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**March 2023**

**Term 1**



### Dates to Remember

**Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> April**  
Last Day of Term  
Ladybugs  
Butterflies

**Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> April**  
Last Day of Term and  
Easter bonnet parade  
at Somerville PS  
Honeybees

**Term 2**  
**Monday 24<sup>th</sup> April**  
First Day of Term 2  
Honeybees

**Friday 28<sup>th</sup> April**  
First Day of Term 2  
Ladybugs  
Butterflies

**Mothers Day Raffle**  
**11<sup>th</sup> May**  
Donations collecting  
**NOW**

### ***Welcome***

Hello and welcome to the first edition of the 2023 Somerville Kindergarten Newsletter. We hope that your child has settled in well and is enjoying making new friends, getting to know the teachers and having fun inside and outside the classroom.

### ***Facebook Group***

If you haven't already joined this year's Facebook group it's a handy tool to keep updated or stay in touch with other parents.

**Search: Somerville Kindergarten 2023 in Groups tab.**

### ***Committee***

As you may know, the kinder has a Committee of Management voted in term 4 of the previous year. Whilst the majority of day to day running of the kindergarten is conducted by our wonderful staff, there are still a few responsibilities that fall to the committee as we are a community run Kindergarten. Meetings are once per month and open to anyone to attend.

#### **2023 Committee Members:**

**President:** Jessie Wilson

**Vice President:** Harriet Golding

**Secretary:** Carol Wright

**Treasurer:** Nikki Gilham

**PR Officer:** Tamara Higgs

**Fundraising Coordinator:** Kerrie Macleod

**Scholastics Coordinator:** Sara-Foster Chellingsworth

Bunnings BBQ  
June 24<sup>th</sup>  
(Hastings)

**Uniform Coordinator:** Samantha McDonald

**Maintenance Officer:** TBA

**Fundraising Committee:** TBA

**General Committee:** Jessica Blake, Melisa Norris, Brittney

Joyce and Carly Melville

**We still need a Maintenance officer and Fundraising team!  
If you would like to get involved and join our Committee  
please let us know, we would love you onboard!**

### ***Honeybees Report (4 year old)***

The honeybees have had an exciting and busy start to the year. This term we have had a big focus on supporting our honeybees to settle into the new kinder year with lots of children joining our group from 3 year old kinder in 2022 and many others starting their kinder journey in 2023. We have enjoyed re-establishing relationships and building new ones with both our honeybees children and their families. We have been establishing new kinder routines, getting to know each other and really developing a sense of belonging to our kinder community through songs, group games, small group discussions and play!

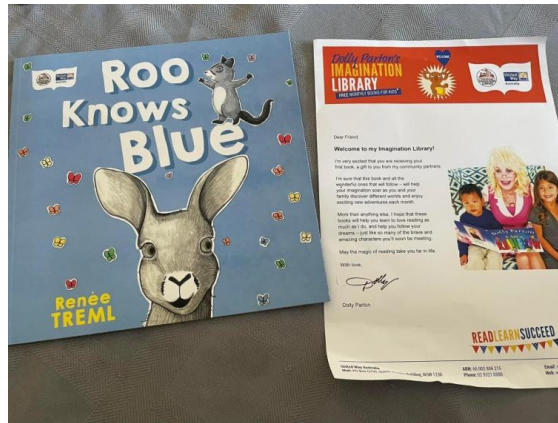


We have had lots of children showing an interest in dinosaurs and have enjoyed a range of different dino themed activities including dinosaurs in the sandpit and digging patch, dinosaur books, dinosaur songs, dinosaur inspired art activities and dinosaur Duplo.

We were even lucky enough to welcome Foti from the Museum of Victoria in for a very fun, exciting and educational incursion where we got to explore real dinosaur bones and fossils!

Many of our honeybees children have shown an interest in writing their names and we will continue to support their letter recognition, name recognition and writing skills as their interests emerge. There are lots of other fun ways we are supporting fine motor skill development at kinder including play dough, sensory play, beading, puzzles, construction, painting, making/creating table, small world play, the list is endless!

As part of our School Readiness Funding (SRF) plan this year, our honeybee children will each be receiving a story book in the mail once a month. This amazing opportunity is provided by the Dolly Parton Imagination Library and aims to promote a love of all things books and reading. We encourage all of our honeybee families to enjoy sharing these books with their child/ren as this is a wonderful opportunity to promote early literacy skills.



We will be finishing up the term with lots of fun Easter themed activities and we are all looking forward to joining the school for their annual Easter Bonnet parade on our last day of term!

Jess

## DINOSAUR VISIT FROM MELBOURNE MUSEUM



Fotj from the Melbourne Museum came to kindergarten and explained the difference between dinosaurs that are herbivores and carnivores and the job of a palaeontologist. Fotj read us a story about how the palaeontologists believe dinosaurs became extinct, sang and danced like a dinosaur and then we were allowed to carefully touch the fossils head, leg and foot.

Herbivores eat leaves and pine cones and carnivores eat meat such as other dinosaurs. The palaeontologists believe the Muttaborrasaurus may have lived in or near water due to the beak shape of their mouth and flat square teeth. We built the leg of a Muttaborrasaurus - dinosaur bones found in Australia.

We all looked at a variety of fossils and even some - "COPROLITE" which is fossilised dinosaur poo and many of us lay on the floor next to the completed leg and it took three children to become the same size as the Muttaborrasaurus' leg.

Outcome 4 children are involved learners - curiosity, imagination and research through learning



## ***Fundraising News***

A huge thank you to our Fundraising Committee Coordinator Kerri and everybody who has donated and helped to get us off to such an awesome start for 2023. We have already raised approx \$2000 with the Cadbury's Chocolates through Feb/March so a big thank you to all the families who sold a box (or two).



**Congratulation to the winner for How many eggs in the Jar  
Tess Burrows and family (Butterflies group) ENJOY!**



### **Upcoming Fundraising:**

- Mothers Day raffle 11<sup>th</sup> May in Term 2 (accepting donations now)
- Bunnings BBQ at Hastings June 24<sup>th</sup> in Term 2

### **Payments for fundraising:**

**If you are paying with cash, please write your child's name, group, what it is for and the amount on the envelope and place in the fundraising box next to the main noticeboard. You can also bank transfer, please include childs name and what it is for. Thank you.**

END OF TERM 1 in the BUTTERFLIES AND LADYBUGS 🦋

Three year old kindergarten



Well it's so hard to believe that it is the end of Term 1 already!!!

The children have all settled in really well, with some children still a little unsure and being very brave when separating from Mum. All the children have been happily engaged and eager to explore all the new experiences and play spaces at kindergarten.

We have been concentrating on helping each child develop their sense of belonging by helping them to become familiar with the new environment, and establishing relationships with the teachers and new friends at kinder.



We are already becoming so independent and capable with the routines and transitions of kindergarten, getting to know our teachers and learning the names of all our new friends at kinder. 😊

The children have enjoyed participating in imaginative play in our home corner- cooking and feeding the babies, using puppets to tell a story, and more recently making ice creams, eating pie and cake in our café / ice cream shop .



We have been looking at COLOURS in our play -



matching, sorting and incidentally naming colours in our play.

The Butterflies and the Ladybugs are particularly enjoying coming together and learning new finger plays and songs and are all loving sharing stories in our book corner and when we come together for a group story on the mat at the end of the session.



We finished up this week celebrating Easter- making Easter baskets and bunny ears, and having a **very exciting** Easter egg hunt . We got such a surprise when we found chocolate eggs sprinkled around the playground, and then we came in to find that the Easter bunny 🐰 had snuck in and given us all a large chocolate egg in our baskets 🤩👏👏👏👏

We have had a wonderful start to the year with our Ladybugs and Butterflies and the staff have enjoyed getting to know you and your little cherubs.

Term is already looking like being another busy time for our Ladybugs and Butterflies.

***SAVE THE DATE: ( details to come)***

- Tuesday 9th May ( Butterflies 🦋 ) 10.30 - 11.30  
Morning Tea with our Mums/ Special visitor
- Friday 12th May ( Ladybugs 🐞 ) 10.30 - 11.30  
Morning Tea with our Mums/ Special visitor

Just a reminder that due to the ANZAC Day holiday on Tuesday 25th April, kinder **will resume for the Ladybugs and Butterflies on Friday 28th April.**

Wishing you all a safe and happy holiday break .  
We'll see you all next Term.

Rose and Leanne (Butterflies) 🦋  
Teana and Lauren ( Ladybugs) 🐞

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## ***Professional Development Day***

Professional Development for TERM 1:

During the first Term Staff have attended the following Professional Development workshops:

- Learning Frameworks Update to familiarise Staff with changes to the Early Years Learning Framework
- Bunjil Nest Project Conference: -As part of our Reconciliation Action Plan we wish to widen our knowledge of the First Peoples culture and look at ways to imbed aboriginal perspectives into our curriculum .
- First Aid: Update of First Aid, CPR, anaphylaxis and asthma management next Monday 27<sup>th</sup> all day.
- Child Safety Standards- update on the changes to the Victorian Child Safety Standards
- WOMINDJEKA FESTIVAL – Workshops, resources and dance performances of the Bunwurrong First Peoples



***Wishing you a very happy and safe Easter from the Somerville Kindergarten Committee of management***








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Class Calendar

