



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 1, 2023!

Welcome everyone to 2023 and our first edition of the Staverton Newsletter. So much has happened already at the kindy and there is much more to come. Our little ones are getting settled in their routines and making friendships. Enjoy updates from our President, Nominated Supervisor and Educational Leader, and familiarise yourself with key dates and events for this term.



Message from the President

by Anastasia Kostellar

Welcome everyone to Staverton kindergarten for 2023! I hope your little ones are becoming accustomed to kindy life and have enjoyed their first few weeks at Staverton. It's so lovely to hear the kindy buzzing with activity again and see the children exploring their beautiful surroundings.

Thank you to our wonderful Gungun families for all their hard work preparing the kindy grounds for the start of term kicking off the first working bee of the year. It's always a big one with the kindy being closed over the Christmas break, but they did a magnificent job working through all the tasks and clearing a massive amount of leaf litter. Thank you also to our dedicated teaching staff who worked hard over the holidays as well to tidy and prepare the kindy for the children.

The executive committee and I are very excited to be working on a few projects for 2023. We

will be looking into creating a brief and obtaining quotes for our playground stage 2 redevelopment. This will be a major project and investment for the kindy, so we will be taking our time to explore all options, consult with staff and the children to aim to achieve the best outcome for the kindy.

Also, in order to further our commitment to reconciliation and explore our love of indigenous art, we are looking into art workshops for the children and also the possibility of commissioning an indigenous artist to create a collaborative mural in the outdoor area to further enhance our playspace. These two concepts will be our main fundraising goals for this year. Please keep an eye out on all fundraising events throughout the year to help support our beautiful kindy. We thank you so very much for your contributions to help us achieve these goals.

I look forward to seeing you all at our upcoming welcome breakfast! The fundraising team has hit the ground running and organised an amazing sounding event for all families to enjoy. Thank you to Chloe and her team for all their hard work. The kindy year really is such a special time where lifelong friendships with children and families are formed so I encourage everyone to embrace the year and get involved in all that Staverton has to offer.

I wish all our Staverton children a wonderful kindergarten year filled with many opportunities to play, discover and grow! Please feel free to contact me at any time at president@staverton.com.au if I can be of any assistance throughout the year.

Thank you and enjoy!
Anastasia Kostellar



Welcome to Staverton for 2023. The Kindy team and I are very excited about our year ahead.

This term we have Uncle Robert and Chelmer Dental visiting us. We also had class photos this week.

Karbala enjoyed looking after some stick insects for a few weeks, sparking their interest in insects. They are now exploring some rich imaginative play involving hospitals and doctors. A local Dr donated some old X-rays for the children to play with and some gorgeous homemade lab coats have been donated to the kindy.

Gungun has been enjoying messy play and nature and writing their names with gumnuts, sticks and leaves. Their creations are beautiful.

Walan is keen on gardening and would love donations of seedlings. They are trying to spruce up the grounds and the community gardens. The children have done a fantastic job so far under the excellent guidance of resident green thumb Miss Robin.

Gwala loves playing families and there is some beautiful role play happening. There is also an interest in butterflies among the Gwala group and we are seeing them in lovely art creations.

Parent teacher interviews will happen before the end of first term. These are an opportunity to talk with your class teacher about how your child is settling in and ask questions about the program and anything else you are interested in.

Thank you to the Fundraising Team for a fabulous Welcome Breakfast! A lot of work went into organising that event and it was a lovely morning. I hope you all had a nice time too!

The first presentation in our Staverton Series was held on March 1st and Dr Peta Lilley presented on supporting young people to manage anxiety and develop resilience. Peta's talks are always very interesting and well delivered and we had a great turnout. Thank you Peta for coming and to Emily for organising.

At Staverton we are committed to continuous improvement and one way we work towards this is by having four working groups made up of different staff members and interested volunteers. The working groups focus on the RAP (Reconciliation Action Plan), QIP (Quality Improvement Plan), Sustainability Management Plan, and the Australian Early Development Census data (AEDC). The groups critically reflect on our practises and set goals for the year to improve our kindy. **Please get in touch with me if you are interested in joining one of these groups.** We discuss our findings from the working groups at our staff meeting and I will convey them to you at every committee meeting.

We would LOVE for you all to jump on google and/ or Facebook and leave a review of Staverton Kindergarten please! Reviews really help new families when researching kindies. Thank you so much.

I very much look forward to working with you all over the year! Please contact me anytime with anything!



The National Quality Standards (NQS) sets a high benchmark for early years education and consists of 7 quality areas. You may see reference to this on the veranda or through communication with your teacher or the admin team. One of these areas is Quality Area 5 (Relationships with Children).

At Staverton this looks like;

- All teachers and Educators getting to know all the children in their class as well as their primary caregivers. We spend time playing with and talking to your child every day.
- Making observations and plans for your child according to their likes and dislikes, strengths and passions and areas they may need support.
- Identifying goals with each family about their child's education and development
- Highlighting the importance of inclusive education for all in our community
- Having high expectations for every child
- Promoting gender equity
- Building resilience and self regulation in your child
- Supporting your child to develop and identify with their own identity
- Advocating for the emotional wellbeing of the children, the families and the staff.



5 Relationships with children

How would you ensure that the dignity and rights of the child are maintained when:

- Changing a child's nappy while other children are using toilets in the same bathroom
- A child has had a toileting accident during a group experience
- A child with a physical disability is being excluded from a racing game by their peers

National Quality Standard **Quality Area**

relationships with children

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Positive and trusting relationships with educators help children to play, learn and develop.

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From Monday 6 March Term 1 Interviews
Tuesday 7 March Gungun and Kabarla Photos
Thursday 9 March Walan and Gwala Photos
Monday 27 March Chelmer Dental for Gungun and Kabarla
Thursday 30 March Chelmer Dental for Walan and Gwala
Friday 31 March Last Day of Term 1
Monday 3 April to Friday 14 April School Holidays

Friday 7 April to Monday 10 April Easter Weekend
Sunday 7 May Gwala working bee



Event and Fundraising Highlights

We welcomed Dr. Peta Lilley for our first Staverton Series night of the year on Wednesday 1st March at 6:30pm. Dr. Lilley is a Clinical Psychologist and the CEO and founder of Lilley Place. She gave a wonderful presentation to our parents on "Supporting young people to manage anxiety and develop resilience" Dr. Lilley was passionate about ways to promote resilience and self-esteem in our little people. One of the things I got out of it was the importance of letting our children "run their own race" to become the best versions of themselves. While they still need you in the passenger seat, it's important to start to let them take the wheel. It was such an informative presentation and I hope all the parents that attended got something useful out of it. Dr. Lilley will kindly be sharing a summary of her information which we will share around to all our families. A big thank you to Dr. Lilley for sharing her time and knowledge.

We will aim to run a Staverton Series information evening once every term. So look out for next term's Staverton Series. I'm sure it will be just as informative.

Thank you to all the parents who made it on 1st March. It was lovely to see such a great turn out to the first session.

We also had our Welcome Breakfast on 5 March, a huge success. There were many activities to be had, from a magician to a treasure hunt for the children. There were also seed packets donated from Bunnings, croissants from Miettes Bakery, coffee by Rich Pour, sprinklers, raffle prizes and free fruit for kids from Woolies. Thank you to all who could attend!





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We have two new wonderful sponsors at Staverton for 2023! City Cave Rocklea have been so generous to provide us with a number of vouchers which will be raffled at our Community Events. The first was a 1 x Single Floatation experience (valued at \$79) which was won at our Welcome Breakfast raffle on 5 March. In our Open Day in May, a 1 x Couples Flaura (45min Infrared Sauna followed by a 60min Floatation) valued at \$109 will be in the raffle. For our Gala Dinner in September, a 1 x Couples Float valued at \$94 will go to a lucky winner! City Cave Rocklea have also provided a code giving 20% off first service and \$5 off a massage and is valid only at City Cave Rocklea.

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We are also very lucky to have Flannery's on board this year. Flannery's offer monthly saver days (15% off storewide for members) the 3rd tuesday of every month, the next is 21 March. They also offer monthly vitamin and supplement sales which are 20% off all supplement range, the next is friday 31 March and saturday 1 April. Also, this months member prize is a wonderful selection of product from nutra organics products (powdered collagen, broth etc), valued at \$300. To enter the members draw spend \$25 instore this month and you will be automatically added.



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