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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 4, 2022!

It's hard to believe we only have four more weeks of kindy, and we're on the final stretch of the kindy journey for some (or nearing the halfway point for those returning in 2023). The end of the year is busy, but it is a great time to reflect on the progress our little ones have made through the year.

A deserved shout of thanks to all our wonderful staff, kindy committee members, and the whole kindy community for making this year as magical as it has been. Enjoy the last update for 2022, good luck to the little ones moving to prep, and see you all at the Christmas Disco for dancing, pizza, and holiday fun!



## Staverton Family Updates

After 10 years working for Staverton Kindergarten, Administration Manager **Donna Williams** is leaving Staverton. As a welcoming face to the kindergarten for families and staff alike over the last decade, Donna has helped ensure the smooth running of Staverton and managed all administrative operations efficiently and capably.

From organising enrolments to managing accounts and attendance, Donna also found time to complete most of the planning for the office refurbishment in 2021. In April 2021, Staverton was rated 'Exceeding' in all seven quality areas by the Australian Children's Education & Care Quality

Donna has been a huge asset to the Staverton team these past 10 years and has been dedicated to our kindy. She completes her work to the highest standard with efficiency and she is a fun, loving and loyal friend to us all. On behalf of all of the educators, committee members, staff and families at Staverton, we'd like to thank and congratulate Donna for all her help and hard work over the last 10 years. Donna will be greatly missed by staff and families past and present, but we wish her all the best for this next chapter.



## Message from the President

by Anastasia Kostellar

Welcome families to Term 4! I cannot believe this is the final newsletter for the year. I would like to take this opportunity to thank Bree for all her hard working in putting these newsletters together for us in 2022. She has done an amazing job and helped to give the format a fresh new look. Thank you, Bree!

I don't know if you're like me but it's really starting to hit me that my little guy will be finishing his kindy journey in a few weeks' time. It's such a big step, transitioning to a preppy and starting school life. I feel really emotional and sad, but full of gratitude and appreciation for his beautiful teachers Mrs. Margi, Mrs. Kevat, and Ms. Caroline for the amazing year he has had at Staverton and how they have helped prepare him for this very moment. I hope you and your child enjoy the last few weeks of kindy for 2022 and really take the time to soak it all in and cherish every little moment, each special painting or piece of artwork they bring home.

It was lovely to see quite a few of you at our playground opening function. It was a huge success and I'd like to again thank all involved in the planning and construction of the new playground. It has been a massive project for us and it has been so rewarding to be involved in completing the last piece of the puzzle this year. I can't wait to see you all at our Christmas Disco. It is going to be lots of fun! Please come along and celebrate what has been a very special year at Staverton.



## Nominated Supervisor Report

by Carrie Grassick

Staverton.

- In Term 1 the Fundraising Team organised a lovely Easter Breakfast for us and ran a hot cross bun drive. We enjoyed visits from Chelmer Dental, Uncle Robert, and the kindy photographer.
- In Term 2 the Fundraising Team held the design a plate fundraiser and the fun movie night. We held our open day, which despite the rain, was a great success. We created a gorgeous promotional video showcasing our beautiful kindy. Each class invited their VIP's to kindy for the morning to share all the things they love about kindy. We also welcomed visits from Uncle Robert and The Evergreen Theatre Rainforest Puppet Show, and farewelled the bubbly, energetic, enthusiastic, and encouraging Mrs. Lee-Anne Harvey after 19 years with us.
- In Term 3 we ventured to the Corinda Library which was an enriching way to celebrate book week, but for most, the training journey was the highlight. We welcomed visits from Uncle Robert and The Wildlings Forest School where children were able to be further immersed in nature play. We had a fabulous night at our annual Gala with the fun Havana Nights theme!
- In Term 4 the Fundraising Team has organised the tea towel fundraiser and are busy planning our end-of-year Christmas Disco party. We have had many visits from prep teachers and principals from local schools, an immersive and exciting African Drumming experience, the fire brigade, and the police (kids loved the sirens!). We are preparing to sing songs and Christmas Carols to the residents at Beth Eden via video link. Each class will invite VIP's to kindy for another lovely morning this term. We farewelled Donna Williams, our Admin Assistant for the past 10 years, and celebrated the grand opening of our glorious new playground.

**Keep an eye out for the minutes of our AGM on 9 November for comprehensive reports from this year.**

Many of our children are off to school in 2023 (my son included) and I know that info hits us all with a jolt of emotion - a bit of excitement, anticipation, anxiety and sadness that our babies are growing too fast! I know that our kids are given an amazing start to their formal educational journey here at Staverton and they will be well-prepared for the next big step ahead. No matter what you are doing next year, I truly wish you all the very best! I hope you have thoroughly enjoyed your time at Staverton and have created memories and friendships that last a lifetime. Thank you all for helping Staverton to remain a true community kindy - without your help and support, this wouldn't be possible.

Enjoy the last few weeks of term!



## Educational Sharings

by Kristy Coombs, Educational Leader/Teacher

### Going to big school

The start of the prep year is not only daunting for children but can also be a tricky time for families. Lunch boxes, stationery and uniform order, new bags and shoes, hats and school hair ribbons...It's natural to have fears or worries as your child heads off to school. These worries can unwittingly be transferred to your child. Try to have positive confidence about this new time. It's going to be fabulous and there are heaps of people who can support your child, answer your questions and allay your fears.

### Teachers are fabulous

Your child's prep teacher has many skills and strategies to identify and support children who require extra support at the beginning of the year. During Term 1 they work to establish respectful, secure relationships and the core values of the school as well as develop literacy and numeracy skills. Always communicate with them if you have any concerns. Email may be easier or preferred by some teachers.

### Helpful tips

- Explain to your child that just like Kindy, you will be dropping them off and coming back to get them at the same place every day. Consistency will support your child to feel safe in their new environment.
- Encourage their independence. If they put their lunch box in their bag, they know how to take it out. If they help fill their water bottle, they will be able to fill it at school. If they carry their own bag and put it away upon arrival, they will know where it is when they need to find it. More importantly, this independence boosts self-confidence and helps your little one feel like they CAN do it.
- Think about the value of after-school activities during your child's prep year, especially during the first term. Your child will be stimulated by new learning and exhausted. A calm, relaxed afternoon enables them to have some downtime and chill out with you and their family before another big school day.
- Practise wearing the uniform, taking it on and off, going to the toilet while wearing it, and opening the lunch box and all containers.
- Your child will play in the sand pit and may take their shoes and socks off. Velcro straps will make this task one your child can do independently.
- Practise using toilets with doors and locks.
- Go to the school a few times so that you and your child know where things are.
- Talk to your child, your new school, your Kindy teacher, and your friends who have children at school. They can help with any questions you may have.

Your child has learned so much at Kindy. They are confident, capable learners who have become their own little person in an unfamiliar environment without you. They have got this! They are truly amazing and will continue to wow you. They will continue to discover and learn, they will develop new skills and talents, make new friends and play lots of games.



**Monday 15 November** Gungun VIP morning

**Tuesday 16 November** Kabarla VIP morning

**Wednesday 23 November** Committee meeting

**Saturday 26 November** Staverton Christmas Disco

**Tuesday 6 December** Last day of kindy for Gungun and Kabarla

**Friday 9 December** Last day of kindy for Gwala and Walan



What a fantastic year we have had! It has been great to be able to get together, have some fun, and raise funds for our beautiful kindy.

Thank you to all those families that came and supported the annual Gala event, and those that participated in the silent auction from home. What a hoot - delicious food, great company, groovy dance moves, and some great competition during the live auction. Thanks to the generous support of kindy families, and local businesses who sponsored the event, we were able to raise over \$7,000 to go towards the kindy playground upgrade! We know this will be a great addition to the kindy that will be enjoyed by future kindy kids for many years to come!

The fun will continue this term with the Christmas Disco! The fundraising team is busily organising the event to ensure we can see the kindy year out with a bang. We cannot confirm anything yet, but in our discussions with the Head of the Elves, we believe that we may have secured a visit from the big man himself! We hope you can come along and support the kindy, and celebrate the

[Put the Christmas Disco on 26 November in your calendar and purchase your tickets online.](#)



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AND BE READY FOR A VISIT FROM SANTA!

**SATURDAY 26 NOV 4.00 - 6.30PM**

**STAVERTON KINDERGARTEN**  
43 Twickenham St  
**CHELMER**

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## Community Resources



### School holiday fun

Looking for things for the kids to do in Brisbane over the school holidays? Check out the Brisbane City Council's What's On calendar for ideas galore. Most events are free or low-cost. [Visit the Brisbane City Council website here.](#)



### Explore our National Parks

The National Parks Association for QLD has developed 'Kids in National Parks' booklets. The South East QLD guide includes details of 78 walks suitable for young children in Brisbane, Gold Coast and the Sunshine Coast. [Download the guide.](#)



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