

END OF TERM 1 NEWSLETTER



TERM 1, 2024



Term 1 has flown by and we hope everyone is feeling settled into the kinder routine. The children are doing an amazing job exploring their independence, getting to know their rooms and the yard and developing relationships with each other and staff. As always, we are here to help with any questions or concerns, so don't hesitate to get in touch.

Key Dates

28th March - Last Day of Term 1

15th April - First Day of Term 2

25th April - Public Holiday

12th May - Working Bee 9.30-11am

13th May - Committee Meeting 6pm

16th May - Open Afternoon

3rd June - Committee Meeting 6pm

10th June - Public Holiday

28th June - Last Day of Term 2

3 year old kinder

10th May - Wombat Mother's Day Afternoon Tea 1-2pm

9th May - Wallaby Mother's Day Afternoon Tea 1-2pm

4 year old kinder

7th May - Koala/Platypus Mother's Day Activities (8.45-10am)

9th May - Possum/Echidna Mother's Day Activities (8.45-10am)

Staff Profiles



Stacey

Educator - 4 year old kindergarten
Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday

I love the history of this kindergarten and value what we have to offer the children of Benalla and surroundings. We are a stand alone kinder which makes us unique and offer such a beautiful environment for learning with a highly dedicated team.

I love working in early childhood education for many reasons. Every day is different, every day I laugh and be amazed at what our children are capable of. I love their curiosity for learning and look forward to working with your child/family this year and supporting their growth and development.

Andrea

Educator - 3 year old kindergarten
Monday, Tuesday, Friday (Term 1)
Monday, Wednesday, Friday (Term 2)

I love working in early childhood education because it's such a joy to see how each child grows and develops. Also the BEST part of being an educator is when we see our kinder families in the community and the children are so proud to yell out and say hello to their teachers (we do feel like celebrities!)

The best thing about Ride Avenue is our beautiful indoor and outdoor play spaces. We have a wonderful caring team of teachers.



What's been happening in 4 year old kinder

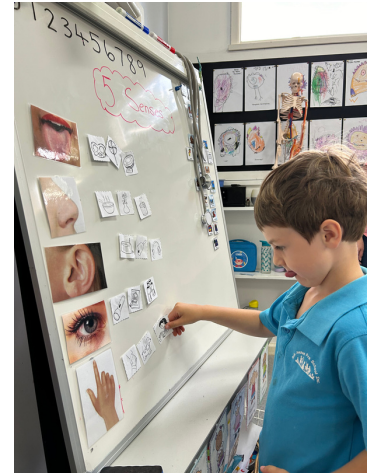


Learning the first letters of our name and practising fine motor skills with dot stickers.



Caring for our kinder environment.

Learning about our bodies - what are our 5 senses?



Creating art with loose parts and nature items



Our family books have been such a wonderful way for the children to share with everyone all about themselves and their families and are a beautiful link to home. We appreciate all the effort families have put in to making these - thank you!

Exploring letters - what sounds do they make? What begins with this letter/sound?



What's been happening in 3 year old kinder

What an amazing first term our 3YO have had! All children are settling in beautifully and adapting to the routines, transitions and expectation of the Kinder Learning Environment.



This term our focus has been getting to know each other, ensuring all children feel safe, secure and supported. Our curriculum has been focused on developing getting along skills, learning the expectations of our environment (red and green choices) and fostering a love of learning, through nurturing the development of learning dispositions.



It has been an absolutely amazing first term and we have truly enjoyed getting to know our Kinder cohort and families. Have a great Easter break and we look forward to seeing you all at the beginning of next term.

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We are a child-safe service.

Our Community

A very big thank you to all and everyone that took part in our Working Bee on Sunday. We had an incredible turn out with over 16 families volunteering to lend a hand! A lot of gardening work was done and everything is looking amazing. We are so appreciative to everyone that made it happen.

Allied Health Meet and Greet

Ovens & Murray School Readiness Team



Bernie O'Brien
Speech Pathologist



Caroline Evans
Occupational Therapist

Information will also be provided on:

- Setting up for a successful start to your child's kindergarten year.
- How you can support school readiness skill development at home.
- What is School Readiness funding and how this supports your child.
- Referral pathways.



Come and have a chat with our friendly School Readiness Team!

Bernie and Caroline will be available to answer any questions you have in relation to kindergarten and your child's development.

When:

Thursday 21st
March
&
Tuesday 16th April

Time:

1:30pm - 2:30pm

Where:

Ride Ave Preschool

We are currently reflecting on our sustainability practices. If you have a special interest in this area, we would love to hear from you.



We value your feedback

The Committee of Management would love to hear from you. If you have any feedback, concerns or suggestions, you can scan the QR code below and fill in a short online form. All entries can be kept anonymous.



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