

## Term Two, Week 5

# Alexandra Kindergarten Newsletter

### Staff Professional Development

Our educators attended the Murrindindi Early Years Conference on Thursday May 9th. We are so lucky to have opportunities like this so close to home where our educators can upskill their knowledge and teaching practice.

One of the presenters, Robyn Papworth was from Play, Move, Improve. Robyn is a paediatric exercise Psychologist and her passion for improving children's movement, play and self-regulations skills was empowering. We would recommend checking out her facebook page Play, Move, Improve or jump on her website [www.playmoveimprove.com.au](http://www.playmoveimprove.com.au)

Lots of free helpful resources and downloads can be found on the website.

### Upcoming Important Dates

Library Excursion YBS Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> May -9.45am

#### Wayapa Incursion Both Groups

Monday 20<sup>th</sup> YBS -10.00am Pre K- 11.00am

Friday 24<sup>th</sup> YBS -10.00am Pre K- 11.00am

Monday 27<sup>th</sup> YBS -10.00am Pre K- 11.00am

Italias Gym Excursion YBS- Tuesday 28th May and Thursday 30th May

Bikes in the Bush (Bush kinder YBS)- Wednesday May 29th

Family Night ( all groups)- Tuesday June 4th 5.30pm

Local School excursions (YBS)- St Marys- Mon June 3rd and Fri June 7th

Sunday June 9<sup>th</sup>- Truck and Ute Show- Kinder fundraising Stall

**Last day of Term Two- Friday June 28th**

### **Colds.....**

As the colder weather is settling in and as children start to get more colds and runny noses, remind your child to blow their nose appropriately when they need to. At Kinder we will be asking the children to; Go and get a tissue, wipe/ blow your nose, put the tissue in the bin when you've finished, then go and wash your hands. These are good habits to teach your child. If your child does become ill with an infectious or contagious disease please keep them at home and contact kinder and let us know so we can inform all our families to check their child for any symptoms. Your child's name will remain confidential.

## Foundation Enrolment 2024

It is that time of year when the local schools start advertising for enrolments. Parents also start to think about school enrolment and ask questions about "what to do next".

The Department of Education has rolled out a new state-wide timeline for foundation (Prep) 2024

Which encourages families to submit an enrolment application by **26th July 2024**

The school enrolment experience should be a calm and enjoyable time for you and your child. Now is the time to chat with current school parents and visit all the schools you are considering.

For school tours/enquiries please phone the school offices and speak with their staff. Feel free to speak with our staff including Sally/Sam in the office about the school enrolment process.

Our school transition program is held during Term 4 - kinder children will attend the school they are enrolled at for 1 day a week for 4 weeks.

More information on school transition will be sent home closer to the end of Term 3.

If you have any questions please see Sally/Sam or call the schools directly.

You also download the

[Enrolling in Foundation Information Pack](#)

[Alexandra Primary School](#) - 5772 1006 [St Marys Primary school](#)– 5772 1500

[Buxton Primary School](#)- 5774 7341 [Marysville Primary](#)– 5963 3256

[Eildon Primary School](#)– 5774 2074

### Naming your child's items.

Please remember to name all your child's belongings particularly lunch boxes and clothing. For instance if 3 children have the same lunch box they may pick it up thinking it is theirs and begin eating. Children are not aware of what food mum or dad pack for them so it is very important we know which lunch box is theirs. Thank you

Welcome Stacey! Stacey has commenced with us this week. Stacey is taking on our after kinder care program as lead educator alongside Eliza. She is also working across both rooms as well as working alongside Rhiannon with the pre kinder children on Wednesdays. Stacey is a wonderful addition to our team, and we ask you all to say hello and introduce yourself to her.

## Staff Contacts:

If at anytime you would like to contact Tanya ( Year Before School Teacher), Kate (YBS/ Pre K teacher), Rhiannon (Pre K teacher) you can contact them at their own email addresses confidentially.

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You can also contact our **President** Julia at: alexandra.kin.president@kindergarten.vic.gov.au

Or our **office** at alexandra.kin.admin@kindergarten.vic.gov.au



## Wet Weather



We encourage children to wear their gumboots to kinder for outside play . If they are bringing gumboots please send an extra pair of shoes or slippers for them to wear inside. Please also remember to send a full change of clothes for your child in case they do get wet and a waterproof coat. We have a limited supply of spare clothes and often don't have a spare change if your child needs one.

If your child has come home in kinder clothes can you please remember to return them to kinder.

## Family evening at Kinder

To enable families/working parents to share the kinder experience with their child, an evening session has been planned for

Tuesday June 4th

5:30pm – 7.00pm

We hope you will be able to join us for all or part of this session.

Please bring a torch so that we can explore the outdoors in the dark!

- Bring your spare change and enjoy a Hot Dog in bread for \$3.00

EFTPOS will be available on the night -For catering purposes please fill in the RSVP at this [LINK](#) by Friday May 31st



**Nude Food—is food without excess packaging.**

**Alexandra Kindergarten encourages Nude Food.**

Durable, reusable containers are a great way to bring food, as they may last from pre-school through to high school and beyond, providing long term cost savings and environmental benefits. This also reduces the amount of 'packaging' that needs to go in our bins and be sent to landfill. Our kinder encourages parents/carers to supply nude food in children's lunchboxes. Examples of Healthy Nude food options

A sandwich in a reusable container.

A sectioned lunch box with healthy snacks ( i.e. Carrot/celery sticks, cherry tomatoes, hommus , rice crackers and a sandwich in different compartments.



Yoghurt in a reusable container.

Cheese cubes in reusable containers

Whole cut apples– place a rubber band around the cut apple to prevent it from going brown.

Picture Product order forms will go out to families in Term Three.

Picture products are simply beautiful. Children love showing off their very own Picture products, and as the years go by and they grow up and have their own families, their Picture products will bring back memories of those happy carefree childhood years.

