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KCCC*



The KCCC Monthly

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Update from Sigi



Welcome to our first KCCC newsletter for 2016.

It is with excitement that we welcome many new families to our KCCC community in 2016. I also warmly welcome back existing families and our dedicated KCCC staff.

We are now well into 2016 and the KCCC Board of Management are planning many upcoming events, including our upcoming **Annual General Meeting** (AGM) which will be held on Thursday 12 May 2016 and our first big fundraising event for 2016, the **Bunnings BBQ** on Saturday 6 March.

This year, we are looking forward to some exciting facility and operational improvements including our kitchen upgrade, playground refurbishment and website relaunch.

We hope that through our monthly KCCC newsletters, improved website and our regular Board and parents Q&A sessions, you will stay informed and able to participate in our many community events this year. A full list of 2016 KCCC events are included in this newsletter.

Welcome back and we look forward to another fantastic year together at KCCC.

Sigi Hyett
General Manager

KCCC Mission

We are a non for profit community organisation that values and supports children and their families. We provide quality early childhood education that help children to grow, develop and learn in a safe and stimulating environment. Our natural setting is an integral part of our program and we encourage and foster sustainable practices.

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Community Chalkboard

What's on and how you can get involved

PARENT INFORMATION NIGHT

Early Years Curriculum Information Session

WEDNESDAY 2ND MARCH 6.00-
7.00PM

Come and learn more about our KCCC curriculum for 2016 and what your child will be learning about and how. Further details will be communicated shortly.



MEET & GREET WEEK

MONDAY 29th FEBRUARY –
FRIDAY 4th MARCH - 7.30am –
9.00am

Join us for breakfast and learn more about your child's room activities for 2016. Your child's educators and the KCCC management team will be available to answer any questions you may have. Each room will have a specific date... look out for yours.

KCCC Website launch

EARLY 2016

We are currently redesigning and revamping our KCCC website. Stay tuned for the big unveiling soon.

Calling graphic design/marketing professionals:

We are looking at a number of branding and communication projects in 2016. If you can help or get involved, let Sigi know -

generalmanager@kccc.org.au



Refurbishment Updates

Kitchen

- ✓We are continuing to work with the City of Melbourne on the Kitchen Refurbishment project.
- ✓Plans are well underway with the final design in place.
- ✓The expected time frame for installation is estimated to be March 2016.
- ✓We will provide you with more information closer to the date.
- ✓We are excited about our new kitchen renovations!

Playground

- ✓Thank you for all the parent contributions and input we received for the concept plan of the playground refurbishment.
- ✓The draft design plan is now out on display.
- ✓We are working with the City of Melbourne on the timelines.
- ✓Roll out of the works intended to commence in early 2016.

Community Chalkboard

What's on and how you can get involved

Join our KCCC Board and make a difference in our community.

We currently have a number of casual vacancy positions for KCCC Board members, as some members retire in 2016.

We are sad to farewell Board members **Andie Carr**, who led our FACE subcommittee, and **Sarah Coleman**, our Assistant Treasurer.

Both Andie and Sarah have contributed enormously to KCCC on the Board and through their involvement on the FACE and Finance Subcommittees - they will be sorely missed.



Interested in joining the KCCC Board?

A position on the board is open to members of the co-operative. Board vacancies can be filled on a casual basis prior to elections being held at our Annual General Meeting (AGM) in May 2016.

Being on the Board is a terrific opportunity to:

- ✓ learn new skills in governance, strategy and business operations;
- ✓ give back to your community;
- ✓ have a say in your child's education; and
- ✓ it also looks good on your resume!

Anyone interested in joining the Board can either contact Sigi directly (generalmanager@kccc.org.au) or one of our Board members on kcccboard.3031@gmail.com



We need volunteers to help with our annual KCCC Bunnings BBQ

Sunday 6th March 2016

9.00am – 5.00pm

Bunnings Maribyrnong

Crn Williamson & Rosamond Rd

We only need one hour of your time.

Bring your family and friends and help our KCCC community.

Volunteers can register at KCCC reception or email info@kccc.org.au

We need new members on our FACE and Quality Improvement sub-committees – can you help?

Through fundraising, we are able to continually improve our KCCC facilities.

Our Fundraising and Community Engagement (FACE) subcommittee support fundraising and community engagement activities at KCCC, such as our Trivia night, Bunnings BBQ, Urban Community Festival and our working bees just to name a few. We are sad to farewell Andie Carr, Morelle Bull and Cleo Westhorpe who recently retired from the subcommittee and thank them for their hard work and contribution to KCCC.

Members needed - FACE and Quality Improvement sub-committees

Being on a subcommittee is also another great way to contribute and a terrific opportunity to learn new skills. Anyone interested in joining a sub-committee can either contact Sigi directly (generalmanager@kccc.org.au) or one of our Board members on kcccboard.3031@gmail.com



Meet your KCCC

Meet our dedicated board members who lead and provide the governance for KCCC. This includes the legal responsibility (e.g. ensuring compliance of the co-op and all other legislation), strategic direction and policy development and approval.



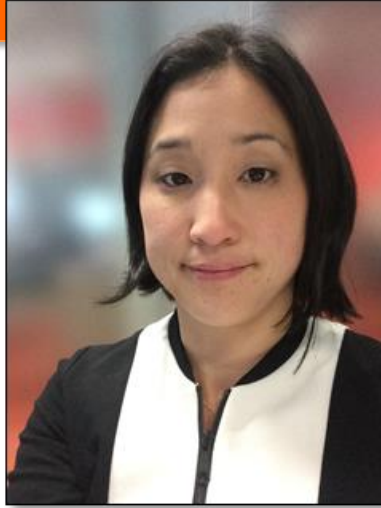
**Glen Rowlinson
(Chair)**

Daelin (Acacia)
Tieve & Seren (KCCC Alumni)

Glen has been on the KCCC Board from October 2010 to May 2012 and from July 2012 until present.

During his time on the board, Glen has undertaken strategic direction, policy and procedure reviews, been the Chairperson, and led many working groups to analyse one-off operational issues. He has read the KCCC Constitution more times than he wishes to admit.

Glen has a Bachelor of Engineering (Aerospace) and is a Research Engineer with the Defence Science and Technology Organisation.



**Momoko McCartney
(Secretary)**

Takahiro (Acacia)
Minami (KCCC Alumni)

Momoko joined the Board in July 2014.

Along with her Board responsibilities, Momoko is also currently a member of the Fundraising and Community Engagement Committee (FACE) at KCCC and helps coordinate many events and activities.

She has a Bachelor of Engineering (Computer) Hons and has worked on projects, such as IT implementation and performance improvement projects across a range of different industry sectors, including Finance, Energy, Health, Resources & Mining and Higher Education.



Felix Ohle (Treasurer)

Trixie (Wattle)

Felix joined the KCCC Board in July 2015 and is the current Treasurer.

Born in Hamburg, Germany, Felix is fluent in German, English and Spanish and enjoys being involved in his local community.

Felix studied business and commerce and works at Viva Energy Australia (formally known as Shell Australia) in logistics and supply chain.

Meet your KCCC

Board



Tamsin Ericksen

Camilla (Gumnut)

Tamsin joined the Board in 2015. She has been involved in several not-for-profit Boards and Committees of Management, holding various positions including President.

Tamsin is an accomplished HR professional with over 15 years' experience in the financial, media and professional services sectors.

Tamsin's current role within the digital media industry, is as Head of People and Culture at Private Media. This involves succession planning, talent and performance management, governance, employee relations and a focus on ensuring the company's people are aligned with the right opportunities to maximise their capabilities, potential and careers.



Rebecca Robinson

Arabella (Integrated Kinder)
Dashiell (Waratah)

Rebecca joined the Board in 2015. As a teacher, Rebecca strongly values the importance and impact of a good education from the early years into adulthood.

Rebecca has worked in education for over ten years, teaching at Balwyn High School since 2009.

Rebecca has also completed Masters of TESOL and works teaching English to young female refugees and asylum seekers.



Natalie Spark

Oliver (Waratah)

Natalie joined the board in 2015 and has lived in Kensington for 8 years.

As a Lawyer with more than 10 years' experience specialising in employment and industrial relations, Natalie brings a wealth of skills and knowledge to the board.

Natalie provides expertise in KCCC strategic direction and support in Enterprise Agreement negotiation as well as negotiating contracts in matters of corporate governance.

Outside of work and her mummy duties, Natalie enjoys pottering in the garden, reading, watching her beloved Bombers and trying to keep fit.



Got a question for the Board? You can contact anyone on the Board by emailing kcccboard.3031@gmail.com. The Board is always interested to hear the ideas and views of members on the co-operative.

Getting to know you ...

Faces in our KCCC community

In our coming newsletters, we will be profiling KCCC management, educators and volunteers in introducing the dedicated team behind KCCC. Your child may talk about their educators at home ... now you can put a 'face to a name'.



Sigi Hyett
General Manager

"I am passionate about quality early childhood education and care and children's rights. I value life long learning."

About my role ...

I joined KCCC in 2014 in the role of General Manager. I am fortunate to represent KCCC in the management of the operation and employees to deliver comprehensive quality early childhood education and care service. I share joint responsibility with the Board for creating KCCC's strategic vision.

About my background...

My qualifications include a Bachelor of Early Childhood, Diploma of Community Services and I'm completing a diploma of Business (Governance). I am a member of the Institute of Community Directors Australia.

What I'm passionate about...

I'm a passionate early childhood professional with many years' experience. I've worked in diverse settings such as businesses, schools, non for profit, local government and the community health sector. I have a background in business and finance and the early years sector. My leadership experience includes kindergarten cluster management, managing long day care, occasional care and family day care.

Some interesting facts about me...

I was born in Germany and my family moved to Australia when I was a child. I speak English and German. I have been blessed with three grandchildren, Noah, Max and Aziza. My hobbies are spending time with my family and I enjoy the beach, surfing and swimming.



Melissa Bell
Pedagogical Leader

"I have a huge passion for children's rights and advocating for children's independence and choices."

About my role...

I joined KCCC in 2014 as a Kindergarten teacher and progressed to the management team as the Pedagogical Leader in 2015. My role is to support the General Manager to lead the service Quality Improvement Plan and support the development of the curriculum to establish clear goals and expectations for teaching.

About my background...

I hold a Bachelor of Early Childhood Teaching and was trained in New Zealand, which included an intensive registration process whilst working over two years.

What I'm passionate about...

I have a huge passion for children's rights and advocating for children's independence and choices. Alongside working with families to strengthen children's learning in the early years. My other passion is cooking and exploring new foods and cultures through travel.

Some interesting facts about me...

My partner and I moved to Melbourne 5 years ago and I began working as a Kindergarten Teacher. Prior to moving to Melbourne, we were living in a small ski town called Wanaka in New Zealand. I have a huge passion for snowboarding, water sports and outdoor recreation. I also have a small handcrafted jewellery business.

2016 KCCC Calendar

February – July 2016

EVENT	DATE	TIME	CENTRE	ROOM
Board Information Session	Thursday 11 th February	7.00pm	✓	
Meet and Greet Week	Monday 29 th Feb to Friday 4 th March	7.30am - 9.00am	✓	
Early Years Curriculum Information Session	Wednesday 2 nd March	6.00pm - 7.00pm	✓	✓
Bunnings BBQ	Sunday 6 th March	9am - 5pm		
Children's Centre Photos	Tuesday 15 th March to Friday 18 th March	4 days	✓	✓
Cultural Diversity Week	Saturday 12 th March to Sunday 20 th March	All week	✓	✓
Kensington Community Festival	Sunday 20 th March	All day	Held at JJ Holland Park	
KCCC Open Day & Family Photos	Sunday 20 th March	9.00am - 4.00pm	✓	
Harmony Day	Monday 21 st March	All day	✓	✓
Easter Fun Day	Wednesday 23 rd March	All day		✓
Working Bee #1	Sunday 1 st May	9am-12pm	✓	✓
Autumn Breakfast	Monday 2 nd May to Friday 6 th May	Breakfast Kinder dinner	✓	✓
Annual General Meeting (AGM)	Thursday 12 th May	7.00pm	✓	
Working Bee #2	Sunday 12 th June	9am-12pm	✓	✓
Eid (end of Ramadan fasting)	Tuesday 5 th July	All Day	✓	✓
NAIDOC Week	Sunday 3 rd July to Sunday 10 th July	All week	✓	✓
Board Q&A Session	Thu 28 July	7.00pm	✓	

2016 KCCC Calendar

August – December 2016

EVENT	DATE	TIME	CENTRE	ROOM
Working Bee #3	Sunday 7th August	9am-12pm	✓	✓
School & Kindergarten Transition Information Session	Thursday 18th August	7.00pm-8.00pm	✓	
Spring Breakfast	Monday 29th August-Friday 2nd September	Breakfast Kinder dinner	✓	✓
Fathers' Day Cake Stall	Saturday 3rd September	9am-1pm	✓ Stall in Kensington (Bellair St)	
Trivia Night	Saturday 8th October	TBA		
Children's Week	Monday 24 th October to Friday 28 th October	All week	✓	✓
Diwali (Festival of lights)	Wednesday 26 th October	All Day	✓	✓
Board Q&A Session	Thursday 27 th October	7.00pm	✓	
Kinder information session 2017	TBA	TBA	✓	✓
Curriculum information session 2017	TBA	TBA	✓	✓
Melbourne Cup Breakfast	Thursday 3 rd November	7.30am-9.00am	✓	✓
Working Bee #4	Sunday 13 th November	9am-12pm	✓	✓
Children's Christmas and End of Year party	Sunday 4 th December	11.00am-2.00pm	✓	
Last day service for 2016	xxx	xxx		

KCCC closures dates 2016



Labour Day Public Holiday	Monday 14 TH March
Good Friday Public Holiday	Friday 25 TH March
Easter Monday Public Holiday	Monday 28th March
ANZAC Day Public Holiday	Monday 25th April
Queen's Birthday	Monday 13th June
Staff Professional Development Day	Monday 4th July
AFL Grand Final Public Holiday	Friday 30th September
Melbourne Cup Public Holiday	Tuesday 1st September
Christmas closure period	TBA

School Term Dates 2016

Kindergarten program operates during school term dates

Term 1	27 January- 4 March
Term 2	11 April to 24 June
Term 3	11 July to 16 September
Term 4	3 October to 20 December



Say cheese!

KCCC Photo Board



This month's photo board features our 2015 KCCC Christmas Party.

From the jumping castle to the animal farm ... it was lots of fun for everyone!

