

TERM 4 DECEMBER 2024



Newsletter

Information for our Families



IMPORTANT DATES

Last day of Term 4

Ladybugs- Wednesday 18th
December

Butterflies-Tuesday 17th
December

Honeybees- Tuesday 17th
December

First Day Term 1
2025

as per interview times
indicated in your pack

Ladybugs
Dragonflies
Honeybees

And that's a wrap for 2024! What a wonderful year we have had at Kindergarten this year!

Term 4 was so busy making Christmas gifts and practicing for our concerts!

We held our AGM and Info night for new families and held fundraisers such as the tea towels and Christmas raffle.

This year we farewell the wonderful and amazing Rose Chipperfield (Mrs Rose) She has been an Integral part of the kindergarten as Teacher and Director, and we wish her all the best in her retirement. We love you!

We wish all our Kinder families a happy and safe holidays, and good luck to all the 4 year olds starting school next year! We are so proud!

We look forward to welcoming all our new families for 2025.



AGM and Information night



On Wednesday the 29th November we welcomed families for 2025 to our Annual General meeting and Information night.

We heard from the 2024 Committee and the teachers on the year that was 2024. We also acknowledged Mrs Rose's upcoming retirement with plenty of tears!

This was a great opportunity to connect with other parents, your child's teacher and committee before next year. Thanks to all those who attended.

Committee News

by Nikki Gilham, President

Hello Kinder Families,

Last month we hosted a very successful AGM and it was great to see such a wonderful turnout of parents, both new and old. Firstly, I'd like to extend my heartfelt thanks to our committee of management this year. As a community-run kindergarten, your leadership, commitment, and countless hours of volunteer work are appreciated. Thank you for your dedication and for stepping up to support not just the kindergarten but the children and their families. Secondly, to our wonderful kindergarten staff—thank you for everything you do to create a warm, engaging, and inclusive environment for our children. Your creativity, patience, and expertise bring learning to life and make this such a space for little minds to grow. We are so lucky to have a team that cares so deeply about every child's journey. And lastly, I would like to wish Mrs Rose all the very best for her retirement – she has had a great impact and I am sure her legacy will live on.

Look forward to an enjoyable and productive 2025.

Nikki Gilham

President



Committee news

We are thrilled to have you and are looking forward to the year ahead.

thank you for joining our committee. As we are a committee run, community kindergarten it is important we have lots of families involved in the running and decision making for the kinder.

our first committee meeting will be on Wednesday 19th February at 7pm at the kinder. You don't need to bring anything or do anything prior, just bring yourselves!

Welcome our
2025
Committee!

President

Nikki Gilham

Vice President

Ali Ritchie

Secretary

Dani Chamers

Treasurer

Brittany Joyce

PR Officer

Tamara Higgs

Uniform Coordinator

Sam McDonald

Maintenance Officer

Mercia Vandenharn

Fundraising

Kerri Macleod

Coordinator

Fundraising Committee

Stacey Clifford

Krystal Riley

Vallencia Howard

General Committee

Kym Ockerby

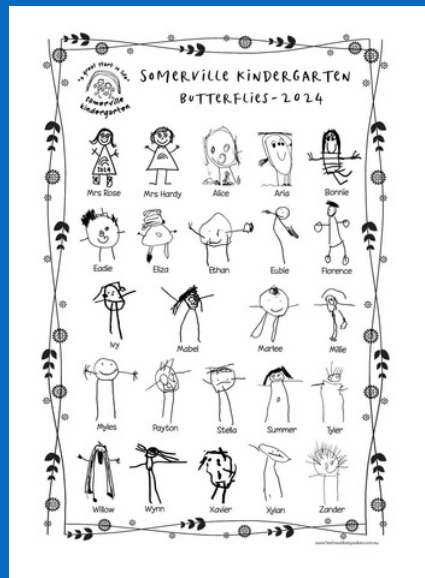
Trish Malloy

Stacey McCubbin

Ebony Gordan



successful fundraisers in Term 4



Christmas Raffle

Tea Towels

Fundraising

by Kerri McLeod, Fundraising Coordinator

Some of our fundraisers this year have been:

- Picture plates
- Easter raffle
- Mothers day raffle
- Donuts
- Bunnings BBQ
- Chocolate Drive
- Tea Towels
- Christmas Raffles

The fundraising funds have gone towards helping the kinder with significant purchases such as the stem (pictured) and upgrading the computer system.

Fundraising would like to extend a huge thankyou to all volunteers who helped at the Bunnings's BBQ, to every family who donated to raffles, brought and sold raffle tickets or purchased picture products and tea towels.



Butterflies

by Rose Chipperfield, 3YO

2024 has been a wonderful year of 3 year old kinder for the 16 girls and 6 boys in our Butterflies group this year. It has been a delight to get to know each individual personality and watch them grow in confidence and develop their friendship groups throughout the year. The group have enjoyed painting, drawing, block building, and all sorts of role play with construction sets, babies, prams, cubbies and dolls houses.

Special events throughout the year have included a family picnic, morning tea with our Mums and breakfast with our Dads and special visitors, Pyjama day with our favorite teddy and Footy Colours Day with our friends. Incursions for the Butterflies - Wiggerly Worm dance and drama, Melbourne Museum - sea creatures, Journey to Africa and Mad about Science- kitchen science.

We are currently getting very excited preparing special surprises and learning songs to perform for our end of year celebrations.

A letter from Mrs Rose

I would like to take this opportunity to THANK 🙏 all the parents, grandparents and carers for their support and assistance throughout the year.

As many of you already know, this has been my final year of teaching and I am retiring after 38 years working as a kindergarten teacher. I am so blessed and so grateful to have worked in the Somerville Community for my entire career, and been able to meet so many wonderful families, colleagues and friends doing a job that I thoroughly love. I have seen many of my previous kinder children grow up to become parents of next generation kinder kids, friends and colleagues!!

Thank you all for making this year a special one for me to finish up on and thank you to all the parents who have entrusted their children into my care and allowed me to be a part of their early education. It has been a privilege and lots of fun along the way.

In the famous words of the "knees, clap song"...

🎵 Goodbye everybody I'll see you again.. have a lovely day.

It has been a fabulous journey which I will always cherish forever- the memories, the stories and all the children will live in my heart forever. 😊

Merry Christmas everyone and happy holidays 🍷

Rose Chipperfield (Mrs Rose)



We had so much
fun making Xmas
gifts for our
families



Honeybees

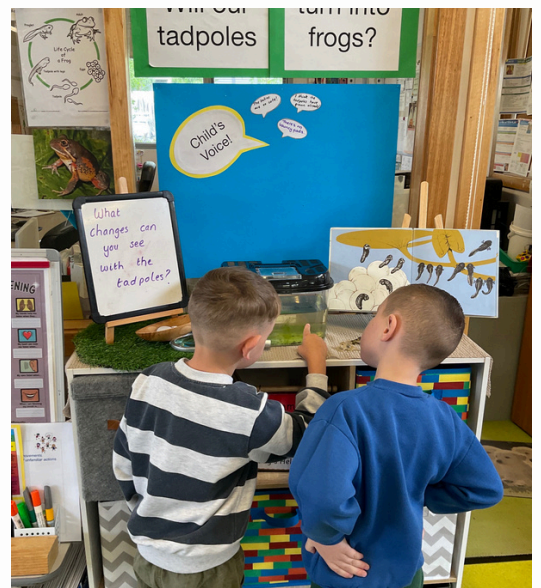
by Jess Lia 4YO

The end of the year is fast approaching and there is a mix of nervous energy and excitement in the air! Our honeybees have been practicing some of their favourite kinder songs and Christmas carols with much enthusiasm and gusto in preparation for our end of year concert! It's sure to be a fun event for all and we are looking forward to welcoming all of our families!

Term 4 has flown by so quickly! We have enjoyed lots of experimental and enquiry based learning, encouraging our honeybees to think and wonder and ponder! Experimental learning and play supports a curious mind and makes way for lots of rich, descriptive language. We have experimented with very messy coloured ice cubes (we all walked away with very colourful hands!), magic mystery writing, sprouting our own seeds and to top it off we welcomed a school of tadpoles from Mrs Rose's pond! We have learnt about the life cycle of a frog, their habitats and we have loved keeping an eye on them and looking out for any changes with the magnifying glasses! The excitement and joy in the children's voices as they engaged in this experience has been so special to see and we have loved sharing this with them!

Our honeybees have enthusiastically welcomed all things Christmas! We have witnessed amazing teamwork as the children are coming together to work on group projects and create art together. We can't wait to share these with you at our end of year celebrations!

Transition visits have started for our honeybees who are heading off to school next year. There has been lots of excitement and chatter about all things school related between the group as we have children heading off to lots of different local schools. We have had a strong focus this term on supporting children's independence, self help skills and "have a go" attitudes; skills that will be important for all children next year, whether they are heading off to school or returning to kindergarten for another year of fun! Over the next few weeks we invite families to consider our children as capable little people and provide lots of opportunities to practice those independent skills; opening and closing containers, opening and closing packets, independently managing clothing, packing their bag extra! Lots of practice increases confidence in their own abilities.



Our Dolly Parton Imagination library (book gifting program) has finished up with the last book being received this month. This program has been funded through our School Readiness funding and we hope that it has been a wonderful way to share the love of books and reading with our honeybees. We have also finished the Peninsula Health KACH ME program which supported the growth and development of gross motor skills in a super fun and play based way! We have been able to incorporate lots of these ideas into our planning to compliment our program!

I think that we can all agree that 2024 has been a wonderful year for our honeybees! We have had the pleasure in sharing so many wonderful moments with your children and we have witnessed growth and development across the board. We would like to thank all of our families for your support and engagement in your children's kinder journey! We are excited for all the new adventures that next year will bring for all!

We would like to wish our whole Somerville Kindergarten community a big Merry Christmas and we hope you enjoy this special time with your family.

Miss Jess and Mrs Matthews x





Create memories together

Delight in singing with your little one.
Have fun learning together.
Make new friends.
Your child will enjoy the play time.
Relax with a drink and snack.

Come along.

10am Thursday mornings during school terms
St Andrew's Anglican Church
2 Eramosa Rd, Somerville, VIC 3912

For more information, contact Sara on 0408 646 128 or scan the QR Code and search for Somerville, VIC

Find our
group here



delight, accept, grow

mainlymusic.org

Information on
Mainly music
located in
Somerville



At mainly music, the weekly sessions are full of songs, rhymes, actions and movement, designed to engage you and your pre-school child. The 30-minute music session is followed by refreshment and snacks and a time of unstructured play. You'll be able to connect with other parents and create memories with your little one.

St Andrew's Anglican Church have mainly music sessions on Thursday mornings during term time in Somerville. Contact the Team Leader, Sara on 0408 646 128 for more information.

Official Timetable for 2025

Somerville Kindergarten Timetable - 2025



Somerville Kindergarten Incorporated
 37 Eramosa Road East,
 PO Box 84,
 Somerville, VIC 3912
 Telephone: 03 5977 6208
 Fax: 03 5977 8740
 Email: somerville.kin@kindergarten.vic.gov.au
 Website: www.somervillekindergarten.com.au

4 Year Old Groups

Teacher: Mrs Jessie Lia

Assistant: Mrs Lauren Matthews

Teacher: Mrs Leanne Hardy

Assistant: Mrs Lauren Matthews



MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
8.30am-4.00pm Dragonflies		8.30am-4.00pm Dragonflies	8.30am-12.30pm Honeybees	8.30am-4.00pm Honeybees
	1.00pm-4.30pm Honeybees			



3 Year Old Group

Teacher: Mrs Teana Anderson

Assistant: Mrs Leanne Hardy



MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
	8.30am-12.30pm Ladybugs			
			1.00pm-4.00pm Ladybugs	

We hope you all have a safe and enjoyable holidays and look forward to seeing you all back with us for Term 1 in 2025

