

Mildura West Kinder Newsletter



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WELCOME BACK to TERM 2

The staff and committee hope that you had a VERY happy, relaxing and safe holiday period. We look forward to more learning, playing and community activities in Term 2 at Mildura West Kindy.

FAMILY NIGHT 'Park for Play' – March 16

The wider Mildura West Kinder Community enjoyed a wonderful night of play, socialising and food, in perfect weather on Thursday March 16. Thank you to everyone who made the effort to attend, it was a lot of fun and a successful night for staff to spend more time with families and also parents to get to know other parents instead of just 'passing' at drop off. We plan to hold another one soon!



Important Dates for your Calendar

April 28

1st round of Body Shop
Mother's Day Fundraising
Orders DUE IN

April 30

Working Bee at Kinder 2pm
ALL WELCOME PLEASE!

May 18

Pupil Free Day – YMCA
district staff professional
development day

May 24

Garments Due for Winter
Screen Print Run

May 26

Kindergarten OPEN DAY
12noon – 1pm

May 26

2nd round of Body Shop
Fundraiser Orders Due

June 12

Kindergarten Closed
Queen's Birthday



TEACHERS REPORT – Term 1

This term (term 1) the children have been very busy settling in and feeling a sense of belonging. The staff have been encouraging all the children to feel safe and secure in their new environments as well as reassuring the families that they are doing the right thing on drop off. The staff have been aware of which families may need a follow up phone call once their child has settled into kinder.

One of the aims for all the children at Mildura West Kindergarten is to get to know the morning routine and to be able to complete this with little or no assistance. It has been great to see so many of our children achieving this over the last term. Another of our aims has been for the children to settle at an activity after they have completed their morning routine. In the beginning it was difficult for some children but as the term has progressed we have made a great deal of progress with children who are happy to say goodbye to their parents.

Over the last term the funded kinder program has been looking at the children's knowledge of colours, shapes, numbers, ABC's and reinforcing their knowledge through various activities throughout the room.

In the prekinder program the staff have been making sure that the children and families feel comfortable and supported. It has been great to see how all these shy little faces walked through on the first day to now entering the room with huge smiles on their faces saying goodbye to their parents and settling at an activity.

I would also like to thank all the mums/ dads/grandparents and special friends who have helped out this term whether it was snack duty, washing towels or volunteering for the committee packing hot cross buns. Your help has been very much appreciated.

We are all looking forward to a very busy term 2. We would like to remind all our families that our door is always open and if for any reason you need to speak with us please feel free to come and see us or make an appointment.

Regards, Lydia McCarron (Educational Leader)



PARENT ROSTERS

Mildura West Kindergarten relies on the time donated by parents to help with a 'snack duty' roster and a 'washing' roster.

It is hoped that each family can offer help once per term so that the workload is evenly spread.

'Snack Duty' consists of arriving 30 mins prior to the finish time of your child's session time and helping clean tables, paint pots etc, clear rubbish and any general tasks as directed by staff, to help.

'Washing' is simply collecting the hand towels that have been used by your child's class for that week and taking them home to wash. Returning them at the start of the next week's class time.

PLEASE see rosters in the foyer of your room, and place your name on them.

THANK YOU ever so much!

FUNDRAISING 2017

TERM ONE

Hot Cross Buns

Thank you to all the MWK Families for selling plenty of Banjo Bakery Hot Cross Buns, together we raised **\$329.43** for the Kinder. The Committee has purchased two new cameras & memory cards (one for each building) with this money so that it can be attributed to something fabulous! Thank you to Michelle Robertson (Vice President) for her hard work collating all the orders ☺

Easter Raffle

What an AMAZING array of donations were made by all families at MWK to make up 10 fantastic raffle prizes. Special Thanks to Mandy Wells (Purple Mum) from Club Aquarius Gym for donating \$160 worth of fitness classes and to Annie & Andy Nguyen (Green Parents) from ANDY's Kitchen for donating a \$100 meal voucher!



We raised a massive

\$910.00

from the
Easter
Raffle!

WELL DONE



EASTER RAFFLE WINNERS

- 1st – Malorie Pay (Pink)
- 2nd – Finn Kozak (Green)
- 3rd – Luke Hubble (Blue)
- 4th – Mace Bottams (Green)
- 5th – Lucy Schweitzer (Red)
- 6th – Clinton Cook (Blue)
- 7th – Darren Muller (Pink)
- 8th – Matt (Red)
- 9th – Crane Family (Purple)
- 10th – Natalie Williams (Pink)

CONGRATULATIONS ALL ☺

SCREEN PRINTING

You may have been unaware that the screen printing is a Fundraising Initiative for MWK, so far we have raised **\$315.95**.

A Winter print run has been organised for new garments, again the cost will be \$7.

This time we have done a 'tear-off' order form to avoid confusion with garments and names – please see this on the final page of this newsletter.

Please hand your garments, in a bag with the slip attached to your educator by May 24 for a mid-June return.



FUNDRAISING – Cont.

TERM TWO



Mother's Day is just a few weeks away and we thought that we would squeeze in a fundraiser that offered a lovely variety of BODY SHOP Products!

Please see the displays in each building's foyer to sample the many fragrances & products available. Simply make your selection for yourself and loved ones, record all of your orders on The Body Shop at Home order form provided. Return the PINK COVER SHEET with payment (cash or credit card) back to the Kinder by **FRIDAY 28th APRIL 2017**. This will ensure the delivery of product in time for Mother's Day.



A second round of orders will be collected by Friday May 26.

2016 Semester 2 Childcare Benefit Rebate Receipts

The Committee are aware that there are numerous families still waiting for fee receipts from last year. The correct applications have been sent to Centrelink on behalf of the Kinder & we are just awaiting the return of our individual reference number, so that we can go ahead with writing receipts. If you require a receipt please email your details to: mwkinder@bigpond.net.au



2016 OPEN DAY

With the introduction of Central Enrolment to Mildura it is very important that we provide a fabulous opportunity for potential parents to visit our Kindergarten and find out all the wonderful things we offer. Please encourage any friends to visit us during our open day hour. **FRIDAY MAY 26 at 12noon** The staff and committee will be present during this time to chat to visitors.

CENTRAL ENROLMENT REMINDER

You are able to collect your Central Enrolment form from the MRCC office between May 1 – June 30.

Complete one form per child & return with certificate of immunisation, birth certificate and health care card in person to MRCC by June 30, 2017. If you have any queries please call Janelle at MRCC on 5018 8562.

SCREEN PRINTING ORDER FORM

Please tear this form off and attach to the bag with your child's garments.

Childs FULL Name _____

Group _____

Parent Contact Phone _____

No of garments in this bag _____

\$\$ paid (\$7 per item) _____

Brief description ie size colour brand _____

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