



The Bushline

The official newsletter of Arrabri Kindergarten

From the Committee

As we near the end of term 3, we can welcome so more of the warmer weather and sunshine! From the 1st of September on wards, the Sun Smart Policy means that all children need a hat for outdoor play.

We've had another busy term at Arrabri Kinder, with a big focus on fundraising.

The Cadbury Boxes that went home to families were a huge success, although I'm sure we all ate too many Freddo's, all for the sake of a good cause!! We raised over \$600!!

Big thank you to those on the fundraising committee, especially Kirsty and Rowan for their efforts in organising our Ace Space night, that saw our families enjoy a night of pizza and play for the kids, the silent auction saw some competitive bidding towards the end, as we had some amazing items up for grabs. The Jelly Bean Guessing competition was won by Poppy (Wombats) !

We were also successful in the Maroondah Small Equipment Grant, to purchase a few much needed items for the kinder, Line Trimmer, Lawn Mower and Blower – thanks to Tim and Fabian from our maintenance team for organizing the grant and sourcing the new items.

We also conducted the Arrabri Annual Survey, which is now closed, with the results in the foyer for all to read, thank you to those families that took the time to participate.

Term 4 we will continue to focus on fundraising, and also we have our upcoming AGM in November.

Maroondah Council is running Children's Week Fun Day on Friday October 25th 10:00am to 1:00pm, at Town Park, Civic Square, Croydon, Arrabri will have a stall there, so come past and say "Hi".

We will also be having a stall at the Maroondah Festival on Sunday November 10th 10:00am to 4:00pm at Town Park, Norton Road, Croydon, anyone that would like to help out with manning the stall at the festival, please let us know.

We will also be scheduling another Working Bee for the end of the year, keep an eye on the kinder pockets for more information, and remember, many hands make light work!!

Thanks,
Jacquie and the 2019 Arrabri Committee

Dates for your diary



Term 4 starts: Monday 7th October

Koalas Kew traffic school excursion: Thursday 17th October

Possums Kew traffic school excursion: Friday 18th October

Koalas water safety incursion: Monday 21st October

Possums water safety incursion: Tuesday 22nd October

Melbourne Cup Public Holiday: Kinder closed: Tuesday 5th November.

Arrabri Kindergarten AGM: Monday 11th November 7:30pm

Koalas and Possums Responsible Pets Incursion: Friday 15th November.

Koalas Bayswater North Primary School Prep room visit: Thursday 21st November

Possums Bayswater North Primary School Prep room visit: Friday 22nd November

Possums Graduation and Xmas Concert: Wednesday 11th December 6pm-7pm.

Koalas Graduation and Xmas Concert: Thursday 12th December 6pm-7pm.

All Groups - Kinder closed: Friday 13th December for Arrabri Kinder's Family Xmas
Break up at Mooroolbark Miniture Railway 1pm-3pm.

Koalas last Kinder session: Monday 16th December

Possums and Wombats last Kinder session: Tuesday 17th December

Possums clean up day: Wednesday 18th December

Koalas and Wombats clean up day: Thursday 19th December



WOMBATS

3 Year Olds

Term 3



What a lovely year we have had so far. I can't believe term 3 is nearly over. Last month we said goodbye to Tommy. We have been following his family's adventures around Australia on their Facebook page **Now not never**. The children have loved seeing photos of Tommy. Term 3 was another very exciting and busy term, jam packed with lots of wonderful learning experiences.

On Thursday the 1 st of August, two dentists from EACH came to visit us at Arrabri. The dentist's names were Kerry and Brooke, they were very welcoming and helped us up onto the dentist chair. The children were asked to wear sunglasses to keep the bright light out of their eyes. Kerry and Brooke counted our teeth most children had 20 healthy teeth. The children were given a sticker for being so brave.

On Tuesday the 27th of August, Janet from Croydon Library came to tell us all about the library and read us some books. Janet read five books because we were such good listeners. The first book Janet read was Hello Spot. Hello Spot was a puppet book. Janet told the story using the Spot puppet, we followed the actions throughout the story. Next she read Cows in the kitchen, a large book with lots of farm animals. The children sang along with Janet making great animal noises. The children laughed a lot as they sang about sheep in the shower and goats in the green house. At the end of the story the children helped Tom Farmer chase the animals away shoo shoo shoo. Janet told us that the library doesn't just have books. At the library you can borrow books, CDs, DVDs and children's magazines for three weeks. Janet explained that borrow means you bring them back. We can ask the librarian for help to find what we need. The third book was Ketchup on your cornflakes, a very funny split paged book. Janet mixed the pages to make funny questions like do you like milk on your chips? and do you like toothpaste on your pie? Janet could also make the top and bottom pages match to ask do you like ice in your lemonade? and do you like custard on your pie? The children took delight in answering the funny questions. Janet read Do cows meow?, another book about farm animals. The children helped make the animal noises. The last book we read was called If you're a robot and you know it... The children copied the actions in the story, they all thought it was funny when the robot shot laser beams out of its eyes. We said goodbye to Janet and Spot. We thanked Janet for coming. Janet gave us some brochures to take home and said she hoped we would visit her at the library soon.

We were very fortunate to be invited to be part of a program with the Bayswater North primary school over August and September. Six grade 4 students visited our kinder and joined in activities with our Wombat group. The primary school students attended on three occasions for 1 hr at a time. The children got to know each other and played cooperatively at the activities. Our Wombat children were very welcoming and accepting, they loved sharing our kinder with the visitors. On the last visit Amanda organised a treasure hunt in the kinder playground. The primary school children assisted the Wombats on the treasure hunt. They all ran around finding clues, all children were very excited to find that the treasure at the end was bubbles.



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On Tuesday the 10th of September we had a visit from Gayle and Lee to teach us all about water safety. Gayle and Lee are swimming teachers at Kilsyth centenary pools. They reminded us to swim between the flags and always swim with an adult. The flags at the beach are red and yellow. They talked about what to use to float in the water. The children practiced laying on a ball pretending to float in the water. We all sat in the canoe and pretended to paddle. Everyone put on their pretend life jackets. The children had turns falling out of the canoe, Gayle and Lee pulled them free with their ropes. Gayle showed us 2 blue boards that we can use to rescue someone in the water. The children pretended to catch the boards and then kick back to the edge of the pool. Gayle and Lee reminded us if we get caught in the water we need to put up our fist and call out "Help". Gayle reminded us about Sun Smart, we need to wear hats, sunscreen and glasses when we are at the pool and beach. Gayle and Lee handed out show bags and said goodbye. We all said thank you to Gayle and Lee.

We look forward to finishing the term with our annual Footy Day. The children will be able to dress up in their favourite footy colours. The children will enjoy a special footy snack of party pies, frankfurts and tomato sauce. The session will be filled with lots of fun games and activities.

A few reminders;

- Sunsmart began in September please ensure your child has an appropriate sun hat in their bag.
- All children need a change of clothes in their bag in case of accidents, please label your child's belongings.
- The Wombat program/reflection book is located in the bag area for parents to view.
- We have an art box in the foyer, this is where we will place your child's art work for collection.
- The parent roster is displayed in the foyer on our Wombat notice board, please feel free to add your name. Mums, Dads, Grandparents etc. are very welcome.
- Remember to pack at least one change of clothes as accidents can happen.
 - Please remember to sign your child in and out.
 - Please check your child's pocket
- Current notices relevant to the particular session are displayed next to the sign in book. Please also refer to the wombat notice board in the foyer for all other notices and information.

Amanda and Rachelle



WOMBATS

Photo Gallery
Term 3





KOALAS

4 Year Olds

Term 3



The Koalas enjoyed their father's/special person day breakfast at kinder and loved showing them around, engaging in activities, sharing some breakfast and presenting their dad's/special person with their gifts. Thank you to all who came, the children enjoyed this so much.

We had our fire pit at kinder and toasted marshmallows which was lots of fun! We did this as an extension of our camping interest and the children talking about the camp fire and toasting marshmallows. This also then led us into fire safety, emergency services and who to call in an emergency: 000 Police, Fire or Ambulance.

We have now handed out permission forms for our Kew traffic school excursion early next term. Thursday 17 th October. Please ensure you arrive at 8:15am sharp along with: a helmet for your child, closed toe shoes, their kinder bag with spare clothes, a snack and a water bottle. Thank you to parents who have put their name down as parent helpers for the day. Please remember no siblings on this day. Also please ensure you have a current working with children check – volunteer or employee.

We will be having our footy day on the last day of term 3 which is to raise money for 'Fight Cancer, Footy Colours day'. Please watch the Koalas group board for up and coming information and events for next term also.

We have really enjoyed Show and Tell this term which provides a connection from home to kinder and allows children to stand in front of their peers and talk, answer questions and build their confidence.

We had our Croydon Library incursion this term which we enjoyed as Janet read us some great stories and talked to us about what happens at the library and looking after books properly and borrowing/returning. This will lead wonderfully into our own library borrowing at kinder next term – a note about this will go out closer to the date, but please think about a library bag for your child for next term as we will be doing weekly borrowing.

Thank you to all of the families that have donated items, equipment, materials and time to our kinder program. Your generosity is greatly appreciated. This supports Arrabri's focus for the service to become more sustainable, recycle and cut costs where possible.

Parent Helper Roster – The roster sheet is located in the foyer on the Koalas board. By coming to do duty you are able to spend time with your child experiencing activities and the routines at kinder, helping the other children with activities and assist teachers and educators undertaking general duties. Even if it is only an hour of your time we would appreciate this very much. We hope to see you at some stage in our kinder session.



KOALAS

4 Year Olds

Term 3



Our SunSmart Policy is in full effect now so if you could please ensure your child brings a hat to kinder, preferably one that can stay here in their basket outside next to the bathroom door. Please ensure sunscreen is applied to your child before they start kinder, as this is per our policy that parents do this, and there is sunscreen in the foyer that you are welcome to use also. We will also re-apply. Spare clothes should be included in your child's bag as well because we can get dirty or wet outdoors. Please label the clothes your child brings to kinder so they can be returned.

We have been pleased with the children's healthy snacks. What we like to see: Fruit, vegetable sticks, cheese, sandwiches, yoghurt and crackers. What we do not want to see: Chips, lollies, chocolate and sweet biscuits. Also water bottles should be filled with water and water only for your child to keep hydrated at kinder as they are very active here. We look forward to an exciting Term 4 with our wonderful Koalas and their families.

Thank you,
Kailey, Marita and Rachelle.



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POSSUMS

4 Year Olds

Term 3



Term 3 is nearly finished and most families have now enrolled for School. If you have not yet done so we would suggest you do as soon as possible because the Primary Schools will be finalising their class lists for 2020. For families who are returning to Kinder for 2020 deposits are now being taken and can be paid to our fees officer and then we will confirm our enrolment numbers with MIKA.

The term started with the children bringing back their holiday homework. It was to make a craft project using some recycled materials given to them and they were to add their own from home. It was wonderful to see their amazing and creative projects and to hear them share their work with the class. This was a great learning activity for problem solving, investigating, learning style and communication by sharing with the class. This term we have having student teachers with us on their teacher's placements. Some of the activities they planned and implemented where Plant life cycles and the children learnt about growing a seed and how using recycled materials can be used to do this. This also supported our recycling awareness that we started in term 2. They did a mat time discover plant game and enjoyed paper craft.

We started exploring the Floorbook approach to learning, planning and documentation this will be done in partnership to our current programming format. The first floorbook project was "Exploring Fire Safety" this was an extension on the children's interest in camp fires in term 2 that continued on into term3. We setup a talking tub with the content being related to fire safety. We explored the dangers of fire, what we can do to be safe around fire, what emergency equipment we need to keep safe and what are emergency services available to us and how do we call them and what is an emergency.

The children then helped prepare the fire pit and we set up safety productions. The activity went very well and we were so proud of the children engaging in this activity remembers and following all the safety rules and were able to enjoy toasting a marshmallow. With the sun out and the weather being better we have now bought out the trampoline and the children are enjoying this.

The construction theme has also continued from term 2 and the children are still engaging in construction work play. We added real tools and next term we are hoping to do some wood work outside. Space was also a hot topic this term and the children made a Box robot.



POSSUMS

4 Year Olds

Term 3



The Dentist visit went well and it was a relaxed and fun way for the children to engage in dental awareness.

The end of term we will have a footy day and raise money for cancer so we are asking for a gold coin donation on this day.

Next term will be a very busy last term of the year. We will be starting our sessions on the mat to give the children an introduction to school and we will run a more structure school readiness program. We will also have our excursion to Kew Traffic School and a list will be placed for parent helpers on the day (no siblings are permitted sorry). All helpers will need a Working with children's check to attend. All excursion permission forms are due back as soon as possible please to finalise numbers.

A huge thank you to Leah (Kaylee'sMum) for sewing us 2 covers for our art trolleys. They fit perfect and look wonderful.

At the end of term 4 will be our graduation and Christmas concert so please keep your eye on the notice board and the display table in the room where the children's bags are.

Have a safe and happy term holiday and we will see you in term 4.

Johanna, Marita and Rachelle.



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Thanks to all our generous supporters!!

They helped us raise \$300 for our Kinder!!

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Weekend Party Bookings & Table Hires

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY



To all our Kinders celebrating in Term 3!

WOMBATS

Emily - 20th July
Harper - 3rd August
Kai - 5th August
Abby - 6th August
Louis - 10th August
Oliver - 13th August
Lenny - 21st August
Jet 12th - September

KOALAS

Isabella - 28th July
Harry - 18th August
Chade - 8th September
Dominic - 4th September
Hamish - 4th September

POSSUMS

Logan - 19th July
Clara - 7th August
Blake.B - 16th August
Nate - 6th August
Liam - 18th September

Notice Board

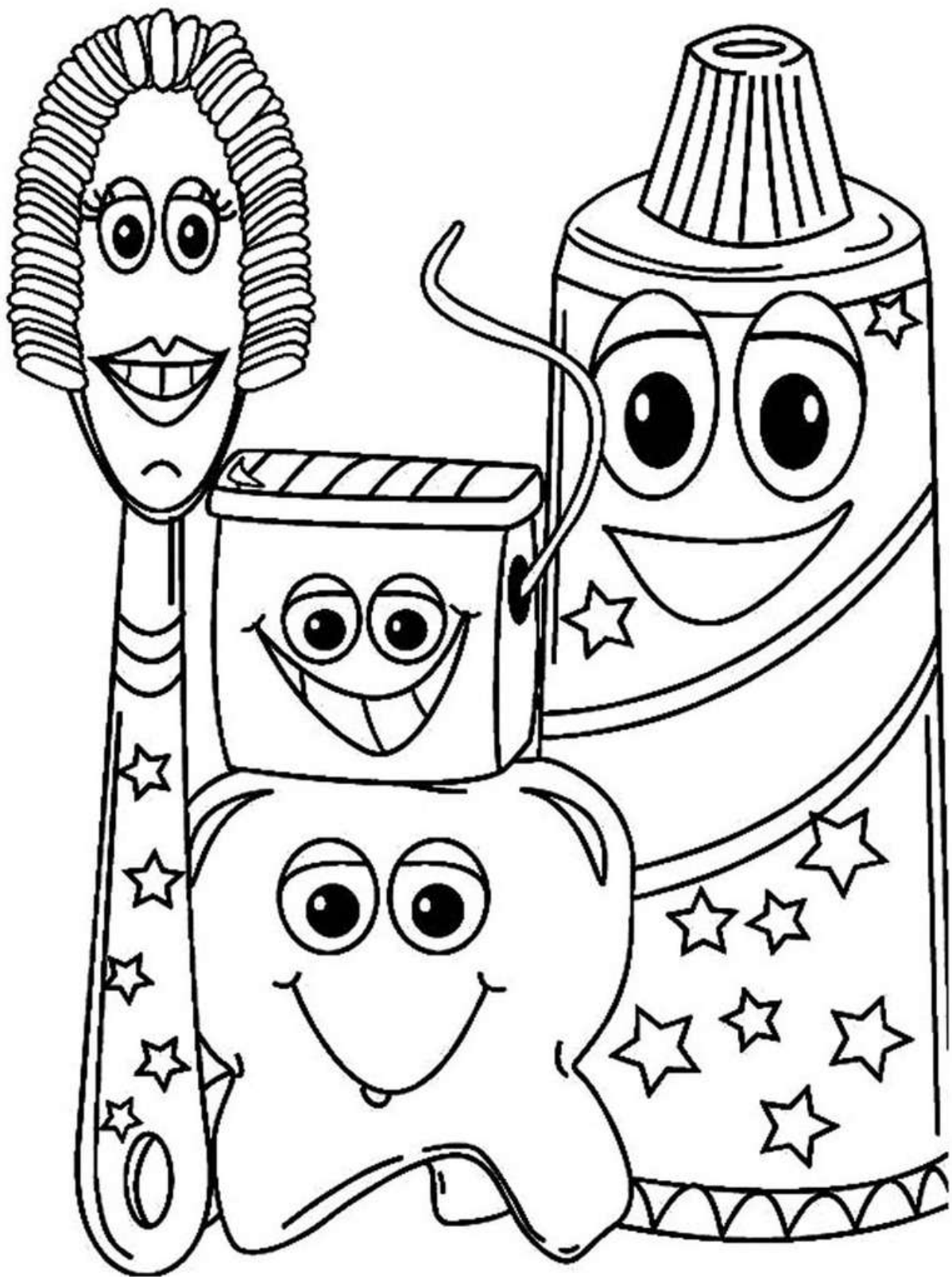
Please keep a regular eye on the notice boards
in the foyer for upcoming events, information
and news!





Australian Rules Football

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