little blankets in the sheet bags while it is a bit chillier.

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 27 July 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

A look back at the end of term 2

Educators reflected on how nicely the children co-operate with their friends, sharing ideas and extending their play. We observed that many of our children enjoy the opportunity to revisit activities.

This may look like they are doing the same thing over and over...they are but each time they are experimenting, exploring, wondering, negotiating and so much more... Repetition is valuable to children as it encourages them to learn a little more each time which is good for their development and comprehension. Repetition of play often provides a secure base from which to explore new physical and social environments while allowing children a sense of satisfaction as they refine skills and ideas. As Educators we value these moments and use our experience to encourage children to extend their ideas.

We all enjoyed watching the Rainforest puppet show that came to Kindy in week 9. The children were encouraged to "Stop, Look and Listen" as we journeyed through the rainforest and met many animals that live there. We took time to think about how we can be responsible and look after the rainforests.

We also thought about the importance of the rainforest plants and animals.

Both groups have been involved in choosing the group names. Monday group is now "The Kookaburras" Friday group is "The Geckos". We will try as much as possible to make the transition, especially for next year's enrolments.

The Kookaburras were led by the children on an investigation into Robots which involved them researching and then creating their own robot factory. They also enjoyed weaving using many different mediums. Not only is this fun but also great for our fine motor development.

The Geckos also built robots out of loose parts, luckily one of them was an Ice cream making robot.

We painted lots of portraits, made stews and enjoyed dancing like Sausages so much that we had a "Sausage day".

As the children become more familiar and comfortable in our environments they are keen to try new things. We are often having conversations with them about safely and how best to use equipment.

They are now keen to share their ideas with Educators. Recently, they have discovered the bike and we negotiated how to safely use these. We have also moved the Obstacle course to join in with the fort. The addition of our new outdoor table has led to enjoyable play, craft and investigation experiences. Thanks to Pip's mum for oiling the table for us.

We have enjoyed the lovely winter weather and been able to spend extended times outside. The mud pit, loose parts and monkey bars have been popular play spaces as the sunshine down there is amazing. I was asked if every Friday could be outside day for the whole day, as the children just love being outdoors.





Holland Park Kindergarten

Engaging hearts & minds

27th
AUGUST

COMMUNITY OPEN DAY

HOW TO HELP!

1. Volunteer on a stall
2. Donate items needed
3. Bake for the cake stall
4. Ask a local business for raffle prizes
5. Make a kids tombola pack



Volunteer via sign up sheets at kindy entrance.
Contact Sophie for more info (0404276549).



Save the Dates for term 3

These dates are a rough guide to activities, events and incursions. Other things may "Pop Up" as we follow children's interests, so please keep an eye on Facebook, Storypark, emails and the notice boards.

July: Kindy starts back the week beginning 10th

**August: Tuesday 15th. Thursday 17th
Incursion Cultural Insights**

Wednesday 16th Holiday

**Tuesday 29th Thursday 31st
Kindy Photos**

**Sunday 27th 10-1
Community Open Day**

**September: Book week - Author Visit
Monday 4th. Thursday 7th**

**Monday 4th
Parent (Come and Play) Night**

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Kindy Photos

are coming soon!



We plan to be at your centre the week starting:

28 August 2023

- online galleries and ordering
- around 10 images to choose from
- NO up-front payments
- individual photo dates will be given closer to your photo day
- [for more info see: www.bkphotos.com.au/pdi](http://www.bkphotos.com.au/pdi)



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