



# The Bushline

*The official newsletter of Arrabri Kindergarten*

## From the Committee

Wow here we are at the end of Term 4 !

Arrabri has had a busy term with our promotion and fundraising, most recently we attended the Maroondah festival, to really promote our name out in the community. It was a cold day, but it was great to get out and talk to local families in the community.

Fundraising has also been busy, Picture Plates, Arrabri Tea Towels, and our HUGE end of year Christmas Raffle, which will be drawn at the Christmas Party on Friday December 13th. This fundraising allows us to purchase additional resources for the kinder to benefit the children.

We just got notification that we came 2nd in the Grill'd Burgers Local Matters fundraising, which is another \$100 into the fundraising tin !

We are currently waiting to see if we have been successful in a recent sun smart grant that will allow us to purchase sunscreen and sun protection for the kinder.

In 2019 Arrabri was also promised \$40,000 from Michael Sukkar the Liberal member for Deakin, and we are currently working with council and Michael on developments to our kinder. After the kinder was painted last summer, we are looking to use this money both inside and out.

On November 18th we held our AGM, which was a great night to recap over 2019, and meet the new families coming into Arrabri in 2020. We also held nominations for the committee positions and it was a great success that all committee positions were filled on the night. If anyone else would like to join, you are more than welcome, we can always take on more people in Fundraising, General, and Gardening Maintenance.

At this time I would like to thank the 2019 committee members for their hard work and commitment.

And we would also like to thank the teachers for all that they do for the kinder and our children.

And I'd also like to thank - Kirsty Goddard, Kirsty's time at Arrabri has come to an end as her youngest is moving on to school, but Kirsty has been on the Arrabri committee for 4 years, and we'd like to extend a huge thank you to Kirsty time and commitment to Arrabri. Kirsty was not only was our fees officer, but she also put her hand up for various subcommittees and also ran an amazing silent auction at our Ace Space night, and she is currently working hard on the Christmas raffle.

Also don't forget to like our Facebook Page for updates throughout the year.

Jacque Hood and the 2019 committee

# Dates for your diary



## 2019

Wednesday 11th December – Possums Graduation and Christmas Concert 6pm-7pm

Thursday 12th December – Koalas Graduation and Christmas Concert 6pm-7pm.

Friday 13th December – kinder closed – all groups and families Christmas breakup at Mooroolbark miniature Railway 1pm-3pm.

Monday 16th December – Koalas last session.

Tuesday 17th December – Possums and Wombats last sessions.

Wednesday 18th December – Possums clean up day. Time TBC.

Thursday 19h December – Koalas and Wombats clean up day. 9am to 1pm.

## 2020

Friday 31st January – Possums parent teacher interviews. Times per 2020 group orientation booklet.

Tuesday 4th February – Possums and Wombats orientation begins. Times per 2020 group orientation booklet.



**ARRABRI KINDERGARTEN  
CHRISTMAS PARTY**

**MOOROOLBARK MINIATURE RAILWAY**

**FRIDAY DECEMBER 13TH**

**1pm - 3pm**

**Kiloran Reserve, Hawthory Road, Mooroolbark  
(In behind the Kilsyth Pool)**

Feel free to bring a picnic rug and some lunch for yourselves  
Make sure you stay for a visit from Santa and for the Arrabri  
Christmas Raffle – which will be drawn on the day.

Please note adults must stay with their children and siblings are  
welcome.

**There will be no regular kinder sessions for Koalas and  
Possums on this day.**

**Everyone who rides on the trains must wear closed in shoes  
(no thongs or sandals).**

Arrabri Kindergarten Families only.  
We look forward to seeing you on the 13th of December 😊



Thanks to all the generous businesses who donated for our  
Christmas Raffle.

All tickets and stubs need to be returned by Friday December 6th.  
The raffle will be drawn at the Christmas party on Friday December  
13th.



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DRIVING RANGE—CHIRNSIDE PARK







# WOMBATS

## 3 Year Olds

### Term 4



What a wonderful year the wombats have had...

Throughout the year we have had many opportunities for the children to learn through incursions and special days. This year we have had Story time with Janet the librarian, a visit from the dentist, Chicken Hatching, Footy day, Water safety, Reptile encounters and visits from grade 4 students at Bayswater North primary School.

Each child has their own portfolio covering snippets of art work from their kinder year and a learning journal which holds written and photo documentation of their learning over the past year whilst incorporating the framework. The children have a lot of fun contributing towards these. They will be presented to the families at the final session, Tuesday the 17th of December.

The children have loved having family members at kinder, parent duty is a great way to help out at kinder and to see how the program runs. Thank you to all the Wombat families that have given up their precious time throughout the year to help with kinder duty.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank our fantastic committee members for everything they have done for our beautiful kinder this year. For those families returning for 4 year old kinder in 2020, please consider joining our committee to help continue to keep our kinder thriving.



# **WOMBATS**

## **3 Year Olds**

### **Term 3**



I would like to thank Rachelle for stepping in this year as Wombat assistant, her warm and caring personality makes the children feel very comfortable in the kinder environment and she is a great addition to our wonderful team. THANK YOU

I would also like to thank Kailey, Marita and Johanna, for another successful year. I feel very privileged to be part of such a fantastic team. THANK YOU

The children have been busy preparing for our kinder concert on Tuesday the 17th December. We look forward to seeing all of our Wombat families on the day. Please refer to the notice that was previously put in pockets regarding details concerning the concert and party.

We also invite our families to our Arrabri Christmas party at the Mooroolbark miniature railway on Friday the 13th December. Wombats clean-up day will be Thursday the 19th of December, the session will run from 9am to 1pm. All families are encouraged to attend, children welcome. Please note this will be instead of our usual 1.30 to 4pm session.

Have a lovely Christmas and a safe break!  
Amanda and Rachelle





# WOMBATS

Photo Gallery  
Term 4







# **KOALAS**

## **4 Year Olds**

### **Term 4**



Hello, well we have had a busy term 4 already! We have had our Water Safety Incursion where the children learnt about being safe around water and what to do if they needed help. We learnt about the red and yellow flags, life savers, always having an adult with us near the water and about some of the sea life in the ocean. This is a great and educational incursion, as being safe around water is so important.

We have also had our Responsible Pets Incursion, where children learnt about being safe around animals and dogs in particular, and how to safely approach them. This is another great education resource and learning experience we have had access to. We have been exploring school readiness through early literacy and numeracy activities. We have also begun preparing for our Christmas and Graduation concert which the children are very excited about! We look forward to participating in Christmas activities and preparing gifts for our families. Transition statements (Parent and Teacher parts) have now been completed and submitted to the children's Primary Schools.

The children have enjoyed their library borrowing at kinder this term and this supports our school readiness and early literacy program at kinder. The last day for Library borrowing will be Monday 2nd December. Please ensure all books are returned by the following Monday 9th December.

I would like to say a big thank you to the Nightingale Family (Koalas) for donating bottles of sunscreen to our kinder for the children. Your generosity is greatly appreciated!





# KOALAS

## 4 Year Olds

### Term 4



Please remember for the rest of Term 4 children are required to bring their hats to kinder. Sunscreen needs to be applied before kinder which is the parents/guardians responsibility. Sunscreen will be re-applied every 2 hours when going outdoors at kinder. Please ensure appropriate shoes such as runners are being worn to kinder, as open sandals, thongs and slip on shoes can become a safety issue when children are riding bikes, climbing and running outdoors. Christmas and Graduation night invitations have gone home. Reminder: the night is on Thursday 12th December at 6pm-7pm. A note is out in the bag area for families to please bring a plate to share. Also please be aware we would like the children to be at kinder on the night at 5:45pm sharp to prepare them and to start at 6pm (in costumes/Christmas colours if possible).

We will be having our family Christmas breakup at Mooroolbark Miniature Railway on Friday 13th December 1pm-3pm. There will be no kinder sessions this day. A note about this has gone home in pockets; please ask Kailey if you require another one.

We look forward to the festivities that the end of the year brings and the last day of kinder for the year for Koalas is Monday 16th December 8:15am-3pm. We will be asking if parents can come in the last half hour of the session (2:30pm-3:00pm) on this day to say goodbye and receive gifts from your child. A note will go home about this closer to the date.

We will be having our kinder clean up day on Thursday 19th of December. A note will go home in regards to this. Please be aware this is not a normal kinder session and a parent/guardian will need to stay with their child (siblings welcome). If you can't make it this day, feel free to help in a session or take toys home to be washed ☺ Please keep an eye on the Koalas board in the foyer and your pockets for important information ☺

Thank you,  
Kailey, Marita and Rachelle.





# KOALAS

## Photo Gallery

### Term 4







# **POSSUMS**

## **4 Year Olds**

### **Term 4**



Hello Possum Families

Welcome to your last Bushline report for 2019. Fourth term is a very busy time with our final preparations for the children who are transitioning to school and children who may be returning. Some of the things we have done so far are our incursions which were water safety, Croydon library visit, responsible pets and BNPS prep visit. We also got to enjoy a visit to the a prep room at BNPS and the children got to enjoy activities, snacks and a play on the prep play ground. The children participated in Kinder Library and have had the opportunity to borrow a library book and learnt to be responsible for it. This term we started our kinder sessions on the mat and the children were given special jobs and each week we had a task for the children to do this involved following a set of instructions and completing them. The purpose of this was for the children to practice for school.

We will celebrate the end of the year with a Graduation and Christmas night for the children and their families. On this night we invite the children to come dressed in Christmas clothes or smart casual party clothes. However we don't want families to feel they need to buy anything as we have Santa hats and reindeer horns for them if they want. On the night we have also asked each family to bring a plate to share. There is a list on the display table in the room so please to rsvp and to let us know what you will bring.

A reminder to check the important dates for the remainder of the year, we suggest that if grandparents or other people are collecting your child that they take a photo of the information for you.

Finally we would like to take this opportunity to say that we have felt honoured to be part of your child's learning journey and we wish you all the best as they start formal learning at school.

Thank you for the memories.

Johanna, Marita and Rachelle





# POSSUMS

## Photo Gallery

### Term 3







# HAPPY BIRTHDAY



To all our Kinders celebrating in Term 4!

## WOMBATS

Zack - 29th November  
Sophia - 24th December

## KOALAS

Chade - 8th September  
Cooper - 31st October  
Kirby - 5th November  
Willow - 18th November  
Alexis - 26th November

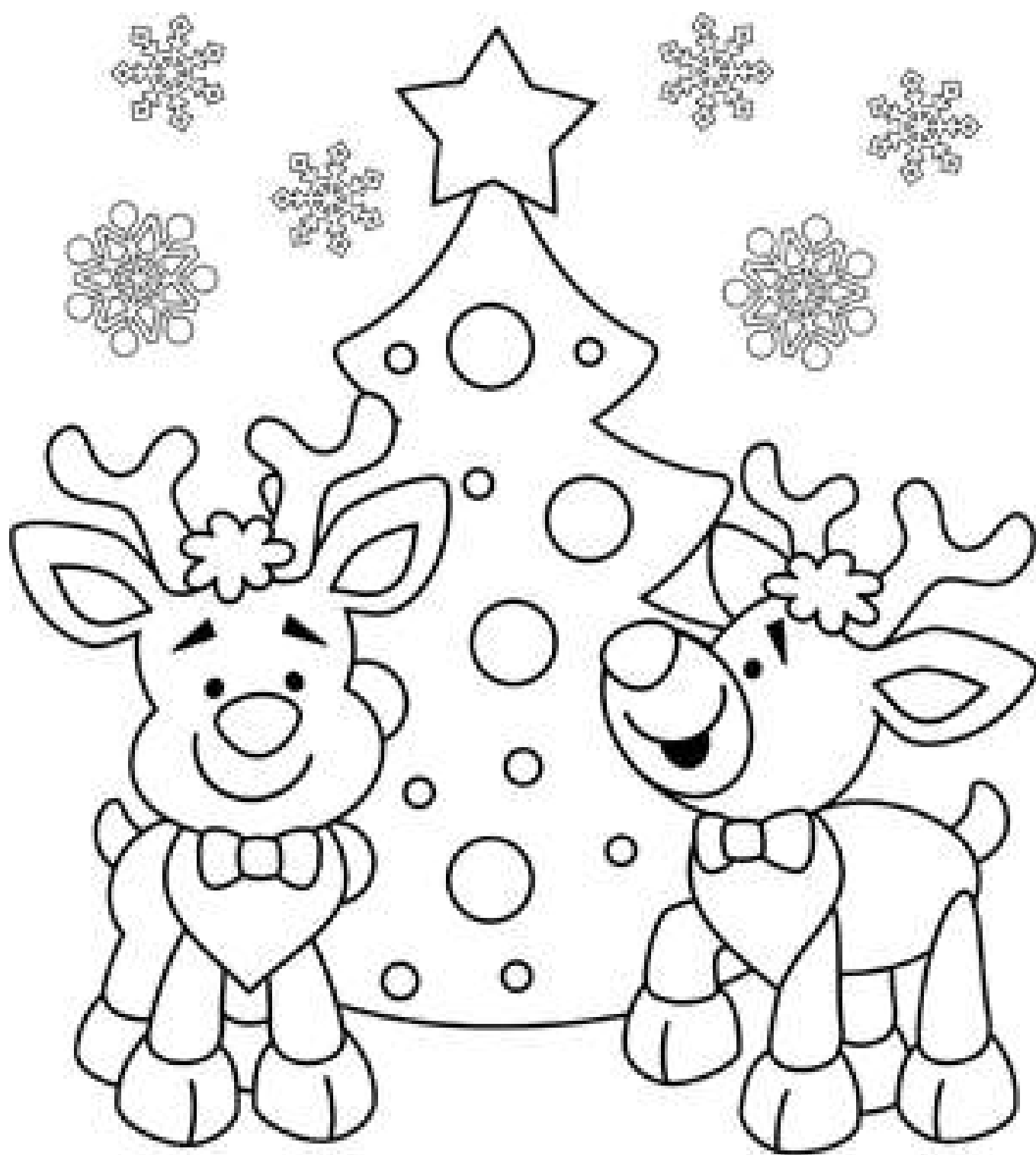
## POSSUMS

Corey - 22nd October  
Mia - 26th November  
Payton - 28th November  
Phoenix - 28th November  
Jaxson - 6th December  
Jayden - 6th December

## Notice Board

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





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