



Dates to Remember:

Term 1 2022:

Friday 28th January

Staff return to kinder

First week of February

Interviews and small group orientations will be held. (Please contact the kindergarten if you are unsure of your child's time).

15th - 17th March

Kinder photos. Exact group times will be advised closer to the date

President's Report

On behalf of the Committee, JJ's parents and children I would like thank all the teachers and educators for their incredible work this year. We are so lucky to have such an amazing group who worked tirelessly to make this year as "normal" as possible. The analogy of a duck appearing calm and relaxed on the surface whilst its legs are swimming furiously underwater has never been more accurate!

We acknowledge your fantastic efforts, and wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a relaxing break. We look forward to another great year with you in 2022!!

Best wishes,

Andy and Alexandra

Alexandra Khan – President JJ's Committee 2021 and 2022

Andy Simm – Staff Liaison and Vice President JJ's Committee 2022

What's been happening in Blue Group?



Using the front yard for quiet play and group time



Creating an exploding volcano



Discussing our feelings about end of year changes.

We were so excited to welcome everyone back to kindergarten when Lockdown ended in mid-October. Our main role has been restoring the sense of security for our children and building their confidence for the end of year transitions.



Our amazing Artwork for the Auction



Divyaan shared Diwali sparklers with us.



Ready for our amazing concert
"So kiss me and smile for me
Tell me you'll remember me
Hug me tight, then proudly let me go"

What's been happening in Red Group?

Zale from Yellow group came to kinder with some hatchlings which the children in yellow and red group enjoyed seeing and learning about.



Our Red Group children loved performing the end of year concert for our parents and were so confident performing solo singing acts.



Many thanks to Dharmpal and Gunjan, Divyaan's parents (Blue group) of Chooks and Chips for their very generous contribution to the 4yo old end of year lunch for both Red and Blue Group. It was delicious and your support is much appreciated

What's been happening in Yellow Group?



We were all so happy to return to kinder onsite during fourth term. Our program moved to being mostly outdoors which provided us with lots of opportunity to use nature as our inspiration for our artwork. We enjoyed lots of group art projects such as collage, drawing and painting together.



We enjoyed our spanish sessions with Maria outside during term 4. We had a lot of fun with the parachute and identified the colours of azul, verde, rojo and amarillo on it as we bounced our toy green sheep up and down on it.



We celebrated the end of yellow group with a party! We enjoyed popcorn, cinnamon donuts and icy poles together. Thank you yellow group for a wonderful year and Merry Christmas to everyone.

What's been happening in Green Group?



Over the last few weeks we have had a lot of fun with our Christmas tree. It has provided a lovely link between kinder and home as the children have loved arriving each morning to decorate it, and talking to their friends about their own Christmas trees and decorations at home.



We celebrated the end of green group with a party of popcorn, cinnamon donuts and icy poles. Thank you green group for a great year, we have had a lot of fun!



Throughout the year green group have shown a lot of interest in dinosaurs and so there has been some discussion about volcanos. We did an experiment together with Chloe and some of the children from red group to make our own volcano. We were so excited to watch our volcano explode when we added vinegar to the bicarb soda and discovered that if we added food dye we could make it red like lava!

End of Year Social and Fundraising Update

We started the year with our Easter egg hunt and raffle. The prize generously donated from Xocolatl in Kew East. This event was a great way for the families of JJ's to meet one another and socialise.

We did have a cinema day and muddy puddle treasure hunt planned for terms 2 and 3, but sadly both had to be cancelled due to lockdowns. We also had to cancel our celebratory plans for JJ McMahon's 70th anniversary.

Kew Junction Traders run an excellent initiative called 'Spend local and give back' and we nominated for a month. For every receipt uploaded to their website in October, JJ's received \$1 for every \$10 spent.

As a memento for term 4, we prepared tea towels with each current child at kinder for 2021 contributing an art piece. We also did a commemorative apron for JJ's 70th birthday. Both look so awesome (great job Kirsty!).

With items/vouchers we had pledged for the trivia night silent auction, we ran a silent auction, including a live auction of the children's kinder group artwork. This was held at the two Kew traffic school nights, on Nov 23rd and 24th.

The traffic school nights were fabulous. It was great to be able to socialise with the kinder community after being unable to do so for so long. the kids had an absolute ball.

Thank you to everyone who helped us muddle through 2021 (and 2020!).

Nic and Kirsty



On behalf of the Kinder Committee, Staff and families we would like to Thank our social co-ordinators Kirsty Fletcher and Nicole Hii who have put in a massive effort to organise many events for the kinder the past two years.

TRIVIA NIGHT SPONSORS

After finally admitting defeat, we cancelled our themed (we were so excited about the theme!!!) Trivia night which was booked in for November 6th. Three businesses had committed to being sponsors for the night and pledged to continue their support to the kinder, even though the event was cancelled. We wish to thank Kay and Burton (Gold sponsors, Dancing Dandelion (Silver sponsors) and Milestone Property Group (Bronze sponsors). We are extremely grateful to them for their support.

The wonderful team at **Kay and Burton** signed up as our **Gold Sponsor** for the trivia night.

Kay and Burton have been part of Kew / Hawthorn community for 10 years and were the first sponsors to get on board for our trivia night.

We are so appreciative of their support and please ask anyone considering selling/buying or renting to go say hi to their team.

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TRIVIA NIGHT SPONSORS

We also acknowledge our Silver sponsorships for the Trivia night:



Dancing Dandelion is a kids cafe opening soon on Whitehorse Rd, Balwyn, and is a new venture for one of our kinder families. Look out for opening dates soon.

Thank you also to our amazing **Bronze sponsors:**



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