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# STAVERTON KINDERGARTEN NEWSLETTER

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keeping you up-to-date with everything kindy!

We acknowledge the Traditional Owners - the Jagera people and recognise their continuing connection to land, waters and culture. We pay our respects to their Elders past, present and emerging.

## Welcome to Term 3, 2022!

This year is flying by and we are well into the swing of Term 3. So far, our little ones have celebrated National Tree Day and NAIDOC Week, explored bubble art, planted and cared for vegetables, fruit and flowers, and more. With regular visits from Wildlings Forest School, our kids are enjoying reading books about nature, creating nature craft, learning how to saw safely, and more. And there are excursions, Book Week and Pyjama Day to still to come.

There will be fun for parents and carers this term too! The Staverton Gala on 10 September is themed Havana Nights and will be fun for all. Get your babysitters booked and we look forward to seeing you there



## Staverton Family Updates

You'll now find Miss Jen in Gungun on Wednesdays for the remainder of the year as Miss Caroline has requested that day off to help her complete her studies.

We have had several staff away due to illness and thank all the staff for filling in where possible.

Judy will be on leave from Wednesday, 31 August for the remainder of the term and Kate will look after Gwala until the end of Term 3.



Welcome to Term 3! I would like to start by thanking the Fundraising Team for the fantastic movie night they organised towards the end of the last term. It was a wonderful night enjoyed by many and we managed to raise \$1034.30 for the kindergarten. Thank you to all who attended and supported the event!

We have our largest fundraising event of the year to look forward to in September, the Gala! I encourage you all to come along as it's always a fantastic night. We have great prizes and auction items on offer and it's a wonderful opportunity to engage with other parents and carers, and of course, our teaching staff who will be there to also enjoy the night together.

Our exciting new playground is on track to begin installation in September. The committee and I are currently working on completing the risk assessment and will shortly be providing some information to families detailing exactly how the construction process will be undertaken and managed.

The executive team and I have been working hard to understand how the new funding arrangement for sessional kindergartens that was announced last term will impact Staverton next year. I want to thank our Treasurer Johan and the admin team for working through the financial modelling and budgeting required, in consultation with Lady Gowrie, to ensure that the kindy remains in a good financial position next year. The good news for families is that kindy will be cheaper next year, thanks to a government initiative aiming to increase the uptake of 4-year-old kindy enrolments across the state. We are awaiting the release of the kindy calculator by the government which will allow families to understand exactly how much cheaper it will be for them and are expecting this release date sometime in late August-September.

In other news, I'm thrilled to announce that we've been successful in obtaining some more sponsorship for the kindy. I'd like to acknowledge and thank Cameron Crouch and his team at Ray White Sherwood/Graceville for coming on as our major sponsor. We are so grateful for their contribution to the kindy and look forward to working together throughout the year. You may see them assisting with some of our events in the future, which will be wonderful and much appreciated.

I hope you and your child are all enjoying the term so far and are looking forward to all the exciting incursions and excursions planned. I look forward to seeing you all around the kindy and please reach out if you have any questions/concerns throughout the term.



## Nominated Supervisor Report

by Carrie Grassick

We have had a much nicer start to this term, and I certainly hope this continues. Term 3 is packed with fun things and should be a great one! I hope your children love coming to kindy and enjoy all the amazing activities on offer. We always love to receive your feedback, so please reach out to me or your class teacher if there is any way we can assist you.

### Illness

COVID of course continues to be a problem for our community, and we do have several family members impacted by this virus currently. I will continue to inform the families when a positive COVID case has attended kindy during their infectious period.

I wish to thank all of you for informing me promptly of any symptoms and for keeping your children home - I know it isn't easy. Staff continue to work with children each day on hygiene and how to reduce the spread of germs. The vaccination and mask mandate has been lifted.

### Program

- This term we have the Wildlings Forest School attending for an incursion every Wednesday. This excellent program will help foster our love of nature play.
- Uncle Robert has visited us again and taught the children a traditional Torres Strait Islander song.
- We are going on an excursion to the Corinda Library, taking the train, to enhance our love of books during book week.
- Each class will have a PJ day during book week (what a great start to the morning!) to enjoy that snuggly feeling of curling up with a book.
- Staverton will have a stall at the Graceville State School fete aka Spring Fair on Saturday, August 27. We will have activities available including nature crafts and flower crowns and we would love some volunteers to help us run this please from 10am - 4pm.
- Children continue to be interested in nature play, bush medicine, Aboriginal culture, building cubbies and forts, cooking, woodwork, gardening, and tools.
- The staff have started considering transition statements and will commence preparing these soon.
- We are also working with the executive committee and Lady Gowrie with regards to the new kindergarten funding for 2023 and what this means for Staverton.
- Brooke, our Lady Gowrie consultant, will be visiting on Tuesday, 2 August and Thursday, 8 September.

### Working groups



- The RAP working group helped prepare how Staverton would recognise Sorry Day and how we would celebrate NAIDOC week. I think the children have many opportunities to learn about and celebrate Indigenous cultures.
- The SMP working group has created a lovely community garden for the children to look after and the families to take little bits from - we hope you enjoy this. Staverton has been nominated for a Waste Smart Brisbane Award. The children love eco-warriors and attending to the compost, turning the lights on and off, learning about power, natural resources, and sustainability.
- AEDC data group is excited as this data has just been released (it's only released every three years). This gives a great breakdown of the general strengths and weaknesses of children in our area and allows kindergartens and schools to tailor their programs to help our children in the appropriate ways. The local schools and kindies have established "The Oxley Rd Early Years Network" and they aim to meet once per term to discuss this data and also topical issues for our area.

### AKHC and Vacation Care

We love that After Kindy Hours Care has been such a great addition to our kindy and thank you so much for supporting us! Our fabulous staff Jen and Sophia do a fantastic job of creating amazing activities for the children and taking their lead on how the afternoon should play out. AKHC closes at 5:30pm and late fees will be charged for any time children are on site after this time.

Vacation Care was run during the second week of the July holidays, and it was not only a really fun week, but the children really enjoyed the extra time at kindy to play and learn. Vacation Care will not run during the September holidays due to the playground refurbishment.



## Educational Sharings

by Kristy Coombs, Educational Leader/Teacher

Engaging with music can look different for everyone, but we all love it! Singing, dancing, listening, playing instruments, tapping your foot are all great ways to enjoy favourite tunes. Music is very important for young children but you don't need to go to music classes or formal lessons.



Singing with your child, dancing, action songs, making musical instruments are all lots of fun. Here are some songs your child sings at kindy. They like to teach you the actions.

### **Taba naba (YouTube video)**

Taba naba naba norem  
 Tuki penai siri mi  
 Dinghy e nabare  
 Miko keimi  
 Serere nabare  
 Taba naba norem  
 Style

### **Head, shoulders, knees and toes (YouTube video)**

Head, shoulders, knees and toes. Knees and toes.  
 Head, shoulders, knees and toes. Knees and toes.  
 And eyes, and ears, and mouth, and nose.  
 Head, shoulders, knees and toes. Knees and toes.

### **Where is Thumbkin? (YouTube video)**

Where is Thumbkin, where is Thumbkin?  
 Here I am, here I am, how are you today sir?  
 Very well I thank you  
 Run away, run away  
 (Repeat with pointer)

### **Inanay (Yorta Yorta language)**

Inanay gupu wana  
 Inanay gupu wana  
 Ay ay ay oola  
 Oola oola oola ay  
 Yippee yay yippee yay



**Wednesday 10 August** Ekka public holiday (Brisbane)

**Monday 22 August** Book Week starts

**Monday 22 August** Corinda Library excursion (Gungun and Kabarla)

**Tuesday 23 August** PJ Day (Gungun and Kabarla)

**Thursday 25 August** Corinda Library excursion (Walan and Gwala)

**Friday 26 August** PJ Day (Walan and Gwala)

**Friday 2 September** Pupil Free Day

**Saturday 10 September** Staverton Gala

**Friday 16 September** Last day of term

**17 September - 2 October** School holidays

**Monday 3 October** Queen's Birthday public holiday

**Tuesday 4 October** Term 4 starts



Thank you to the Fundraising Team for organising a brilliant movie night last term. It was a fun night of pyjamas, popcorn, pizza, and Prosecco. Kids (and adults) seemed to really enjoy staying out late and watching Sing 2 with their kindy friends.

### Fundraising Team Update

The Fundraising Team is excitedly organising a Father's Day Raffle and the Staverton Gala on Saturday, 10 September this term. Watch out for more details to come soon! There will be raffles and silent auctions as part of the night's proceedings. We depend on donations from local businesses, kindy families, and friends so if you have a donation, please email [fundraising@staverton.com.au](mailto:fundraising@staverton.com.au) or speak to a member of the [Fundraising Team](#).

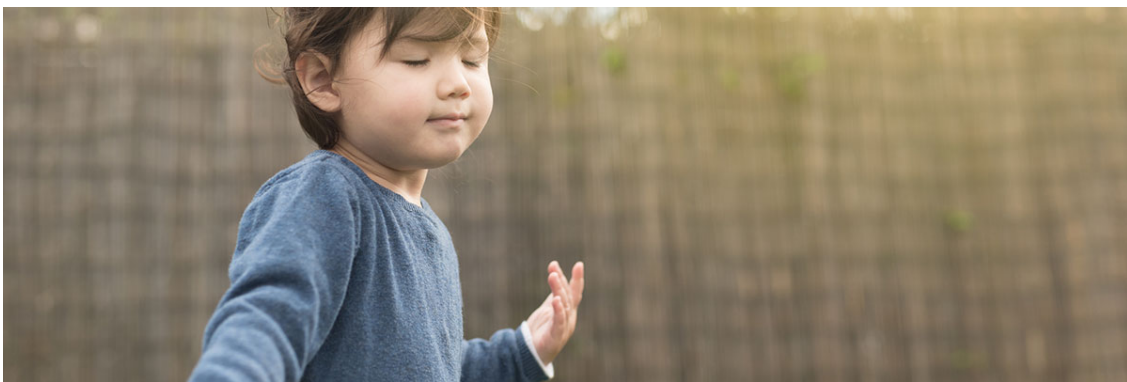






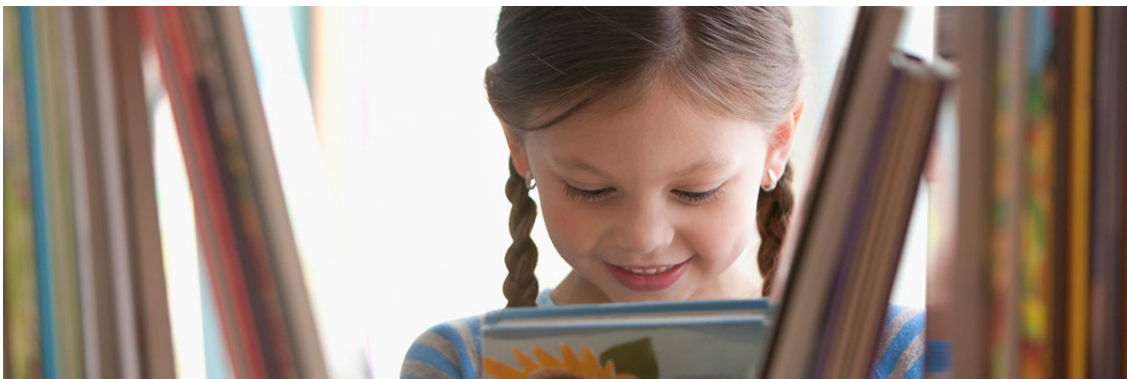
### Benefits of music

Music is one of the few activities that use both sides of the brain (logical and creative). Listening to and creating music also helps children to learn numeracy, literacy and emotional skills. [Ideas to incorporate music can be found here.](#)



### 5 finger breathing: supporting our kids to regulate

Did you know that between 3 and 5 years old, a child experiences rapid growth in areas of the brain associated with self regulation, which makes them developmentally much more prepared to learn and use self-regulation skills. [Read more.](#)



### Little Reading Clubs

The Gold Stars and Little Stars reading programs at Brisbane City Council Libraries are a fantastic way to inspire a love of books and reading. [Check out the programs here.](#)





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