From the President

My name is Julie Simpson.

As the incoming President of the Committee, I would like to take this opportunity to thank those that have made me feel so welcomed to the role already. I have had so many positive ideas that it is lovely to see the spirit of the kindergarten community is alive and well.

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank the outgoing president, Karen Assimo.

Karen has put in many hours of her own time ensuring our kindergarten remains a centre of excellence. Karen will be sadly missed on the Committee and we wish her and her family all the very best.

I have quite an informative newsletter ahead, so its time to grab a cuppa and an iced vovo (or a TimTam for those not born in the 70's) and get ready to learn about the exciting year we already have planned for your child's kindergarten and you too.

This is my second year on the committee and I find it very rewarding to be more deeply involved in the day to day running’s.

Since taking on the Vice President role at the start of this year I have gained a more thorough insight as to how this educating team works. My admiration for the dedicated teachers, co-educators and staff had grown significantly.

I cannot tell you how lucky I feel to have the experienced educators we have and just being able to see how their knowledge, intelligence, kindness and enthusiasm enriches your children’s kinder experience warms my heart.

There is a reason why each activity occurs, or why that story was read, or why the outdoor play is set up that way and how they plan out each session to ensure every child is learning and growing is very admirable.

Ok now onto the fantastic committee members: I simply would not

Help Needed!

Ok enough of the heart warming stuff, this is where I ask for more of you amazing parents to come join us on the committee. The current roles that need filling are:

Vice President: (Under our Constitution this role must be filled). This one is easy, just managing staff leave and helping the new president. I already have everything set up.

Maintenance Co-Ordinator

Organising each Working Bee. Everything already set up you just make it happen

QIP role (Quality Improvement Program): (Must be done by a fee paying parent). Most of the work is done by the Teachers and Administration, so just an overseeing role.

Fundraising and Social Co-ordinator:

There is already two people doing outstanding work in this area and we just need someone to oversee everything. I am happy to do this role myself but it would mean needing a couple of helpers that wouldn’t need to attend any meetings.

All positions nominees will be voted on at the next Committee Meeting 1st June.

I am happy to discuss any role in more detail and there won’t be any pressure so enquire away.

Where has Mel been?

http://us8.campaign-archive1.com/?u=d4e4303e176cfaaab2b3e2163&id=223793bac2
have stepped up to the President’s role if I didn’t know that the people I work with already were of a high standard. The great work they have already done so far this year is amazing. I am constantly surprised at how every day parents, most of whom work full time jobs, or juggle shift work, or have larger families show no slowing down in their enthusiasm for their committee roles.

Next time you are doing drop off or pick up, take a good look around you as I know there are more amazing people out there.

Kind regards

Julie

Did you know that Mel was selected from a panel to be part of a scholarship study tour abroad program in Singapore? This is a once in a life time opportunity for Mel and we hope she had an amazing time. We can’t wait to hear her adventure stories.

Thrilled Kerrin is back!

Welcome back Kerrin it’s so nice to have you with us again.

Fund Raising and Events

This year EVP became a fundraising kindergarten once again. With costs increasing, some vacancies and a strong desire to retain the high quality teaching program we have had to draw in funds from other sources.

We have a great person already scanning the world for grants and we have cut costs where we can so it doesn’t affect the children’s program. We are even heading paperless where we can (apparently it’s the in thing!). But unfortunately we need more.

Below are details of what is planned to bring in the extra funds we need. Each one has been considered very carefully. For example we think we know how everyone feels about having a huge box of chocolates sent home with them to sell but each box brings in a sizable profit and is a very popular way to raise funds.

We are not sending those boxes home but we have tried to find ways to have fun and still raise the funds we need. As parents I know that with older/younger children, activities and day to day life the calendar fills up quick so if you feel that joining a committee is too much then we have a huge range of other ways that you can offer your assistance.

At this stage 18% of our kinder families make up our Committee so every bit of assistance truly helps.

Open Day 23rd May 2015

10am - 12pm

We are proudly hosting an Open Day for future enrolments for 3 yr and 4 yr old groups for 2016. I hope you have seen the signs around the area.

Our Teachers and Co-educators are working hard to organise activities and Committee Members are organising flyers to hand out on the day to highlight our wonderful kinder.

We even have Mini Maestros coming as this is a big draw card for our kinder. Feel free to pop down and let the kids enjoy the music. Mini Maestros will be there from 11-11.30am.

Our poor vegetable patch is looking a little sad and needs some help to ensure its looking its best for the day. If anyone would like to organise some seedlings, I’m sure the children would be more than happy to help to plant them before the big day.

Look out for a volunteer list at kinder which also may have some other jobs to do on the day.

Lawn Mowing Volunteers
We truly appreciate anything and everything that comes our way.

Simply doing our own lawn mowing can save the Kinder quite a lot of money so we are looking for volunteers. Our first volunteer completed the job last weekend taking only 45 minutes. This is an easy way to help out if you can.

Tupperware Leaflet

We had a very small window of opportunity to do a quick fundraiser for Tupperwares’ b’day. Flyers were quickly made and we have had a good response. Unfortunately we were unable to give you any notice. That won’t happen again folks.

IGA Benefits Cards - All Year

As you may be aware using your IGA card that has been allocated to our kinder actually makes money for us. If you don’t have a card already then collect one from the kinder and help raise funds every time you pop up to IGA. If you do have a card then ask IGA to align it with EVP.

Raffle Tickets 'Care for Kids' - Term 1

We are having a good response to the selling of the tickets and don’t forget we need them all back by 1st June. Well done and thank you.
An extra thank you to those families who asked for more books and some as much as 5.
A great prize is the big draw card here. Yeah!!!

We will be selling more tickets at Ringwood North shops and need volunteers to sit at the table for 1 hour at a time from 9 – 2 pm Sat 16th May. Refer volunteer list at kinder.

Disco Night - Term 2

• 4 Year Olds - Friday 19th Jun 5.30 - 7.30pm
• 3 Year Olds - Friday 31st July 5.30 - 7.30pm

We have planned a night of fun and lots of dancing. Bring the whole family. There will be food and drink on the night to purchase.

More detail to come. Volunteers need on the night

Trivia Night - Term 3

Book the babysitter! Tell your friends!

Saturday 29th August @ Ringwood Bowls Club

If you know of a local business who might be able to donate a voucher or goods to our Silent Auction then please contact Kate Van Der Jagt on 0423 633 578.

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.

Volunteers need to help with table decorations and setting up - refer volunteer list at the kinder.

Quiz Teasers
According to Tina Turner, what is the speed limit in Nutbush?

Which spot is featured in the movie Cool Runnings?

**Annual Christmas Party - Term 4**

Mooroolbark Miniature Railway
Saturday 28th Nov 4-6pm
More details in Term 4

I told you it was going to be a big newsletter! A one off just to give you an idea of what’s to come.

Give me a call to join our fantastic Committee or sign up on the volunteer board soon to be set up at kinder.

Thank you in advance for your assistance.

I would like to thank the Teachers, Co-educators, Angela, Karen Assimo and all the Committee Members who have put a lot of thought, consideration and time in planning all of the above.

We welcome your feedback, constructive or positive, and I can be contacted on 0419 397 539 or via the kindergarten email.

Thank you and I look forward to a great year.

Julie

Many hands make light work