



TERM 1 NEWSLETTER MARCH 2018

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Welcome all new families and those returning for another year at St Andrew's Kindergarten. We hope that everyone has settled in well and is excited about the coming year.

This year we again have our fabulous staff members Kindergarten Director, Jennifer Norman, teacher Lisa DiCarlo along with co-workers Wendy McNabb, Louise Gravatt and Georgina Bereveskos. We also welcome Emma Morabito to the 3 year old program and Maryla who is an additional assistant in the 4 year old Blue Group.

As has been notified, our wonderful 3 year old Star and 4 year old Red Group teacher, Rebecca Boucher, will unfortunately be leaving us at the end of Term 1 to take up a permanent position with a BPA Kindergarten in Yarraville. Thank you Bec for everything you have done for the kinder, you will be missed but we all wish you the best in your new role.

We are also very happy to announce that Georgina Bereveskos will be teaching Star group from the beginning of term 2 until the end of 2018.

Please note, BPA Children's Services will notify families once a suitable candidate for 4 year old Red Group has been appointed.

This is the first newsletter from the St Andrew's kindergarten committee for 2018. Each term a newsletter will be produced to inform families of important information, dates and fundraising events. The function of the committee is to support the teachers in the smooth running of the kinder, process enrolments and facilitate fundraising activities.

The following outlines the committee members for 2018:

2018 Committee Members:

President	Fr Michael Danaher
Vice- President	Melissa Hosie (Blue)
Assistant Secretary	Lisa Duray (Red)
Treasurer	Olenka Pap (Diamond)
Enrolment Secretary	Kate O'Reilly (Diamond)
Maintenance/Capital Works	Louise Hateley (Diamond)

Dates for the Diary

WORKING BEE

Term 2 – 5th May 2018

Term 3 – 4th Aug 2018

Term 4 – TBA

Last Day Clean Up – 20th Dec 2018 (Thu)
(See note on Educa for more details)

TRIVIA NIGHT

TBA

KINDER ART SHOW

26th Oct 2018

*(Opening Night –
Cheese & Wine Night @ 7pm)*

27th Oct 2018

(9am-1pm)

ST ANDREW'S CHURCH FETE

27th October 2018

BUNNINGS BBQ

TBA

SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

End Term 1 – 29th Mar 2018 (Thu)

Start Term 2 – 17th Apr 2018 (Tue)

End Term 2 – 29th Jun 2018 (Fri)

MOTHER'S DAY & EVENTS

Sunday 13th May 2018

Mother's Day Afternoon Tea @ Kinder

Blue & Star Group – 10th May 2018

Red & Diamond Group – 11th May 2018

DAYLIGHT SAVINGS

Ends Sunday 1st Apr 2018

EASTER

Good Friday – 30th Mar 2018

Easter Sunday – 1st Apr 2018

Marketing/Communication
Fundraising Coordinator
Fundraising Volunteer
Special Events 1
Special Events 2
IT Coordinator
General Committee

Jacqueline La Fontaine (Blue)
Kate Mackintosh (Red)
Megan Lucas (Star)
Laura Parker (Red)
Lerato Letsamao (Star)
Paul Pap (Diamond)
Suzie Stipanic (Blue)

Note: The teachers attend each committee meeting.

Welcome BBQ

On Wednesday 7th March we held our annual Welcome BBQ. A beautiful summer evening with lots of food and a great atmosphere – we couldn't have asked for a better night. It was lovely to see the new and old families of the St Andrew's community enjoying the evening.

A big thank you to Laura and Lerato (The Special Events Team) for all the planning and preparation. Thank you, also, to all the staff and committee members and others who helped throughout the evening including setup and final clean up.

A special thank you to James Parker, Gio Letsamao and Paul Pap for cooking the BBQ. And of course thanks to all those that donated which include Happy Apple Ascot Vale for the onions, Bakers Delight Moonee Ponds Central for the bread and Coles Moonee Ponds Central for the meat.



PUBLIC HOLIDAYS

Good Friday – 30th Mar 2018
Easter Monday – 2nd Apr 2018
ANZAC day – 25th Apr 2018 (Wed)
Queen's Birthday – 11th Jun 2018
AFL Grand Final Friday – 28th Sep 2018
Melbourne Cup – 6th Nov 2018

Reminders

KINDER GATES

Parents please remind your children not to climb or swing on the fences or entry gates at the kinder.

PARKING

Please observe parking signs at pick-up and drop off times. Due to limited parking it may be necessary to arrive earlier or park in nearby streets and walk a short distance.

KINDER DUTY ROSTER

Parents are reminded to check their kinder duty rosters. If you are unavailable to help on your rostered day, please endeavour to swap with another parent and let kinder staff know ASAP

WORKING BEES

Working Bee dates for this year have been allocated – please see Dates for the Diary on the front page.

Please check the Term 2 Notice for your allocated session. The time of the working bees are 8.30am – 12pm. To be refunded the \$50 maintenance levy, your family must attend a minimum of 1 hour at an allocated Working Bee Day. A reminder will be provided before these days, and you can arrange mutual swaps after which you will need to notify our Maintenance Officer

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SUN SMART

Remember to always pack a hat & apply sunscreen for outside play.



Fundraising News

Fundraising provides the money for regular operation of the kinder, as well as the things that make our kindergarten extra special.

With the new focus on STEM and STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts & Mathematics) within the educational curriculum the kindergarten staff have been looking at equipment that can highlight this interest. Recently through fundraising efforts we have purchased these two products.



These will be introduced in the 4 year old program throughout the year starting next term.

The kinder has also purchased some additional Lego due to increased enrolments and needing new equipment. The cost for these have been approximately \$520.

There will be a few fundraising events run throughout the year – one has already been sent out to families, the Hot Cross Bun Drive. Thanks to all those that have purchased some of the yummy hot cross buns.

CLOTHING

A range of colourful clothing featuring the St Andrew's Kindergarten logo is available for purchase.

The range includes polo shirts, T-shirts, windcheaters, beanies, legionnaire style caps and bucket hats. Please note that the clothing can be purchased all year round, all orders are usually received within 2 weeks. For orders or more information, please contact Kate via email: katemackintosh@me.com

Holy Week & Easter Services

Palm Sunday 25th Mar 9am

Maundy Thursday 29th Mar 7pm

Good Friday 30th Mar 10am

Easter Sunday 1st Apr 9.30am

Please see parish website for more information:
www.aberfeldieanglican.org.au

Note: Although the kindergarten is independent from the church, we are happy to show our support, so please keep a look out for other parish run initiatives that may interest you throughout the year.

2019 Enrolments

REMEMBER – YOU MUST RE-ENROL FOR 3 & 4 YR OLD KINDER

The Kindergarten Central Registration Scheme run by the Moonee Valley City Council (MVCC) for 4 year old kindergarten programs is now open, with 3 year old programs opening soon. For more information please go to the MVCC website – www.mvcc.vic.gov.au.

Registration can be made through the Council's new online portal or by registration form. The MVCC is encouraging all registration to be completed online.

To register your child online go to: centralregistration.mvcc.gov.au

REGISTRATION FOR 2019 PROGRAMS

4YR OLD PROGRAM

Registration Period:
5th March – 31st May 2018
1st Round Offers Made:
End of August

3YR OLD PROGRAM

Registration Period:
2nd July – 31st August
1st Round Offers Made:
End of October

**WISHING EVERYONE A SAFE SCHOOL HOLIDAYS
AND A VERY HAPPY EASTER!**