



Dates to Remember:

Mon 11th - Fri 15th October

Enrolment pack delivery to homes
(all groups)

Monday 18th October

Artwork due for 70th Anniversary
Apron and tea towels

Sunday 31st October

Last day to submit receipts for
"Spend Local and get back"
fundraiser scheme

Monday 1st November

Orders for tea towels and/or
Aprons due

Early November

On-line silent auction

Thursday 11th November

2pm - 7pm

Enrolment session (all groups)
Document drop-off session to
return completed forms. Children
not required to attend.

Thursday 18th November

7.30pm

Parent Information Night (all
groups) and AGM

Tue 23rd & Wed 24th

November

Kew Traffic School social event

President's Report

Welcome back to Term 4!

A big thank you to the teachers and staff for their incredible effort last term managing both on-site and off-site learning and to everyone for filling in our surveys & turning around paperwork as quickly as you did.

While the remote Zoom sessions have been incredible, nothing can quite replace kinder days spent playing, building and even spear fishing under the great oak tree with friends. I certainly cannot wait for Sofia to be back at JJ's this term (I'm not sure who is more excited, her or me! 😊)

We are still awaiting guidance from the Department of Education regarding Melbourne's re-opening roadmap. While the 26th October and 5th November are the current key dates for kindergartens, we are obligated to wait for formal instruction from the Department.

We will let you know as soon as we receive more information. In the meantime, it is worth beginning to download your Covid-19 digital certificates or immunisation records if you haven't already as we anticipate they are likely to be called upon.

Finally, thank you to everyone who helped at the recent series of mini working bees to help create more outdoor learning space in the front-yard and get the kinder ready for Term 4. What you achieved was remarkable!

Keep well everyone and looking forward to a great term ahead.

Best,
Alexandra

What's been happening in Blue Group?



No Olympics is complete without a medal ceremony. The children made their own medals and we stood for three national anthems China, Macedonia and Australia



Just because the children were confined to home, it didn't mean they couldn't create their own fun. A jumping castle was created in our cubby house



Zoom Lockdown kinder! The end of term saw the majority of our group engaging remotely. We used zoom for each kinder session and sent videos and links to our families. It was really special for our families to see what we are up to, as they haven't been past the gate since the middle of term 2.



Interest in our athletes feats, sparked interest in our bodies and we used our floor book to record our understanding and curiosity



Term three is when we introduce phonics into our literacy experiences. Each child creates their own book and families join in the fun of finding an item for the day's letter sound. Some are easier than others!



The Olympics generated a lot of interest and we held our own mini Olympics at kindergarten

What's been happening in Red Group?



Lots of great teamwork in the sandpit and we used this image to talk about what it means to be part of a team, leadership and everyone having an important job.



Some more amazing teamwork happened when the children built this massive Robot!



Learning about Bunjil the creator Eagle (indigenous) through a special dance with Chloe. During this time Josh asked "Who is stronger, Bunjil or Santa Clause?" and a project started around how we measure strength and who is stronger!



Gianni came to kinder and taught the children about the Statue of Liberty and many children started building it.



Another replica of the Statue of Liberty



Spear Fishing in the creek!

What's been happening in Yellow Group?



We were very surprised one morning when we arrived at kinder to find arborists in our big tree outside, trimming some of its branches. We looked on from a safe distance until they had finished their work and cleaned up, and then used one of the large branches for a painting activity outside



In third term we introduced a treasure box to each group. This is a large box that the children painted and decorated together, and then each have a turn at taking home to bring something they treasure back to kinder to show and talk about with their kinder friends. The children love it and it is a great way of encouraging their independence, confidence, communication and language skills.



We made banana bread and it was delicious! We have been enjoying more small group activities at kinder that require turn taking, communication, and problem solving. Cooking experiences are wonderful for practicing these skills, they provide many opportunities for learning literacy and mathematical concepts, and they are a lot of fun too

What's been happening in Green Group?



Green group's interest in colour mixing has continued. They have found many ways to experiment with this, including different types of sensory play, painting activities and water play.



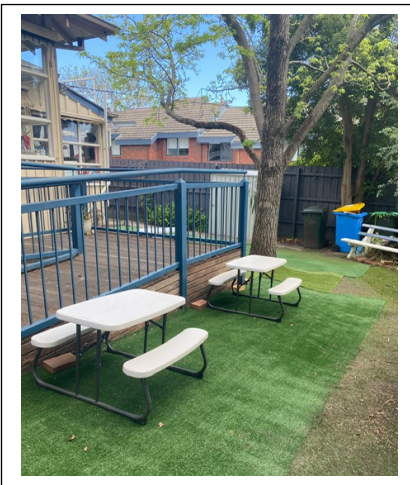
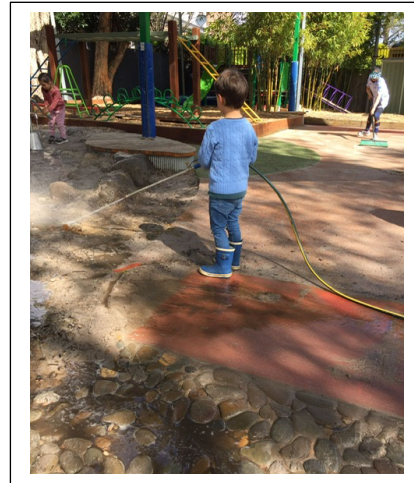
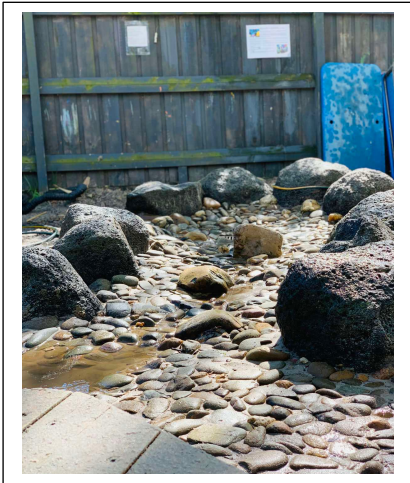
Playdough is one activity that we always have available for the children. It can be used in so many ways, have so many different things added to it, and is limited only by imagination. It is calming and relaxing, great for hand and finger strength and can be a great small group activity. The children love making a new batch of playdough together on a regular basis, choosing the colour, kneading it through the dough, and playing with it while it is still warm.



We made a fairy garden at kinder, painted fairy rocks, and decided to make fairy bread. Children were given the opportunity to independently spread their own piece of bread with butter, shake the sprinkles onto it (some of the children were more generous with this than others!), and then enjoy eating it. Yum!

Working Bee

Thank you so much to many of the Kinder Committee members and kinder families who offered their Saturday and Sunday mornings staggered throughout last two weekends to help clean up our kinder. The kinder looks amazing and the rocky creek bed is free of sand (not for long I'm guessing once the children return!!). There will also be much enjoyment by the children in our newly fitted out front yard.



Of course, the working bee's at kinder would not be possible without the tireless work of Winston Todd (our Working Bee co-ordinator) Thank you!!

Term 4 Social and Fundraising Update

Hope everyone is shopping local and uploading their receipts in the Kew Junction traders "Spend Local and Get Back" scheme. The dates have been extended, so we now have until 31st Oct to raise funds for the kinder.

Remember every \$10 spent with Kew junction businesses (excl national chains) earns \$1 for JJs.

Open the attached link below to upload your receipts for the kinder:

<https://kewjunction.com.au/events/spend-local-and-get-back/>



Due to lockdown 6, we have had to adapt our events for term 3 and 4.

To celebrate **JJs 70th anniversary**, we are producing a commemorative apron. We are asking the JJs community past and present to send drawings and statements about this year and their memories of JJs. (See email sent to all families and the attached flyer)

We will also produce a "class of 2021" tea towel with the children and teachers.

Aprons, tea towels and the fabulous JJs cookbook will be available for order during October (with delivery for xmas)... perfect memento or present for a foodie in your life.

Donations accrued for our Trivia night will now be on offer in an on-line auction. Aiming for early November.

Traffic school

Booked for Tues 23rd and Wed 24th Nov.

TRIVIA NIGHT SPONSORS

Sadly Trivia Night was cancelled due to Covid-19

Donations accrued for our Trivia night will now be on offer in an on-line auction, aiming for early November.

We wish to thank and acknowledge our generous sponsors as follows:

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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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.

Boccaccio SUPA IGA is a long established local supermarket in Burke Road, Balwyn who have long been a supporter of JJ McMahon. We thank them for their ongoing



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Thank you so much to our social co-ordinators Kirsty Fletcher and Nicole Hii who have put in a massive effort to organise this event.

70th Anniversary

Established in 1951, we invite you to contribute to our 70th Anniversary commemorative APRON.

* Record your memories of times at JJs or kinder in these unusual time.

The apron design will go into our 70th time capsule.

Also, for sale with our Kindergarten cookbook in November.

