From the Committee of Management

Hi EVP kindergarten families,

Well, the winter chills have definitely set in now. I hope you are all staying warm and healthy. The Committee has had a very active term so far and we are very proud of our Open Day which was a huge success.

It's been lovely meeting more parents and having chats on how much they love the kinder and how they feel they can contribute. We appreciate all the feedback and the suggestions we have received so far and I can safely say we have already considered everything mentioned. As I'm sure you would appreciate, it's not an easy task coming up with events that suits almost 80 families but we are certainly giving it a go.

Thank you to those families who are already helping in their own way. Extra parent duties, doing an extra bag of laundry, donating gifts for the Trivia Night’s Silent Auction, selling more raffle tickets and taking on lawn mowing duties - (there is more about parent helpers later).

Our Tupperware flyer has had a win with the kinder receiving $100 worth of prizes from the sales. Thank you Elisha M for your efforts and now we all know a local Tupperware lady!

I managed to be around for some ‘Wild Action’ fun with my daughters 4 year old group recently and I must say I get so much joy from seeing my daughter and her friends playing, discovering and having lots of fun. They absolutely love having a parent or special person to share their day with and I highly recommend (if you can) spending some time at kinder with your child.

Many thanks
Julie and the Committee

Committee Changes

Vice President:
Heather Blaxland (Red Group)

QIP role (Quality Improvement Program):
Heather Blaxland (Red Group)

Fundraising & Social Co-ordinator:
Kate Van Der Jagt (Red Group)
(And is also our Social Convener)

Maintenance 2nd role
Scott Archer (Red Group)
(Now doing both Maintenance roles himself)

As you can see we have some very hard working people now taking on second roles.

Thank you to Heather, Kate and Scott for stepping up and doing more for the kinder.

It’s greatly appreciated by the Committee and Staff.

If anyone would like to join the Committee or assist in other ways then please contact Julie 0419 397 539. You are guaranteed a warm and fuzzy feeling!

Key Dates
Sun 21 June Working Bee - Red Group
Sun 13 Sept
Raffle Tickets - Care for Kids

A huge thank you to Kate V and Virginia F for braving the cold at the North Ringwood shops on Saturday 16th May for four hours.

Not only did they sell more raffle tickets but they used the banner to promote the Open Day which helped spread the word about Ellie V Pullin to the wider community.

We have sold over $2000 worth of tickets which means that half of that is coming our way. The funds have already been allocated to a brand new wooden workbench where the children will learn, one on one with the educators, confidence around risk taking and fine motor skills.

Big thanks to the families that sold tickets with most books being completely sold in full.

Our biggest sellers were the Archer family – 8.5 books, the Assimo family – 4 books and the Baker family - 3 books.

Well done everyone

Disco Night

• 4 Yr olds – Friday 19th June 5.30 – 7.30pm
• 3 yr olds – Friday 31st July 5.30 – 7.30pm

The kinder disco nights are a great opportunity for the kids to let their hair down with their friends and have some fun. What kid doesn’t love a disco after all?. It’s also a great opportunity for parents to have a chat rather then a quick 5 minutes hello/goodbye at pick up and drop off.

In preparation, the 4 year old groups have excitingly decorated their invitations and some are even practicing their dance moves around the kinder. Aleck from Green Group has even painted a poster which we will proudly display on the night as per his request. Thanks Aleck for adding to the decorations.

Invitations for the 3 year old disco will go out early next term.

For all 4 year old families, please make sure you have handed in your RSVP by 10th June so we can cater for the evening.

We are also looking for volunteers to help set up, serve food and drinks on the night and help pack up after please. If you are able to help and make the kid’s night run smoothly, please place your name on the volunteers board.

Kinder Open Day

The Staff and Committee haven’t done an Open Day in recent years but as we had some vacancies to start off with in each group we decided that it would be great to get back out there and ensure the future of the kinder.

We had a great ‘meet and greet’ team that showed the new parents around. The guided tours showed off our rooms and grounds then handed the visitors over to the Teachers and Co-Educators for a more detailed account of day to day life at kinder.

Not only did we have a crowd through but most stayed for long periods of time. It was hard for some of our new little visitors to leave as they were enjoying the crafts, playing in the sunshine (thank you weather), and having a ball with our Mini Maestros session (huge hit).

Here’s a few things that we did to ensure the day was a success:

- Lots of flyers dropped off at local Primary schools, playgroups and around the community notice boards
- Local newspapers contacted to advertise the day
- Official websites like MIKA, and a range of other local community websites, radio stations ‘whats on’ calendars contacted to advertise for us.
- Wonga Park Garden Supplies and Fletcher’s Real Estate set up advertising boards for us.
- A professional banner was donated and use to promote the day at the Ringwood North shops and stood outside the kinder on the day.
- A slide show was organised and projected on a screen showing off our incursion, excursions and special events.
- Our own website was refreshed – have a look yourself it’s great
- Name badges were made for all to wear on the day
- Craft tables were organised to show what we do at kinder and occupy the children on the day
- A Mini Maestros session was organised.
- The vegetable Patch was replanted with the children before the day.
- The lawns were mowed, plants added to our gardens and a general clean up.
- Flyers were created about EVP’s highlights and handed out on the day.
- Our handbook was reviewed, condensed, printed and handed out on the day.

Many thanks to the people whose huge efforts made this day special –


and our Co-Educators Andrea, Di and Mel....

and Angela our lovely Admin girl.

Special thanks to our volunteer parents- Cory V (Red Grp) for donating the promotional banner, Shaun F (Red Grp) for the fantastic slide show, and Anne-Marie D (Green Grp) for re planting the vegetable patch.

Just goes to show that those many hands do make light work.

Great effort everyone!!

Trivia Night - Term 3

Saturday 29th August 2015

Ringwood Bowls Club

Planning is well under way for what is going to be a fun packed trivia night.

We have already received a number of fabulous donations from local business and are still looking for more.

Donations to date include: Croc’s, Ryobi, Harvey Norman, Luna Park, Fitnesswork, Inflatable World and loads more.

If you know of a local business who might be able to donate a voucher or goods to our Silent Auction then please firstly contact Kate Van Der Jagt on 0423 633 578 as we have contacted many businesses already.

Alternatively you might have some quality, unused, unopened items at home that you yourself could donate. Anything big or small would be appreciated and may be added to a hamper.

As with all kinder events, we are looking for willing volunteers to help with table decorations and setting up – refer volunteer list at kinder.

Quiz teasers
Can you name all the official Wiggles past and present? What was Sir Donald Bradman’s batting average?