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STAVERTON KINDERGARTEN NEWSLETTER SK news

TERM FOUR NOVEMBER 2020

keeping you up-to-date with everything kindy!



Its Beginning to look alot like Christmas!

The Staverton Christmas party brought families together for our final event of the of year. Children enjoyed showbags on arrival, pizza, zooper doopers and the main event – a visit from Santa Claus !

DJ Bex provided a Christmas themed sound track to the evening’s festivities and it was wonderful to see little people celebrating the year with their friends and enjoying the kindy facilities after dark.

It was a chance to say a big thank you to our outgoing president Jean Ling and her committee and also to thank the wonderful Staverton teachers for the amazing job they have done during the most challenging of years.

the excitement of the festive season to come.



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Ray White Graceville and Sherwood
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 Woolworths Sherwood
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 Pizza Capers



Save the Date End of Year Celebration

Kabarla and Gungun
Tuesday 8th December, 9:45am

Gwala and Walan
Friday 11th December, 9:45am

Two guests per kindy child. Performances and celebration will be in playground outside your child's classroom.



Nominated Supervisor Report

We started this term hitting the ground running with the whole kindy heading off to the Trevena Glen Farm. It was a huge hit with many children still talking about the bus ride and animals that we saw. Thank you to all the helpers on the day that helped make it happen. Thank you for reviewing and reflecting on the philosophy it helps us ensure that it is a clear picture of what we are about.

Reconciliation

Earlier in the term we resubmitted our Reconciliation Action Plan setting some new goals and this has been approved and published by Reconciliation Australia for another year. Well done to all for their contributions and everyone for working towards a reconciled Australia.

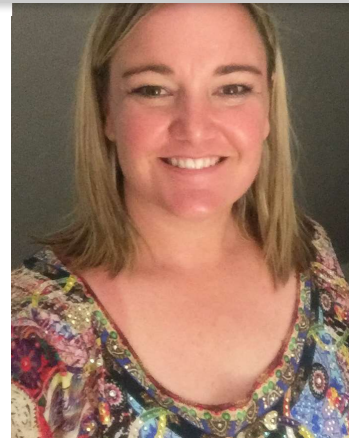
The introduction of After Kindy Hours Care enabled us to have more amazing educators

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use it told us that it made community kindy an option which is wonderful! A huge thank you to Gen and Karen for helping to make the program a great success.

Family Time

The VIP morning was enjoyed by all and the children were very excited to share their outdoor space with a special guest. It was lovely to get together with all families at the Christmas Party. Though we missed having the children being able to dance it was great to get together and DJ Bex kept us all entertained. A huge thanks to the fundraising team, executives and Nicole our WHS officer for putting in so much work to enable the event to go ahead.



QIP Achievements

Some of our Quality Improvement Plan achievements this year have included:

- Maintaining a sense of belonging and community during the CoVid pandemic, at home learning etc
- Installation of the water tank
- Mud pit cover

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decreasing the amount of environmentally toxic consumables we buy and use.

- Incorporating more modern theorists into our documentation
- RAP discussions and reflections
- Waste Smart Kindy application (we are still waiting to hear back about this)
- Whole Kindy Excursion

Celebrations

All classes are now busy preparing for our last day celebration. It will be another opportunity for us to get together with our classes to celebrate the year and for the children to perform.

Transition statements provide a snapshot of each child's knowledge, skills and dispositions for learning across the five learning and development areas in the [QKLG](#). First copies of the Transition statements will be emailed out to families this week. Please have a look and let your teacher know if you have any queries. We need you to sign the second consent form to enable us to send them on to the children's schools.



**THANK YOU
AND CONGRATULATIONS!**

Thank you to the 31 families that replied to our family survey your responses will help us with our goals going forward. It was wonderful to read that everyone would recommend that they would recommend Staverton for kindergarten and the teaching team is a huge part of that. We have always relied heavily on word of mouth for our waitlist so we thank you for continuing to keep the word out.

A huge thank you and congratulations must go to all the kindy children who have adapted to the changes that have been put upon them throughout the year. They have adjusted so well to the changes we had to make and they have continued to have a year filled with social interactions, independent skill building, fine and gross motor development and built a strong self identity.

I would like to thank all of the families who have embraced 2020 for all that it has been and continued to help in anyway that they can through maintenance jobs or working bees or contributing to program in anyway that they can. The contribution was immeasurable in the smooth running of the Kindergarten, highlighting the fact that we are a true community Kindergarten.

On behalf of the staff, we would like to also acknowledge the dedication the 2020 committee have given to our Kindergarten. It has not been an easy year with many events being cancelled but the committee have kept their enthusiasm high and tried where they could to make the most of the year for everyone that is here.

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decisions and be available around the clock throughout the year. I am truly grateful for all the support you gave me and the team.

The teaching team have collectively clocked over 150 hours of professional development this year to ensure that they have been able to provide the best possible education to the children. I can not think of a better group of people to have been in a pandemic with as they stepped up and learnt many new skills to ensure that we could remain connected with you all even during lockdown.

Thank you Margi, Kristy, Judy, Ang, Mina, Lee-Anne, Kristy, Jill, Phoebe, Gen, Karen and Donna for your continued support, loyalty and commitment throughout 2020. I am so lucky to work alongside such an amazing group of individuals, and am looking forward to a fantastic 2021!

Staffing arrangements for 2021

Kabarla – Kate Beutel and Angela Strickland

Gungun – Margarita Chercoles and Mina Kevat

Walan – Kristy Coombs and Lee-Anne Harvey

Gwala – Judy Ford and Mina Kevat

AKHC Coordinator - Genevieve Border

AKHC Assistant Educator - Karen Coomber

Admin assistant – Donna Williams

Cleaners – Cleantastic Cleaning

2020 has been a year unlike any I have experienced in my nearly 20 years of teaching. Covid has brought with it many challenges but I am extremely proud of the staff, committee, parents and most of all the children for their willingness to adapt and make the most of the year. May you all enjoy the remaining weeks of kindy and have a happy and joyful festive season. We have loved having you all as part of the Staverton Family.

Kind Regards,

Kate Beutel *Nominated Supervisor/Teacher*

Christmas Appeal

At the end of each year we encourage families to support our local Sherwood Neighbourhood Centre with their emergency relief program where they provide non perishable food to struggling local families as Christmas time. Donations can be added to their box at Coles Corinda or to the centre itself. Thank you for teaching your children the gift of giving this festive season.

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We are seeking your feedback

Quality Area 5 “focuses on relationships with children being responsive, respectful and promoting children’s sense of security and belonging. Relationships of this kind free children to explore the environment and engage in play and learning”. (NQF)

Some of the areas the staff have identified as areas for improvement include:

- greeting children in their native language
- more informative discussions with families about inclusion, it’s benefits for all children and how we strive to be inclusive at Staverton.

Do you have any ideas about how we, as Educators can develop and maintain positive relationships with the children? How does your child feel about Kindy, their teachers and environment?

A message from the President

We say it every year...can you believe it’s November already? If the Christmas installation at the shopping centres had not signalled it, surely the fantastic Christmas Party that was held right here at Staverton last Friday, gave a clue – the end of our kindy year is nearly upon us.

How good was that party?!? Thank you to the fabulous fundraising team for pulling off the ‘party of the year’ on Friday 13th of November. These ladies really went all out. When rained threatened earlier in the day, my phone started dinging and before we knew it, Plan

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and the night turned out to be magical and momentous – the smiles on the children’s faces said it all. We have never had such huge attendance at an on-site kindy function before. The fact that so many families wanted to be there to be a part of the end of year celebration speaks volumes for the sense of achievement we all have in just making it to the end of 2020. What a year it has been!



Preparing for Prep!

This term, there is excitement and anticipation in the air at kindy. Many of our kindy friends are preparing to move to school in 2021 and doing all the things that go along with that – getting uniforms, attending orientation, and selecting school supplies. They can share all this excitement with their peers at kindy and our teachers are helping to incorporate preparing for this big transition into the daily program through role play and rehearsal. It is a very exciting time. Couple this with warm weather which means lots of water play and the hint of Christmas in the air and you have a recipe for a very fun term at Staverton indeed.

Gratitude

I have had a couple of opportunities in the last week or so to express my gratitude towards our staff, the executive committee, general committee and entire kindy community but I would like to reiterate my thanks to each of you here - for being such a wonderful team of people to work with and being so committed to your roles in a year when nothing was easy. Like many who have volunteered as president before me, I didn't have any role-specific experience in early childhood education or business prior to starting back in January. Eleven months in and I can say that I have learned so much. I know I have said it many times before, Staverton Kindergarten is a very special place, and I am so honoured to have had the opportunity to be the kindergarten president in 2020. Our families' direct connection to the kindy finishes this year as our youngest daughter heads to prep however the years we have spent here, the friends we've made, the relationships we've developed with our girls' teachers and educators will last a lifetime. My greatest wish is that each and every family at Staverton experiences the same sense of connection and community that we have felt.

Wishing you all resilience and resolve for the final few kindy weeks as well as happiness and joy for the upcoming festive season.

Jean Ling, President

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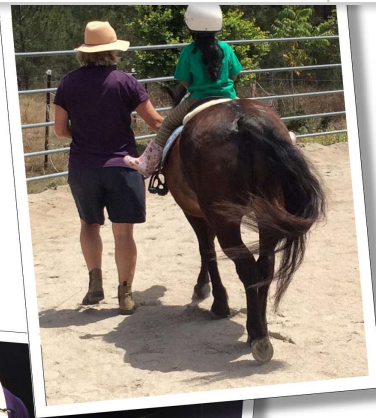
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Trevena Glen Farm Excursion

All classes went on an exciting excursion to Trevena Glen Farm last term. This was our first time visiting the farm in over a decade and the children not only loved the opportunity to travel on a bus but to get up close and personal with some farm animals. Family volunteers met us out at the farm to spend the day with us.

Getting ready for Prep

All children have different interests, needs and motivations and each child's transition from kindy to Prep will be unique. You can help your child to feel more comfortable about starting school by engaging in everyday activities.

You can help your child prepare for their first year of school by:

- Build your child's confidence
- strengthening their independence
- talking to your child about how to ask for help and model what to say.
- Daily routines, can help children understand what they need to do, when to do it each day and why it's important.

For further reading and help in your child's readiness for Prep go to:

<https://www.qld.gov.au/education/earlychildhood/prep/preparing>

Or a great idea is to have a countdown to the big day. Print this out below and help your child follow the instructions each day.

1 month 'Til my FIRST DAY!

<p>30 SLEEPS... Read your favourite book with an adult at home.</p> 	<p>29 SLEEPS... Draw a colourful picture.</p> 	<p>28 SLEEPS... Wear your school hat when you play outside.</p> 	<p>27 SLEEPS... Practise introducing yourself to a new friend. Say "Hi, my name is..." to a toy!</p> 	<p>26 SLEEPS... Look outside to check the weather. What should you wear today to be comfortable?</p> 
<p>25 SLEEPS... Write your name in lots of different colours.</p> 	<p>24 SLEEPS... Find 2 red things in your home.</p> 	<p>23 SLEEPS... Where do you live? Practise saying your address.</p> 	<p>22 SLEEPS... Try opening your lunch box and food wrappers by yourself.</p> 	<p>21 SLEEPS... Play a game of "Simon Says" with your family.</p> 
<p>20 SLEEPS... Practise zipping and unzipping your school backpack. It's trickier when your lunchbox is inside!</p> 	<p>19 SLEEPS... Go to the local park and play on the equipment.</p> 	<p>18 SLEEPS... Eat your morning tea and lunch out of your lunch box.</p> 	<p>17 SLEEPS... Practise saying 'Good Morning' to teachers and new friends by greeting your toys at home.</p> 	<p>16 SLEEPS... Read a book. Talk about your favourite part of the story with someone at home.</p> 
<p>15 SLEEPS... Start wearing your new school shoes a little bit each day.</p> 	<p>14 SLEEPS... Find your name on all of your new school clothes.</p> 	<p>13 SLEEPS... Read a book with an adult at home before bed.</p> 	<p>12 SLEEPS... Draw 3 circles and colour them green.</p> 	<p>11 SLEEPS... Practise putting your lunchbox into your school bag and zipp it up.</p> 
<p>10 SLEEPS... Try putting your school shoes and socks on by yourself!</p> 	<p>9 SLEEPS... Do you have a friend starting school? Is their uniform the same as yours?</p> 	<p>8 SLEEPS... Draw 2 squares and colour them blue.</p> 	<p>7 SLEEPS... Practise putting your school uniform on by yourself. Look outside at the weather. Would you need your jumper today?</p>	<p>6 SLEEPS... Practise telling a story to a family member.</p> 
<p>5 SLEEPS... Check that your water bottle has your name on it.</p> 	<p>4 SLEEPS... Enjoy a picnic and practise using your lunchbox!</p> 	<p>3 SLEEPS... Can you say your phone number?</p> 	<p>2 SLEEPS... Make sure your name is on all of your school items.</p> 	<p>1 SLEEP... Get an early night.. School starts tomorrow!</p> 



I hope that Term 4 is treating you well. I understand how busy this term is for us in the education profession.

We commenced our Chatting Children Playgroup visits last Friday morning. We were delighted to welcome groups of 2021 Preppies and parents to our school.

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the children in your Kindy programs. The children that we have met at Brookfield have been magnificent! You are supporting confident, independent and eager little learners.



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Please find below our Facebook link to our virtual school tour. If you are able to include this in communications with your parents that would be most appreciated.

<https://youtu.be/xp0MPmKDgLY>

If anyone would like a visit from me to support Prep transitions, please make contact. I am happy to visit even if there is no children specifically moving to big-school with us.

Warm regards, **Leah Cathcart**

<https://brookfieldss.eq.edu.au/>

We asked the Staverton team what activities they like to do in the holidays. What's your family favourite thing to do?



Going the beach, swimming, walking, reading

JUDY



Playing board games like Uno, Guess Who, Snap. Quality family time.

KATE



Camping and going to the beach

MARGI



Going to Cairns to see my daughter

MINA

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Beach and the movies

JILL



THE BEACH

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Reading, going to the beach, Christmas baking, catching up with family and friends

KRISTY



Going to the beach and reading

LEE-ANNE



Beach and catching up with family and friends

DONNA



Going to the beach

KAREN



Rock climbing

GEN





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Thank you very much!



Thank you EB Solutions and Tyley family for connecting our water tank.



Mr Scarecrow is loving the garden area now!

Ready for school chart

If you struggle to get your children ready in the morning, or are looking for help to get your Preppie to school on time and ready, a visual chart can often help children to be organised and ready.

This chart is great and easy to follow and can be downloaded below. Laminate it so its wipeable and place it somewhere handy for everyone to see!

<http://www.mrsorganised.com.au/wp-content/uploads/2015/03/Are-You-Ready-for-School-Blue.pdf>



Don't Forget!!!

If you have any books you'd like to share or donate after a pre Christmas clean out! Head to our with the Staverton Community library outside the main entrance.

There's always plenty of books for you to choose from for both kids and adults!



your child

Your time is the greatest gift of all

Tell them stories, children love to hear about family, maybe when you were a child or even a fictional story

Let children choose their own clothes, if they want to dress like Batman, so be it

Hug them at least 4 times a day. This not only makes them feel loved, it actually releases serotonin, the "happy" chemical

Each full moon go for a walk under the stars and discuss the 'big picture'

Avoid conflict by using the correct language, convey your instructions in full "Don't swing on your chair, if you do you may fall and break your arm"

Let them help with the household chores, modify if necessary eg. a smaller clothes line they can reach

Start a collection like shells or rocks

Don't carry their schoolbag, it's theirs, if it's too heavy suggest that they need to solve that problem

Tell them you love them and tell them again

Point to different countries on a globe or atlas, discuss them and their cultures. If you see or hear a country mentioned on the news etc, you can point it out and start a conversation

Tell your child that you love them, often, and that you are proud of who they are

Nurture

Share your



Here's a fun Christmas countdown, that doesn't involve lollies!! Print this out for your little ones, and have fun completing Santa's beard!



Santa Christmas Countdown

*"Santa's beard is very bare,
On his chin there is no hair.
So each day, add a puff of white,
When it's full he will come that night!"*

<https://playandgo.com.au/countdown-to-christmas-santa-beard/>



Thank you Staverton families for your help and support in this crazy year!
From all the staff here at Staverton, we wish you and your family "a very happy Christmas and a safe new year!"



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