We have a website!!

http://www.greensboroughpreschool.vic.edu.au

The website provides current and prospective families with useful information about the preschool’s three and four year old programs, policies documents, upcoming fundraising, enrolment procedures information, news and events, useful links and interesting articles for parents to read. The website is a great tool to keep connected with the preschool’s activities and have a small perspective into what goes on at your child’s kinder.

We will progressively update the site with the latest ‘Ester Street Echo’ newsletters, early childhood articles, and announce important calendar dates. So, I encourage all parents to occasionally browse on the website to look out for these updates.

Here’s a sneak preview into the website:

Regards,

Joan and Tina
Website Development Team

Term 2 fees are due

When placing money into the Fees Box please ensure your full details are written on the envelope (i.e. your child’s name, kinder group and the amount) and also fill out the payment record book located beside the box. Pre-printed envelopes are available at the counter.
Red Group Working
Bee
L: Ethan moving the mulch
R: Luke supervising his dad Brooke

L: Steve searching for fairies in the garden
R: Scarlett making sure her dad is working hard

Last Day of Term One
L: Green Group Story time with their families
R: Red Group enjoy Hot Cross Buns with their families

Kindergarten Photo Album

Ester Street Angel
Introducing Poppy P. who is in 3y.o. Green Group.

Poppy is in Green group and loves coming to kinder. As you can see she loves dress ups as well as Play School, DRAWING, DRAWING, DRAWING, collecting bags and anything PINK! Her favourite food is rice crackers.

If you would like your child/ren profiled in the newsletter, please contact the editor.
Maintenance Report

Red Group Working Bee was a huge success on Saturday 28th March with nine families participating. The major task this day was to top up the playground tan bark so that our children can continue to climb, balance and jump in a safer environment. Prior to spreading the 2 truck loads of tan bark the entire soft fall areas needed to be weeded. Everyone participated in this task at some point with others using wheel barrows to move and spread the bark. A huge thank you to the following people for volunteering their precious time and energy to making this working bee seem effortless.

- Luke’s mum & dad, Brooke & Kate Atkinson
- Teague’s dad, Dean Bingham
- Fletcher’s dad, Bass Gauci
- Matthew’s (from Dolphins) dad, Phil Georgiou
- Scarlett’s dad, Steve Hope
- Mason’s dad, Kristian Lafite
- Kyle’s (from Seals) mum, Kathy Lim
- Ethan’s dad, Danny Sprakel
- Amy’s dad, Mark Unwin

Other jobs attended included digging up the digging patch, cleaning the vertical blinds in the kitchen and replacing wheels on the 3 year old trolley.

The next working bee is scheduled for Saturday 9th May 9am to 12 midday. Please note, that the date has changed from Sunday 17th May as it had been scheduled for the day after the Kinder Open Day on Saturday 16th May. We ask that families from the Seal group make an effort to participate. However, we understand that not everyone will be available on this day. If you can’t participate on your groups designated days you can certainly attend any or all of the allocated working bee days.

Once again thank you to everyone who has helped with our latest working bee. The positive comments I have received so far have been phenomenal.

Louise
Maintenance Co-ordinator

BUSHFIRE APPEAL... Thank You

The Staff would like to thank everyone who contributed to our money raiser for the victims of the bushfires. We raised $229.00. This money was deposited in the Red Cross Bushfire Appeal Account at the Commonwealth Bank. The Deposit receipts are displayed at the front of the kinder near the entrance.

Over the past few weeks everywhere you go there is a tin or collection for those affected by the fires and if you are like us then you would also be donating there as well, so we do appreciate what you have given through the kinder.

Cheers Ann, Kate, Lynda, Geralyn and Caroline
3 Year-old Report

At times some children can take a step backwards with settling after a break away, if you’re experiencing this please point this out to either Geralyn or myself so that we can assist you both in returning to kinder.

As the weather is getting cooler, and we aim to play outside each day, we ask that you please send along a warm jacket for your child every day. You may also like to send along a warm beanie for your child.

4 Year-old Report

Welcome to term 2.

I hope you all had a lovely, restful two weeks with your children. The children have been very eager to tell each other about all the interesting things they did over the holidays. They also really enjoy having the staff talk about their time away from Kinder. They love hearing about our families as well.

We are beginning term 2 exploring the seasonal changes associated with Autumn in a variety of hands-on ways. You will notice that paints, drawing-mediums, the collage-trolley, books, quiet play-areas and the general Kindergarten environment are reflecting the season. Autumn time is a lovely time of the year and the children are very keen on collecting things. We have asked the children to collect Autumn-leaves for us, as they provide a lovely sensory experience for us all. As the weather is getting cooler, and we aim to play outside each day, we ask that you please send along a warm jacket for your child every day. You may also like to send along a warm beanie for your child. As a “Sun-Smart” Kinder, we have to wear our sun-hats until the end of April.

Please keep collecting wrapping-paper, boxes or any other interesting materials for us. Your trash may be our treasure!

Until next time.
Ann.
Welcome all to term 2. Thanks to all of you we have started off the year with a great start to our fundraising target. The Cadbury chocolate drive has raised over $2000!!!! We actually have a few boxes left so if you feel you can easily sell them please see one of the teachers who can distribute a box to you.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank Hayley and Harrison's mum Mary (Dolphin Group) for organising the donations of many of the eggs. Our major prize was donated by Jenny Macklin MP. Thank you also to all of you who bought tickets.

Upcoming Term 2 Fundraising Update:

Mothers Day Raffle We are starting off the term with a Mother's day raffle. We have some wonderful gifts donated by St Vincents Chemist and Berkeley International. There will be one prize for each group and one big major prize. In the next week you will see the prizes on display and raffle tickets distributed in your pigeon holes. We will draw the raffle on Wednesday 6th of May just in time for Mother's day.

Picture Plates: Will be at the kinder on Thursday 14th and Friday 15th May stay tuned for details.

Future Events

Trivia Night We are still looking for any assistance with our major trivia night which will be held on 4th September. If you feel you can assist in ay way please contact Ros on 0423 773 729. If you feel you have any gifts or services you may be able to donate please contact Daniela on 0413 150 577. The night is hosted by a professional Triva host and there will be silent auction. Please start thinking of marking this event in your calendar and obviously family and friends welcome.

Bunnings Sausage Sizzle If you feel you can assist in any way eg ordering and purchasing goods, helping on the day etc please contact Mary on 0419 539 766.

Once again a big thank you and please remember every dollar raised goes straight back into the kinder.

Until next time
Ros, Kathryn, Daniela and Mary

A Note from the Editor

E-mail greensborough.kin.news@kindergarten.vic.gov.au with your Ester Street Angels, birthday greetings, advertising requests or any other contribution that you would like to make. If you do not have access to an e-mail account and would like to make a contribution, a green newsletter box is located on the kitchen bench next to the fees box. You will only receive this newsletter via e-mail if you have completed the e-mail privacy form. If you wish to change to an electronic newsletter please request a copy of the form from your teacher.

Barbara Newsletter Editor