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YOUR PRESIDENTS REPORT

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Welcome to winter! Or at least that's what it feels like. It is a time to think up lots of indoor activities, keep the kiddies rugged up, and stay warm and cosy. Now is the time to enjoy play dates for the littlies and catch-ups for the mummies with hot chocolates and warm drinks. Mmmmmm.....

I think I really do need to say a big THANK YOU to the wonderful teachers for helping us all feel like very special mothers. The Mothers Day morning and afternoon teas were just so special. How sweet it was to watch the little ones prepare the scone mixture and get the great satisfaction out of serving us what they had made. I love that my daughter regularly looks at the present she made me with great pride and talks often of "the day at kinder we made scones for you." Lovely memories.....

Trivia Night

Last year I attended our kinder Trivia Night and it was an absolute hoot! In fact it was probably one of my highlights of the year, certainly from the parent perspective. We laughed, cheered, yelled, drank, giggled, bid, sang, danced, and basically had a really really fun night. So when I saw it was coming up on 4th June, I booked the babysitters and am ready to go! Look out in this newsletter for some great teasers for the live and silent auction items. I am hoping that no one knows about one of the most exciting of the live auction items..... let me just say RUSH – say no more!

Housekeeping

Yes, we don't like it but it has to be done. Here's just a few gentle reminders that we would be most appreciative if you could help us out with:

- **Warm Clothing**
Given we are in now into the cold weather

(and it seems "arctic" at times!) could you please be conscious of dressing warmer clothes on your child. Could you also please ensure you have beanies and coats with them so that wriggly bodies that need to run around outside can do so!

- **Unwell children should stay home**
We love to share, but not share germs! Please be considerate of your child that needs to rest if they are unwell and other children who do not want to get sick.
- **Children in the classroom before & after sessions** – our teachers spend a lot of time individually planning each session and would be most appreciative if you could assist your child not to touch the areas set up for the next session.

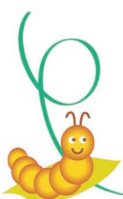
The coming month at kinder will be another adventure filled time for our children – with an incursion and a pyjama day for the Starlings, and the ever popular Botanic Gardens excursion in the Lorikeet and Rosella groups. And for parents, the hilarity of the Trivia Night! Enjoy!

Megan x
President – East Beaumaris Preschool

Saturday
4th June

- TRIVIA NIGHT -

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SOCIAL COMMITTEE

We hope you are enjoying our email updates as fundraising activities start and end.

You all got our big thankyou email for the \$1,040 raised at our 2011 Easter hop-a-thon. What an amazing effort!! Jayne has done a wonderful photo poster in the foyer, so take a look if you haven't already, and thanks again for your contribution. The kids are enjoying the new art easels purchased with some of this money.

The Mothers Day artwork has all recently been delivered, and I'm sure you'll agree it is absolutely beautiful. Should you wish to order from Kids With Crayons in the future, please mention the kinder and we will still receive a percentage of the sales. This fundraiser raised \$243 for our kinder.

We are currently in discussions with our teachers about the best way to spend the remaining money from these activities. There is some talk about it going towards a new playground.... so watch this space!

Thankyou to everyone who has taken a KPV Raffle ticket book to sell. We have distributed 49 ticket books so far, and if all these tickets are sold, the kinder will make almost \$1,000! Everyone has their eye on the \$10,000 Myer Voucher prize, so fingers crossed for one of us! Please let us know if you would like a book to sell, or to purchase some tickets.

Bunnings BBQ is coming up on the 29th May. Thankyou to everyone who has put their name on the roster in the foyer, all shifts are already full, but please support us by coming on the day to buy a sausage!

We are selling entertainment books this year. They are \$65 each. If you are interested in looking at one, or to purchase one, please let us know. The kinder earns \$13 from every book sold, and we have 6 available.

Scholastic book club catalogues are in your pockets again this term. Should you wish to order, just place your form & correct money in the black fee box.

Last but not least, our trivia night is coming up early June. By now you have received your invite and we hope you are coming along. Here is a glimpse at some prizes:-

LIVE Auctions

★ **Auction 1 – Paddle Board**

- 10'6" Sunny King Soft Top Paddleboard (stand-up paddleboard/SUP)
- Adjustable carbon paddle
- Waterproof pouch -Leg rope
- Sunny King T-shirt - Sunny King cap
- The Ultimate Guide to 'SUP' DVD, valued at circa.

★ **Auction 2 - Fly Back In Time**

- 35 minute Tiger moth flight around the Melbourne CBD

★ **Auction 3 – LOWE Construction Trade Person For a Day**

Winning bidder selects what qualified person they would like.

★ **Auction 4 – A day on the set of RUSH**

Production and lunch with the cast.

★ **SILENT Auctions include –**

- Kids Parties
- Swimming lessons
- Red Booties
- Hee De Ho Music term fees
- Massage vouchers
- Dining Vouchers
- Gourmet Food & Wine hampers
- Perfume
- Toys
- Jewellery

and the list goes on. I think we have something to please everyone here.

Should you have any questions, or wish to get involved in any of our activities, please contact your social rep, listed below:-

2011 Social Committee

Hope to hear from you soon!

YOUR SOCIAL REPS FOR THE YEAR ARE :

ROSELLAS	Delvene Beaumont Jayne Harpley
LORIKEETS	Courtney Bennell-Collins Teresa Drummond Ness Newell
STARLINGS	Wendy Ovens Dominique Sichlau



LORIKEETS AND ROSELLAS GROUP

Jenni Hawthorn and Barbara Hooper
(Four Year Old Group Teachers))

Welcome Back

Welcome back everybody! We hope you all had a wonderful and restful holiday and are ready for an exciting and busy term.

The program:

Easter:

The children enjoyed participating in a few Easter activities during the last week of term and ended the term with the Hop-a-Thon. They thoroughly enjoyed this event and we extend a big thank you to our mums who kindly painted the children's faces. They looked fantastic! Thank you to Wendy for marking out the course and to Delvene for organising the event.

Term 2:

The children have returned this term full of vitality and eagerness which has been wonderful. We discussed together the activities they were involved in during the holidays, many of them talking about where they went on holidays. Many of them shared their exciting Easter and told us all about where Easter Bunny had left their Easter Eggs.

Our focus over the past 2 weeks has been on our mums and how important they are to our families. The children made some lovely cards and gifts for Mother's Day which they gave to their mums at the end of our special Mother's Day morning tea. Both groups enjoyed a wonderful Mother's Day morning tea. Our special mums on duty made some lovely delights with the children for the morning tea. The children were so excited about the whole event and were so thrilled to share this with their mum. It really is very rewarding bringing family into the program and having such extensive participation.

Last week we spoke about our mothers and how important they are to our families. The children have created a letter to give to their mothers asking questions to learn more about their mums. When the replies return to kinder, we will read these out to share with the group.

We have also been working on the children's fine motor skills providing activities such as

stamping, cutting and pasting, weaving and using screwdrivers which have been very challenging. This is an area we will certainly be working on developing throughout the year.

Frogs:

We are most grateful to the Rocca family (Lorikeet and Starlings groups) as they have given us some frogs and one large tadpole to observe and care for at kinder. We are now in the process of discovering what these frogs like to eat (crickets) and how to care for them correctly. Our fingers are crossed that we will be able to observe the lifecycle of the frogs over the coming months.

Library

The children's borrowing library commenced last Monday and Tuesday for both groups.

Thank you:

We would like to thank Christine Trood for making us some beautiful new smocks over the holidays! We would like to thank Wendy for organising the repair of one of the children's leaking toilets. A big thank you to Brodie Mears and his family for babysitting the stick insects over the holidays. Finally another thank you to Oliver Campbell and his family for looking after Spike for the holidays and beyond.

Commencement of cooler weather

The children are no longer required to wear their sun hats during outside time. This commenced on the 1st May. It is important that children come to kindergarten with coats/jackets over the next few months to wear outdoors as we will still go outdoors unless it is raining.

We would like to stress to parents the importance of keeping children who are unwell at home. The children may wish to still attend kindergarten but they are better to stay at home until they are well again. This will also help to reduce the spread of coughs and colds through the group.

Kinder Photos

Rosella Group photos were taken on Monday, 2nd May and Lorikeet Group photos on Tuesday 3rd May. We hope all families are happy with the end result. We believe families will be emailed the photos shortly for you to preview before purchasing.

Thanking you
Barbara Hooper and Jenni Hawthorn.





UPCOMING LORIKEET AND ROSELLA EVENTS :

Thursday 19th May	Rosellas and Lorikeets Andrea Beckmann Complete Dentistry "ABC Dentistry" - presentation
Monday 30th May	Rosellas - Botanic Gardens Visit "Food for Life" session <i>Buses with seatbelts from Sandringham Coaches</i>
Tuesday 31st May	Lorikeets - Botanic Gardens Visit "Food for Life" session <i>Buses with seatbelts from Sandringham Coaches</i>
Thursday 16th June	Rosellas and Lorikeets - The Frugies -

WORKING BEE DATES 2011

Term 2 - 19th June
Term 3 - 11th September
Term 4 - 13th November

Saturday
4th June

- TRIVIA NIGHT -

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Dates to book into the calendar:

BUNNINGS BBQ - 29th May

TRIVIA NIGHT - 4th June

More details will follow these and other events closer to the time.

For now, please note these dates in your diary.

STARLINGS GROUP

As children returned from school holidays it was terrific to see a calm sense of familiarity with staff, each other & our routines. Being together now feels more comfortable & relaxed; providing a great foundation for play & learning.

What's been going on?

Mother's Day provided a natural trigger for special stories, activities & group & individual discussions. We incorporated cooking experiences into our program & made time to create very special artwork in readiness to give to mum at our afternoon tea. There was much excitement when it finally came time for mum to arrive for our special afternoon tea on Friday. It was especially heart warming as the children sang their special song "You are my sunshine"...& gave mum their individual gifts - I noticed a few tears & of course, there were many cuddles - I felt the day was a huge success...

AUTUMN... It is important to give children time to consider & process new information to make meaning of the world in their own way. This is how we have approached investigations with the season "autumn". Group discussions, miming activities, creative experience are the many ways we are fostering a deeper knowledge & comprehension of this special time of year. Children have shared their knowledge that during autumn the leaves change colour & fall to the ground. Further, we have talked about deciduous trees & evergreen trees, & have revisited these concepts in different contexts to heighten their understanding. As part of our movement / dance component we have been listening to a Hilary Henshaw CD track: children are prompted to respond to the prompts & music & begin to mimic autumn leaves falling; they have enjoyed exploring 'whole body movements' beginning with their fingers (standing on tippy - toes), then swaying their arms & torso, moving fast, then slow...starting high & finishing quietly on the ground.

Textural Applications... An ongoing focus in our program has been to investigate the different textured effects created with paint as the medium. Previously we trialled the use of various textural brushes, & more recently have extended inquiry using cotton tips, plastic lids, plastic scrapers, marbles & paint.

Construction & imaginative play... is also providing a wonderful springboard for learning. Box construction is one aspect of this, with

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increasingly complex problem solving thinking strategies.

Another dominant play interest unfolding has been the building of complex race tracks & intricate speedways across our large floor area; (complete with bridges, intersections & road blocks). Play is rich, dramatic & dynamic... & often our sessions all too short to fully cater for the possibilities of what might unfold!! Similarly, there are some wonderfully rich storylines developing in our home corner, with "mums & dads" & "Babies" being the imaginative play themes of choice. To support these interests, we ensure children have access to those same props from previous play, & that we are following game dynamics to ensure we can add other tools or prompts for meaningful extension.

Rich play dynamics like these allow rehearsal of those important life skills of listening, communicating, sharing ideas, negotiating, sharing toys & turn taking...they also offer children the chance to 'elevate' themselves & discover their own strengths as they step into character & pretend to be someone else (usually someone they admire or is more powerful than themselves). It is only when we pause to notice these moments in children's play that we ourselves might remember the magic of childhood & realise the value of children at play...

"Enjoy the Magic"
~ from Mrs Bec~



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IMPORTANT DATE FOR STARLINGS DIARIES:

TERM 2 (AUTUMN/WINTER)

Friday 20th May	INCURSION: Jack and Molly "Things that Fly"
Friday 3rd June	Pyjama Day for Starlings-wear your PJ's today!
Monday 13th June	Queens Birthday (no impact to Starlings program)
Mid June	Grandparents/Special Friend's Day for Starlings (stay tuned)
Friday 1st July	Term 2 Ends

*Other inclusions may arise as children's interests emerge.



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