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# Magpie Mail

## Sorrento Preschool Newsletter



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### Director Update

We have had another very busy term and we cannot believe it's only 100 days until Christmas! In late July we were very lucky to have had Jaeden Williams, a proud Yalukit Willam man of the Boonwurrung, perform the Welcome to Country and smoking ceremony for our children and families at the kinder. Celebrating the launch of our new logo and website, we were entertained by Jaeden's playful story-telling and thankful for him sharing history, culture and language with us. Building a respectful understanding of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander perspectives is an important part of our curriculum and Steph, our Green Possums Teacher, and our Reconciliation Action Plan (RAP) coordinator, did an amazing job planning this wonderful, special celebration.

Our families are such an important part of our kinder and it has been great to have parents at the kinder again, meeting our VIPs on their special days and having extra parent helpers at Bush Kinder and on our community walks. The children continue to participate in the Resilience Project, undertaking activities that support its key pillars of Gratitude, Empathy, Mindfulness and Emotional Literacy. Finally, over the last few weeks we have been busily preparing for our accreditation assessment and we send our sincere thanks to all those staff and families who have generously given their time to make the kinder look its best!! We are so lucky to have you all!

Please enjoy your holidays and we look forward to seeing you in Term 4. Nicki :)

P.S Don't forget to visit us at Bunnings for a sausage on Sunday 2 October!



Nicki Caddy

Director &  
Teacher 4yo Red  
Kangaroos



Welcome to Country



[theresilienceproject.com.au/early-years/](https://theresilienceproject.com.au/early-years/)



Saturday 2 October



**Sorrento Preschool 'Connected, we learn and grow'**

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Sorrento Preschool respectfully acknowledges the Bunurong and Boon Wurrung people as the traditional custodians of the land on which we live and learn. We value their knowledge and culture which is reflected and celebrated in our practice.



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## For your calendar

### October

Sun 2 October - Bunnings  
Mon 3 October - Kinder Returns!

### November

Movie Night TBC  
Coastal Walk TBC  
Wed 23 November - Kindergarten  
Annual General Meeting [AGM]

### December

End of Year Celebration TBC  
Fri 16 December - Term 4 Ends

## Kinder Reminders!

**Enrolments for 2023** - We still have places available in both our 3yo and 4yo groups for next year. If families have any siblings or know any others who would like to find out more information about Sorrento Preschool they are welcome to contact Nicki directly to arrange a site tour on either a Monday or a Friday. Our bush kinder program is one of our most successful programs.

In line with funding for 3 year old kinder, next year we will be offering a choice of 10 or 15 hours for our 3 year old groups. We will also be reducing our 4 year old groups to 2 groups. Timetables are below. Kindergarten - Mornington Peninsula Shire ([mornpen.vic.gov.au](http://mornpen.vic.gov.au))

**Starlight Room - Three Year Olds**

[Group One - 15 hours](#)

[Group Two - 10 hours](#)

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
9-2	9-2	9-2	9-2	9-2

**Rainbow Room - Four Year Olds** Both Groups 15 hours

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
8.30-3	8.30-3	8.30-1.30	8.30-12	8.30-1.30
			12.30-4	

**Kinder Photos** are still available to purchase through [SchoolPix.com.au](http://SchoolPix.com.au) Order now before it's too late!

**Front Gate** Please ensure that the front gate is securely closed behind you on arrival and when leaving the kinder. Thank you for helping to keep everyone safe.

**New Uniforms** with the updated logo are available for purchase at

<https://eduthreads.com.au/collections/sorrento-pre-school>

**Donations welcome** - if you have any wooden toys, costumes or other items such as picture books you wish to donate that are in excellent-very good condition you are most welcome to bring these to the staff room or contact one of the Committee..

## Fundraising News / Announcements

**Bunnings Sausage Sizzle Sunday 2 October** - The roster for volunteers and donations is currently in the Kinder foyer but if you are able to donate or help out please contact Sophia

[sophia\\_polholke@hotmail.com](mailto:sophia_polholke@hotmail.com)

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## Three-Year Old Programs



Kate Gaul  
Teacher,  
3yo Groups

### We are learning to/focus area:

Develop fine motor skills - maturing grasps and control with both scissors and pencils, and Engage cooperatively with peers and staff - expressing kindness and gratitude



Yellow Koalas,



Purple Platypuses



Orange Emus

This term our program has been focussing on the seasonal change of Winter. Experiences have included outdoor investigations, painting on Ice, movement and music, reading stories, and tracking the weather radar. The cold wet weather hasn't stopped us from going outside and engaging in nature!

Literacy experiences have included providing resources for children to make letters out of playdough and many opportunities of reading to children in small groups. Numeracy experiences have included finger play songs, counting together and corresponding the numeral to the amount of objects (1-5).

We have explored feelings, learning to recognise our own and each other's feelings and how to manage them. Investigating SPACE has been hugely popular amongst the children. Experiences and provocations have included the Space Station dramatic play area, music, dance, books and creative art.

The children are becoming increasingly independent with their self help skills including toileting, looking after their belongings and managing lunch boxes. The children are responding well during routine times, including packing up, coming to the mat and participating during group times.

Highlights of the term.....

- Welcome to Country and Smoking Ceremony
- Our Fathers/VIP Days at Kinder
- The Great Book Swap
- Cooking experiences including, making fresh juice cookies and muffins

Next term we look forward to

- a community walk and,
- a concert to celebrate a wonderful year!





# Four-Year Old Program



## Red Kangaroos

This term we have continued to embrace being out in all weather, enjoying the feeling of wind, rain and even hail on our skin. The weather has led to lots of Wonderings... where does hail come from, what is snow, how can we see what weather is coming, what makes a rainbow, what makes puddles and how can we change and create waterways...

We began the Term with a visit from the SES which built more interest in Community helpers, bringing about lots of role play and interest in Firefighters, Police and Medical Workers. WE have been to the fire station, which was an exciting opportunity to see inside and up close how these heroes work!

Our walk to Sorrento Park was a further opportunity to engage the children's interest in their world - they made nature treasure hunt boxes and searched the park for some of the items. On our way back we were treated to ice cream from Mubble, thanks to Walter's Mum and Dad!

The children enjoyed a Winter Wonderland role play space and a hospital - they sought out technology in the form of laptops, headphones, and phones and carried them through to café spaces and shops, currently running a flower shop and café. We have built on this interest in technology with microscopes, and iPads cameras to enlarge items. Our tinker table gives them the opportunity to investigate and pull apart an old computer and to manipulate nuts bolts and screws.

In Science Week we investigated glass, after learning about how it's made, the children wondered, how do you make paper? This has led to a project to make our own recycled paper. With child directed and designed 'ninja courses' ' being popular we Next term we look forward to a visit from the Police, a walk up to school and lots more messy muddy fun outside!



**Nicki Caddy**

Director &  
Teacher 4yo Red  
Kangaroos

We are  
learning  
to/focus  
area:  
connections  
to our  
community  
and 'how  
things work'





# Four-Year Old Program



## Blue Wombats

This term we have been focusing on community connections to support the children to foster a sense of belonging to their local community. We started the term with a visit from the SES and the children enjoyed learning about the SES equipment, vehicle and participating in hands-on activities such as role play and sand bagging. We also visited the local fire station where the children got to learn about fire equipment. Next week we have some senior citizens coming to visit to show us their knitting skills and early next term we have a police officer coming to kinder for a visit.

Our home corner became a busy beauty salon/dress-up play area where the children engaged in imaginative and role play. We also created a space station for the children where the children became astronauts and aliens.

In conjunction with the Resilience Project each week we have been exploring a different emotion from The Colour Monster book. The children have been identifying, talking about examples and role-playing different emotions. Each week the children have been drawing a different colour monster emotion to create their own Colour Monster book that they can take home.

This term we celebrated:

- The Great Book Swap
- Welcome to Country B.B.Q.
- Bloke's breakfast at Point Nepean

Term 4 focus

- Transitioning to school
- Spring



**Suzie Carnie**  
Teacher 4yo Blue Wombats

We are learning to/focus area: connections to our community and exploring our emotions.



# Four-Year Old Program



## Green Possums

This term it has been all about building a sense of belonging to place and community. Making strong social connections with our local community is boosting our green possum groups confidence, acceptance, gratitude, and safety awareness. Our biggest highlights have been a visit from the SES and Paramedics, a community walk to Scicluna's Food Merchants and Smashing Bean cafe for a chino, pet care and safety from a vet, and an excursion to the fire station.

Our dramatic play area has been inspired by our community ventures which has seen the group act out many different roles and responsibilities within our community and has brought excitement to 'when I grow up I want to be...' It has been an opportunity to learn where to go when you need help, the skills you need to develop in these roles, and overall showing kindness and gratitude to everyone no matter what their role is in our community.

It all started with a stick found at bush kinder that looked like what could have been a T-REX rib cage. From there, our dinosaur inquiry began and took us on an incredible learning journey. Volcanos, fossil digs, egg hatching, herbivores vs carnivores, how big was a dinosaur and more.

Our love for outdoor learning at bush and beach kinder has continued as we explore different areas of the National Park. "I wonder...?" Continues to encourage our group to dive deeper into their knowledge and understanding of the land on which we play and learn.

The Resilience Project has supported the group to develop their emotional literacy, to label their emotions and identify mood changer activities. The group have loved incorporating dancing and silly drawings to change their moods.



**Stephanie Davey**  
Teacher, 4yo Green  
Possums & RAP  
Coordinator

**We are learning to/focus area:** opening our hearts to different ways of being, becoming and belonging in our community.



# Reconciliation Action Plan (RAP)

## Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Perspectives



**Stephanie Davey**  
Teacher, 4yo Green  
Possums and RAP  
Coordinator



Womin Djeka families,

Our Welcome to Country to reveal our new Preschool logo was a beautiful experience for our educators, families and children to come together as a community.

This land has a story that goes back hundreds of thousands of years....

Jaeden Williams, a proud Yalukit Willam man of the Boonwurrung, shared his passion for teaching connection to Country through sharing Boonwurrung history, language and culture with us. Through a Welcome to Country, smoking ceremony, acknowledgement, interactive storytelling, and language, the history and culture of our nation's first people was brought to life.

Bubups (children) participated in a smoking ceremony, one of the oldest traditions in the world to cleanse your spirit, and leave all your negative things behind. The bubups caught the smoke, put it to their Durrung (heart), put it to their Marram (body), closed their Meereengs (eyes), and from the bottom of their Durrung made a wish.

Have you spotted our Reconciliation Action Notice Board in the foyer?

Here you can follow us on our Reconciliation journey and you will find all kinds of information. Such as what Bunurong season we are in, upcoming significant dates and events, our vision and goals, an influential person of the month, children's books and the Koori Mail.

Follow our Reconciliation Action Play journey at:

<https://www.narragunnawali.org.au/raps/33278/sorrento-preschool>





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# Fundraising year to date total \$6,044.36

## Committee Comments

We are so grateful for the continued support from families. These funds contribute to updating resources and supplies across the kinder groups, help with our kinder animal friends, helped to update our website and have our Welcome to Country celebration. Importantly, fundraising also helps contribute to professional development opportunities for our wonderful staff. This year staff have completed further professional development in music programs, key sign and floor books (child-led planning).

Thanks again and keep an eye out on Storypark for upcoming events!



Caring for our friends



Imaginative Play!



Music & Dance

## Kinder Teaching Staff 2022

Parents are encouraged to chat to Teaching staff at the end of Kinder sessions or make contact via email [sorrentokin@kindergarten.vic.gov.au](mailto:sorrentokin@kindergarten.vic.gov.au) or via (03) 5984 1048. We welcome your feedback and contributions to our Kinder.

Director & Teacher 4yo/3yo Red Kangaroos	Nicki Caddy
Teacher 3yo Yellow Koalas, Orange Emus & Purple Platypuses	Kate Gaul
Teacher 4yo Blue Wombats	Suzie Carnie
Teacher 4yo Green Possums & Reconciliation Action Plan [RAP] Coordinator	Stephanie Davey



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## Kinder Committee 2022

### Kinder President Comments

Further to Nicki's comments, the Committee are so grateful for the generous contributions from families through fundraising, donations and volunteering their skills and time, to help look after the kinder. We are so lucky to have such wonderful support and we have achieved so much already this year.

As we approach the end of the year, we begin to look to the year ahead, and families who may be interested in joining the Parent-run Kinder Committee next year are welcome to contact the current Committee for any information. Being on the committee is a fabulous opportunity to contribute to, and improve the kindergarten for our children and the wonderful staff. Meetings are held monthly and 'volunteer hours' vary based on the time of year, availability and the skills and expertise of the committee member.

The Annual General Meeting (AGM) will be held at a local venue (TBC) on Wednesday 23 November where the new committee will be decided.

Happy holidays! Nikki Johnson :)

President	Nikki Johnson
Vice President	Assunta Galbraith
Secretary	Ebonie Schwarze
Treasurer / Grants	Emma Burton-Royce
Fundraising	Sophia Wickenden
Purchasing	Tess McMahon
Enrolment	Elice McPhie
Maintenance	Stuart McPhie
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## Useful Parent Resources

Victorian Early Years Learning Framework [EYLF]

<https://www.education.vic.gov.au/Documents/childhood/providers/edcare/veyldframework.pdf>

Raising Children Network 'Preschool: How it works'

<https://raisingchildren.net.au/preschoolers/play-learning/preschool/preschool-how-it-works>

Raising Children Network 'Reading and storytelling with babies and children'

<https://raisingchildren.net.au/babies/play-learning/literacy-reading-stories/reading-storytelling>

Victorian Government Play based learning

<https://www.vic.gov.au/play-based-learning-preschoolers>

Mornington Shire - Kindergarten Information

<https://www.mornpen.vic.gov.au/Community-Services/Children-Family/Kindergarten>

The Resilience Project

[theresilienceproject.com.au/early-years/](https://theresilienceproject.com.au/early-years/)