



President's Report

Welcome back. I hope everyone had a nice break over the school holidays. A special welcome back and congratulations to Kim who has been away for 4 weeks on long service leave celebrating a special anniversary, with a much deserved holiday.

Thank you to all of the parents, grandparent and extended family who helped out during the sessions last term. It's a great way to see the kid's kinder experience in action, meet their friends, chat with their teachers and it generally only involves a little bit of tidying up after snack/lunch time. You don't even have to stay for the whole session if you're not able to. The session helper roster is located at the sign in book, so next time you have a few hours free or an RDO from work, why not sign up to be a session helper.

We had a beautiful sunny day for the first of the Aver & Line Family Portrait sessions. I hope everyone is as happy with their snaps as we are with ours. I can't wait for the prints to come back, the hardest part now will be choosing which ones to put up and which ones to give to the grandparents. Our Alligator Fresh Pasta fundraiser is coming up in the next few weeks. The kids (and some lucky adults at pickup) will be getting to sample some during one of their sessions in the first week of May. A big thankyou to Tania who is going to be making her famous homemade sauce for the sample sessions and to the fundraising and events ladies and teachers who will be organising the samples. We have done this fundraiser for the last few years and it's always a popular one.

If you haven't put your name down for one of our Community Project opportunities there are still plenty of great options available. If each family could volunteer for at least one event it helps spread the volunteer workload as well as give you the opportunity to meet some other families in our Diamond Hills community. You can sign up here <https://www.volunteersignup.org/A8LH4>

Keep an eye on your email in the coming weeks as we will be sending out the Term 2 Parent Survey. This is a great opportunity for all our families to have a say about the preschool program, kinder communications and future planning. It should only take a few minutes and provides the Committee with valuable feedback.

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Lastly, don't forget to book in the babysitter for Saturday night the 18th August, for the Annual Diamond Hills Pre-School Trivia Night & Silent Auction. Family and friends are also invited to this fantastic event. Tickets will go on sale later this term and will be sure to sell out quickly.

Cheers,
Nikki

GET A CLUE AND SAVE THE DATE FOR THE DIAMOND HILLS PRE-SCHOOL ANNUAL TRIVIA NIGHT & SILENT AUCTION!



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Platypus and Penguin Report APRIL 2018

Welcome to the start of Term 2

Hi everyone,

As you know Kim is still away on some much deserved and well-earned long service leave. She is having an amazing trip and I'm sure she will have some great things to tell us and some wonderful photos to show us when she returns. Kim will return on Tuesday 24th April.

In the mean time I would like to welcome all our 4yr old families back to the start of another exciting term.

As part of this term, the week beginning Monday 23rd April Taekwondo will begin.

Why do we choose to include Taekwondo as an extra-curricular activity that we include into our program? Because what we have discovered is, that the children learn very valuable "LIFE" skills. We are very fortunate to have a passionate and experienced instructor who understands preschool children and how they learn.

The VEYLDF states that Wellbeing is evident when children are able to 'engage in increasingly complex sensory-motor skills and movement patterns, combine gross and fine motor movement and balance to achieve increasingly complex patterns of activity, including dance, creative movement and drama, use their sensory capabilities and dispositions with increasing integration, skill and show enthusiasm for participating in physical play and negotiate play spaces to ensure the safety and wellbeing of themselves and others, purpose to explore and respond to their world and demonstrate spatial awareness and orient themselves, moving around and through their environments confidently and safely'.

The children are also guided by 3 very important rules which are consolidated each week before the beginning of each session.

These are

1. Respect
2. Never do Taekwondo on anyone else
3. To have Fun.

You will be kept up to date with what the children are learning and you are welcome to stay and discover what happens in a class at any time. Taekwondo will run for term 2 only.



Platypus and Penguin Report Continued

An important date for your diary is
Mother's Day Celebration –

PENGUIN MUMS – Tentative Date (TBC when Kim returns) – Friday 11th May (end
of session)

PLATYPUS MUMS – Thursday 10th May 6.00pm – 7.00pm

Following is the planned incursions for this term. This is for both the Platypus and Penguin groups.

Dentist – Thursday 17th May

An Australian Wildlife Experience - Thursday 31st May.

Drumming – Thursday 7th June

Until next month where you will be presented with a more inclusive and extensive report.
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Diamond Hills 2018 Community Project

You are invited to participate in our Diamond Hills Community Program for 2018.

One of the many reasons why a lot of families choose Diamond Hills is because of our community 'feel' and this is in part thanks to our kinder families. We would like to give all our families a chance to be involved in our pre-school community and show our children the value of volunteering and community involvement. The children will be learning about community and volunteering throughout the year and this is a fantastic opportunity to show your child these values in practice. This program is also an opportunity to meet other families, help our fundraising efforts in a non-monetary way, keep our maintenance costs low and help to keep our pre-school fees as low as possible.

We have approximately 70 families attending Diamond Hills Pre-School and we would be grateful if every family would nominate to do one or more activity throughout the year. Below is a list of opportunities that we would appreciate your assistance with. Please follow this link <https://www.volunteersignup.org/A8LH4> and select one or more and complete your contact details to sign-up. Opportunities are filled on a first in basis, with some having limited capacity. We would recommend completing the signup as soon as possible. When the time comes someone from the staff or committee will be in contact with you regarding your participation.

Opportunities to participate include;

- Term 3 Working Bee – Sunday, August TBC
- Fundraising BBQ (Cook/Prepare/Server) Saturday 20th October
- Christmas Party BBQ (Cook/Prepare/Server) – Sunday, Early December TBC
- End of Year Clean Up – Thursday 20th or Friday 21st December
- Sharing a skill, hobby, cultural activity or interest with classes as a 'special day' eg, Diwali traditions, emergency services visit/talk, Lunar New Year traditions, sports coach, Orthodox Easter traditions, quilting etc
- Volunteer for committee or sub-committee (Sub-committee positions still available)
- Term 1 Working Bee – Sunday 11th February - COMPLETED, Thank you to everyone that volunteered
- Welcome Night BBQ (Cook/Prepare/Server) – Friday March 2nd COMPLETED, Thank you to everyone that volunteered

Families that have already volunteered for the committee or sub-committee are already participating in our Community Program and do not need to sign-up for another activity if they don't wish to. Please note this program is separate to the in class parent helper and the gardening rosters.





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Annual Trivia Night - Booked

for Saturday August 18th at

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Committee Position Available - Fees Officer Required

The Committee has a vacancy for a volunteer fees officer. Primarily this role involves issuing fee invoices and receipts using MYOB online.

This is a voting position on the committee and committee meetings are held on a Tuesday night once per month.

Becoming a member of the committee is a great way to be involved in the Diamond Hills Pre-School Community.

If you would like more information or to volunteer for this position please contact Nikki Reid at diamond.hills.kin@kindergarten.vic.gov.au



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Possum, Wombat and Koala Report

APRIL 2018



Welcome back to Term 2. Christine and I hope that the Easter Bunny managed to find your home and leave behind lots of yummy chocolate eggs. We also hope that you managed to have a restful holiday too.



As we only had a couple of sessions since the last newsletter, there is not much to report.



During the last week of Term 1, the children were lucky to share and be treated to a generous amount of fresh fruit, which was very kindly donated by Tara Sculli's family of Greensborough. Several children helped in the preparation of the fruit platters using special knives skilfully to cut up the fruit. The fruit was washed, pears, apples and bananas were cut and grapes were picked off the stems. Through sharing a fruit platter and speaking about the health benefits of the various fruits on offer, children begin to develop an understanding of healthy and nutritious foods.



Using knives skilfully, children gain confidence of their capabilities, which increases their self esteem. **(EYLF: Wellbeing-** Children have a strong sense of wellbeing when they show an increasing awareness of good nutrition and when they manipulate equipment and manage tools with increasing competence and skill. **Learners -** Children are confident and involved learners when they are curious and enthusiastic participants in their learning).





Possum, Wombat and Koala Report Continued



During the last week of term 1 the children were also involved in decorating a basket for the Easter bunny to leave some eggs. It was while we were decorating the baskets that the tricky Easter bunny came and left eggs all over our outdoor garden area. We were so surprised to find chocolate eggs in the funniest places. The children were further treated to a special Easter egg generously donated by Tara's family. Please show your community spirit and support the Sculli Family when you next need fresh fruit and veggies.



In the next week or so, the events and fundraising team will be holding a pasta fundraiser. The children will be taste testing gnocchi during their normal session. A sample will also be available for parents. Be sure to try some as they are absolutely delicious.



That's all for now. Till next time,
Tania and Christine.

Dates for your Diary

Monday 11th June – Queens Birthday holiday – No kinder





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Time	<p>Please arrive 10 minutes prior to your session and allow 40 minutes for your session (20 minutes photography, 20 minutes selection)</p>
Rain?	<p>We have our portable studio equipment ready in case of severe weather conditions</p>



Important Dates

Sunday 29th April: Aver and Line Family Portrait Fundraiser (Day 2)

Thursday 10th May: Mothers Day Celebration for Platypus Mums 6.00pm-7.00pm

Friday 11th May (tentative): Mothers Day Celebration for Penguin Group (end of session)

Thursday 17th May: Penguin and Platypus Visiting Dentist

Thursday 31st May: Penguin and Platypus Incursion - Australian Wildlife Experience

Thursday 7th June: Penguin and Platypus Incursion - Drumming

Monday 11th June: Queens Birthday holiday – No kinder

Saturday 18th August: Annual Trivia Night - Greensborough RSL



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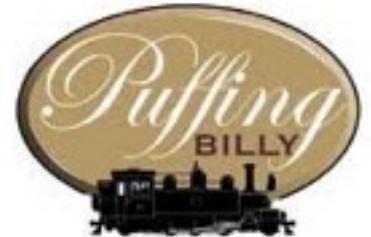


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