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### THE BUZZ HOLLAND PARK KINDERGARTEN'S OFFICAL NEWSLETTER

### **Director's Report**

As the weather is now cooler the children noticed a few changes in our natural environment. There are more snails and less baby toads, the tulip trees have flowered, and the fig tree has stopped dropping seeds and now the leopard trees are dropping leaves like rain. The tulip flowers and our herbs have inspired our cooking and potion making play. Often we think it is raining but it is just the overnight rain falling from the leaves. It is lovely when someone stops, notices nature, smiles and then continues to play. Lots of children have been helping to care for the environment. We have sprinkled flower seeds and have discovered that we have many, many little plants growing. Maybe kindy will be filled with wildflowers by Spring.

Earlier in the year the Educators spent time with Sue Southey continuing our learning journey about children's learning dispositions and as the year progresses we are starting to see many of these coming through in play. Many of the children have displayed bravery, risk-taking and courage by having a go at new things, especially outdoor challenges such as jumping out of the tree and climbing the ladder. We have shown patience and perseverance by continuing to try to go further across the monkey bars. And we have definitely shown co-operation and problem-solving as we shoot hoops together (sometimes there are 6 friends playing with only 2 balls:))

By term 2 we are feeling confident in our kindy space, have made friends, know the routine and know where everything is, so now is the time to play and build on our ideas. We have many plans, sometimes it tricky to do all of them but we will see how we go. The Kookaburra children have been enjoying imaginative play based on Cafes, with friends taking on the roles of waiters, cooks, costumers. They are planning to create a French cafe. We added a few fairy provocations to our indoor and outdoor spaces which have led to many friends in both groups wanting to create fairy houses or even a fairy village. We have started researching and designing. The are also creating a Fairy Mail box that needs lots of glitter, as they want to be able to write to the fairies. The Geckos observed a local school doing Cross country in the park and are now keen to organise their own cross country. We have also explored our creativity with art experiences such as marble and butterfly painting. The process to create these works is also a learning experience of following instructions, being willing to have a go and being proud of ones efforts.

We have made a few new purchases using funds from Grants that have added to our collection of open-ended resources. We have also made a few changes to the room to ensure children have access to recourses and can independently use these in their play.

## **IMPORTANT DATES**

Next Working bee: Sunday 13th July 8-10am

**Grandparents Morning:** Kookaburras: Tues 21<sup>st</sup> Oct Geckos: Fri 24<sup>th</sup> Oct

Next VIP night: Wed 3<sup>rd</sup> Sept

**Community Fun Day:** Sunday 27th July 10-1pm



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#### **New Playground**

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### THANK YOU



to everyone who attended our special VIP event. It is always lovely to see the children's faces as they proudly showing their special people around their kindy.

These events are ones that both kindy children and their VIP will remember for a long time. The children have also enjoyed making gift for their mums.

## Next VIP Night: Wed 3<sup>rd</sup> Sept



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### **Urban Native Bees**



Ocean from Urban Native bees visited our kindy. She has become a special friend of our kindy and her passion for bees is infectious. Ocean shared her knowledge and we observed and listened to bees in their hives. We also tasted honey. Ocean asked if we could baby sit one of her many hives and we said yes. She set it up in the flower garden.





### Reminders:

#### **SPARE CLOTHES:**

As the weather changes please ensure your child has appropriate spare clothing. It is preferred that spare clothes go in a separate bag (not the wet bag). A small cloth bag or similar is perfect for this. Wet from play clothes will be put in the wet bag.

\*Soiled clothing goes in a plastic bag to be collected by parents from the "Soiled" bucket above the lockers\*



Maddie from Wildcall came to Kindy to show us some Aussie animals. We were excited, curious and a bit nervous as we gathered to see them. Maddie told us how these animals were her pets and we would get to touch some of them. Maddie was very passionate about each animal and had lots of interesting facts to tell us.



Thank you to the parents who have voted on the lunch box survey in regards to 1 or 2 boxes. This has been part of our continuous improvement and reflection on policies and procedures.



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Wetbay + Spare clothes

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## THE FUN DAY IS COMING, BUT WE NEED YOUR HELP!

#### We are looking for the following donations:

WINE CART - Wine, beer, spirits, mixers etc

**LOB A CHOC** - Chocolate bars you can land a coin on e.g. family blocks of chocolate and FLAT regular chocolate bars.

**TOMBOLA** - Take away containers with party bag fillers - must be new

**WHITE ELEPHANT** - home decor, books, puzzles, clothes etc. good quality/unwanted gifts

**COOKIE DECORATING** - Arrowroot biscuits, fun sprinkles/decorations, Pre made Icing tubs

**BAKE STALL** - Think about what sweet treats or baked goods you can make. e.g cookies, brownies, mini cupcakes, cupcakes etc.

FACE PAINTING - Volunteers for face painting on the day

\*Look out for SignUp on Story park\*

If you're able to contribute or have any questions, Please contact Dee- 0431970503.

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#### USE THE QR CODE OR GO TOTHE HPK FUN DAY RAFFLE WEBSITE HERE



#### This amazing **1st** prize includes:

2 nights in a family Glamping Tent at the BIG 4 Sandstone Point Holiday Resort

As a proud dad of two young boys, George understands the importance of how special the home is to any family. We love that he has kindly gifted the break we all need sometimes, away from home!

One lucky winner will be in for a fantastic weekend away where they can enjoy a range of fun activities including swim up bar, large water park, mini golf, jumping pillow, outdoor sports and go kart hire.





#### A **2<sup>nd</sup>** prize to remember!

My First Gym Salisbury has you covered! with a Signature Birthday Party (RRP: \$525.00)

Take the stress out of planning your child's next birthday party.

Up to 12 guests, 1 Hour of Coach Lead Activities, Exclusive Club Access, Coach and Party Host, Birthday Invitations, Guest Passes for all Attendee, Tableware Included - Plates, Cups, Napkins, Forks & Tablecloth



## Capture special memories with this **3**<sup>rd</sup> prize

from Sophia J Photography (RRP: \$450.00)

Enjoy a mini family photography session with the gorgeous Sophia. This session includes 10 edited photos with the opportunity to upgrade to more if needed.

https://www.sophiajphotography.com/



# **4th** prize will get your wellbeing on track!

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Fitness and Relaxation Pack (RRP: \$410.00)

Time to get fit with **Drive Fitness**! Enjoy 3 personal training sessions and 3 weeks of outdoor boot camp.

Relax and unwind after your fitness session with a 'Rest and Restore' package from **Resonate Massage and Wellbeing**. 1 hour massage of choice - relaxation or remedial, followed by a 1hour session on the Sound Lounge. This is an amazing vibro-acoustic experience that takes you into deep relaxation.

#### And plenty more prizes from:

Cafe Dolce, Joe Kelly MP, Radiance Dance Academy, J.T Artistry, Golfers Paradise, Sit Down Comedy Club, Laboite Theatre Five Star Cinemas, GDB Group, Resonate Massage and wellbeing, Chempro Capalaba, Mark Ward Property, Cr Krista Adams, Bunnings Warehouse, Zoom Carwash, St Pauls Uniting Sport Club, DW IT solutions, Premium Pilates and Fitness, Zarraffas Greenslopes, Area 51, Lord Mayor Adrian Schrinner & Mia Ceramics

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