



*For the latest news and information about KCCC and happenings during the month of September*

# The KCCC Monthly



## Update from Sigi



Welcome to our spring edition of our Newsletter. It's great to have been able to enjoy some lovely weather as we head into the warmer months replacing our winter hats for our summer ones.

We have had a number of incursions over the past months. There is more about these incursions and how this has enhanced your child's learning and development on page 4.

Our educators have undertaken professional development and workshops on integrated service delivery and the benefits of multi-age groupings. We are working towards multi-age groupings for KCCC. The benefits for children and the quality of education and care certainly outweigh the traditional single age groupings. Stay tuned for further information on multi-age groupings.

It is with regret we accepted Kartika's (Wattle room) resignation this month. Thank you Kartika for your contribution to KCCC over the past eight months and you will be missed.

Our hosting program is up and away. Hayley (Tea Tree room) will be travelling to Denmark on the 7 October for two months. Hayley will be spending one month in a Forest kindergarten and one month in the City kindergarten. See page 6 for more information on the Denmark project.

We are working closely with the City of Melbourne who is installing solar panels this month. This will support our sustainability practices and policy. Discussions and planning is continuing for our playground refurbishment and kitchen upgrade. Stay tuned for more updates in the upcoming newsletters.

We are excited to have secured Ipads for our centre that will enable electronic sign in and further support our sustainability practice and direction, more information on page 4.

Lastly, within the early education sector, the Victorian Government is making Victoria the Education State and are inviting you to have your say. Please see page 7 for more information on the Victorian Government's Early Childhood Consultation Paper and how to get involved.

I hope you enjoy our September 'KCCC Monthly' and we welcome any feedback and ideas for future editions.

**Sigi Hyett, General Manager**

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### Stay connected @ KCCC

**Communication with you is important.**

Over the coming months we will be focusing on our communication channels. If you have any feedback on this newsletter, this can be sent to [info@kccc.org.au](mailto:info@kccc.org.au)

**Join us on social media today!**



# Community Chalkboard

What's on and where you can get involved



## KCCC Annual Trivia Night Saturday 10 October 2015

Doors open 6.30pm for a 7.30 start  
Tickets: \$25.00 each (8 people per table),  
Flemington and Kensington Bowling Club .  
Live and silent auction to raise \$\$ for  
KCCC and much, much more!  
Purchase tickets online at  
[www.trybooking.com/155208](http://www.trybooking.com/155208)  
or contact KCCC - 9376 4565



## Slip Slop Slap - Don't forget your hat

Please remember to provide an appropriate sunhat and clothing for sun protection when attending the service. We provide sunscreen, however if you wish for your child to wear their own, please let your educator know. Further information on sunsmart can be found at  
[www.sunsmart.com.au](http://www.sunsmart.com.au)



## Thank you to all who helped out!

Thanks to all the families and staff who helped out with the working bee on Sunday 13 September. We're sure the children will enjoy the cleaned windows, outdoor environment, repaired and sanded balance beams and all round spiffed-up centre!

## Kindergarten Enrolments

The 2016 kindergarten preferences have gone out to families. Please ensure you return your preference to the office by 25 September .

Final offers with your child's groups will be provided to families by mid- October.

We will be running two sessional groups and one integrated kindergarten long day care group next year. The models have considered flexible service delivery to meet the needs of our community which incorporates 15 hours of kindergarten, quality of education and care, consistency for children and requirements for extended care.

## Important dates for your diary

### Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> October

Centre closed for Footy Day  
Public Holiday

### Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> October

Trivia Night

### Monday 26<sup>th</sup> – Friday 30<sup>th</sup> Oct

Children's Week

### Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> November

Centre closed for Cup Day  
Public Holiday

### Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> November

Melbourne Cup Breakfast  
(Oaks Day)

### Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> November

Diwali (Festival of Lights)

### Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> December

Children's Christmas Party

### Centre Christmas Closure Dates

Last day of operation for 2015 :

Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> December

The service will re-open for  
children on Monday 11<sup>th</sup>  
January 2016.

# Community Chalkboard

What's been happening across the centre and wider?

## FATHER'S DAY CAKE STALL

In the first week of Spring, more than 30 volunteer bakers across Kensington were mixing, measuring and decorating an amazing assortment of baked goods. From gingerbread and flourless orange cake, toffee and rum balls, brownies and rocky road, almond bread and chocolate chip biscuits, there was something for every Dad! With an early start to transport precious creations, 11 volunteers helped throughout the day. The combined efforts of bakers, stall helpers, administration, transport, customer support, set-up and pack-up crew resulted in a total of \$999 being raised! We will be purchasing much needed outdoor toys and equipment. The second cake stall in consecutive years, this was an exciting result. Delighted customers, including KCCC families, all contributed to a fun event that may become a welcome regular in our community calendar.

Thankyou to everyone involved and in particular to the FACE team (Sally Malone, Cleo Westhorpe, Morelle Bull, Andie Carr) and to Kylie and Matt Gill, Megan Grant, Emma Hunter, Georgina Garner, Anita Ward and Bridie Keane



## Woolworths Earn and Learn program!

Thank you to everyone who collected and contributed to this! We collected 96 books with 60 Stickers in each book. We will keep you updated on the resources we receive for this.



## New Arrivals! - Congratulations

To the Berthun family for the arrival of their baby boy, James, a brother for Charlotte (Waratah room) and the Sparks family on their arrival of their baby boy William John, a brother for Oliver (Yarragum room). We look forward to meeting James and William.

## Fathers Day Celebrations

There were a number of celebrations for fathers day across the centre. Some of the rooms encouraged the children to explore their creativity and made gifts for their dads while others held morning tea celebrations and fathers evenings with all sorts of treats and the opportunity for the children to share this space here at KCCC with their dads. These celebrations supported our community spirit at KCCC. Thank you to all the Fathers, Grandparents and other family members who took time out to get involved.





# Community Chalkboard

What's been happening across the centre and wider?

## Introducing Tablets

We have been fortunate enough to have 9 tablets donated as part of our printing upgrade. This will enable us to move to electronic sign in as from 5 October. Old paper sign in/out sheets will be a thing of the past as we move to a program that will assist us to continue our aim to become a more environmentally sustainable service. It will enable us to increase efficiency and better manage our centre as when you sign your child/ren in an out, your name and the exact times are recorded and automatically updated in our main childcare management software program providing accurate and up to date information.

The tablets will also assist educators to work towards our goal providing families with online children's portfolio's, program journals and room programs where families have opportunity to contribute to the child's learning. Thank you to Samsung for their kind contribution to our service.



## KCCC Kitchen upgrade

We are thrilled that the City of Melbourne have committed to our kitchen refurbishment and allocated funds this financial year for the much needed upgrade. We are very excited that our domestic kitchen will soon be replaced by a commercial kitchen that will support the delivery of nutritional food to the 140 children at our centre. Scoping works are currently underway and we are hoping the upgrade will be complete by the end of the year. We are very grateful to the City of Melbourne for their continued support. Stay tuned for Information on installation dates.



## Playground refurbishment

Thank you to our children, families and staff for the feedback on our playground refurbishment. We have provided all the feedback to the City of Melbourne and the playground architects. The draft design plan is nearing completion for our playground working group to provide comments and feedback.





# Room to Grow

*What's been happening in some of our rooms this month*

This month we had a number of visits from both Holy Rosary Primary and Kensington Primary. The Prep students came for a visit as part of our school transition program. They also came down during book week to read with all of the age groups across the centre.

## **What is your child learning through this?**

The children are beginning to understand the work in which they live. They are becoming active participants within their community and making connections between KCCC and the wider community ( Outcome 2: Community: VEYLDF).

The children are extending their literacy skills through being encouraged to share reading times with the older children and communication through conversations and communication with the students ( Outcome 5:Communicaiton: VEYLDF).

This month we have had a number of incursions including:

Creepy crawlies

Henny Penny Hatching

Mount Scopus Memorial Collage Science Visit

Although these incursions have been organised as part of the kindergarten program., children from across the centre have been included in the Henny Penny Hatching.

## **What is your child learning through this?**

During this program the children watch as the eggs in the incubator hatch and chicks emerge from their shells. So far there has been a lot of discussion around the life cycle of a chicken, how to best care for the baby chicks and turn taking around the incubator and pen.

The children have had the opportunity to:

- Extend their literacy skills, through being encouraged to draw parts of the life cycle alongside using books as research tools (VEYLDF, Outcome 4: Learning).
- Develop communication skills through both large and small group discussions ( VEYLDF, Outcome 5: Communication); and
- Improve their understanding of caring for living creatures alongside turn taking and responsibility.



# KCCC Staff News

## Update on KCCC's "Quality Improvement Plan"

Our "Quality Improvement Plan" is a working document that helps us reflect and assess the quality of our service against the National Quality Standards. It identifies our strengths and potential improvement areas.

### What are we working on at the moment?

**Standard 5.1.2: Every child is able to engage with educators in meaningful, open interactions that support the acquisition of skills for life and learning.**

### The outcome we are seeking is:

**To continuously reflect on routines to ensure we achieve a high level of engagement to support positive growing relationships with every child.**

### One of the routines we have reflected on as a team this month is:

**Meal times and how these can better support the above.**

It was concluded through professional reflective discussions that all rooms would trial progressive meal times to support smaller and more meaningful interactions and work toward eliminating so many disruptions to the children's learning.

## Professional development at KCCC

### "Understanding Autism Spectrum Disorder"

A number of our Educators have now attended professional development sessions around understanding autism spectrum disorder.

These sessions were designed to support educators in understanding autism spectrum disorder as well as learning strategies and behavioral support. These sessions ran over 2 full days and were presented by Sue Larky, who is a highly qualified special educator who has taught in mainstream and special schools.

### "Child Protection"

All of our Educators have attended a professional development training session on child protection. This is a requirement for all staff and supports awareness around this very sensitive yet serious aspect of our role.

## We are sad to see you go:



It is with regret we accepted Kartika's resignation. Kartika has been the room leader in the Wattle room.

Kartika has been offered a position five minutes from her home. This is a wonderful opportunity for Kartika that will minimise her current travel time of 2 ½ hours each day.

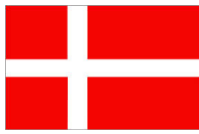
Kartika is sad to be leaving KCCC, however is also looking forward to spending more time with her growing family rather than travelling.

Kartika's last day was Friday 18 September.

Kartika commenced employment with KCCC in January this year and has enjoyed working in the Wattle room as the Room Leader. Kartika has been a valued Educator who has contributed greatly to the curriculum planning, education and care in the Wattle room and assisted with the planning and preparation of multicultural week, book week and the room leaders meetings.

On behalf of the Board and staff we would like to thank Kartika for her positive contribution to KCCC this year and wish her all the best in her new role.

We are in the process of recruiting a Room Leader for the Wattle room that will meet the education and care needs of the children, especially those aspects that involve building and nurturing relationships, teaching and learning.



## **Project Denmark Update Up Up and Away!**

Tickets are booked and Hayley will be traveling to Denmark to embark on our staff hosting program. Hayley begins this adventure on the 12<sup>th</sup> of October and will return with a wealth of knowledge, new experiences and ideas to share in December 2015.

The children in the Tea Tree Room have been gearing up and getting excited about this adventure alongside Hayley.

The children have been involved in the creation of a blog. This will be utilised as a communication tool for the children to share their experiences between Melbourne and Denmark, alongside tracking Hayley's journey.

The children have begun to experiment with photos and videos that they endeavour to share with the children in Denmark.

This will broaden the children and staff's local-to-global perspective, enhance communication between the centres and cultivate the next generation of global citizens.

Fostering global awareness in our children and staff will be a great benefit to their understanding of communities, sharing aspects of their culture and language and celebrate the benefits of shared teaching and learning that multiculturalism brings.

We will keep you posted when this blog goes public and encourage you to have a read.

Check out next month's Newsletter for more information on this.



### **About Hayley**

My name is Hayley Kasal. I have been working at KCCC for three years and within the early childhood sector for ten years. I have a Certificate 111 in Children's Services. I have spent a lot of time travelling throughout Europe, and with family in Croatia.

I am thrilled to be given the opportunity to represent KCCC on a global scale in Denmark. This is a once in a life time experience for me to incorporate the two of the things I'm most passionate about - Children's education and travel.

I am excited about the experiences I will have and sharing these learnings with KCCC.



# Education Sector News

## Increase Educator ratio's in 2016

1 January 2016 marks the next national consistency milestone for educator to child ratios. Changes to ratios have been planned since the introduction of the National Quality Framework in 2012, the ratio changes will increase from 1:15 to 1:11 for over three year olds.

KCCC will see the benefits of higher ratios for children and educators in our larger Kindergarten group with three Educators instead of two.

For more information on benefits of higher educator ratios, see:  
<http://www.acecqa.gov.au/Article.aspx?e#os>



## HELP SHAPE THE EDUCATION STATE

The Victorian Government is making Victoria the “Education State.” This begins with giving every child a strong start in life.

Children are born ready to learn - they are naturally inquisitive about their world. Their early health, education and care before they turn five, sets them up for the rest of their lives, shaping their happiness, wellbeing and success.

The conversation about how to make Victoria the Education State has already begun. Now we want to continue the conversation, focusing on the early childhood years. We want to hear about your experiences with early childhood services in Victoria and your ideas for what a truly outstanding system would look like.

The Victorian Government's [Early Childhood Consultation Paper](#) is designed to start this discussion, looking at all parts of the early childhood experience. The Victorian Government invites you to have your say on what we collectively do to support young children and how this can help make Victoria the “Education State”. [Early Childhood Consultation Paper](#)  
[Join a discussion](#)

<http://educationstate.education.vic.gov.au/early-years>



# HEALTH AND NUTRITION

## RECIPE OF THE MONTH

### Macaroni cheese

#### Ingredients:

1 cup of plain flour

1 L Milk

200 Grams Margarine

1 Tbs Chicken Stock Powder

Pepper to taste

1 Kg Grated Cheese

1 Packet of Pasta

#### Method:

Melt Margarine in a pan add flour, make roue then slowly add milk whisking as you go. Then add stock pepper and cheese, simmer still melted.



Week One	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Morning tea	Cereal Mixed fruit platter	Cheese on toast Mixed fruit platter	Toast and vegemite Mixed fruit platter	Scones & cheese Mixed fruit platter	Sweet potato muffins Mixed fruit platter
Lunch served with	Soup and roll	Chicken & vegetable pasta bake	Thai-style fish curry Rice and yoghurt	Risotto a la Bolognese Peas and carrots	Beef Casserole Couscous and yoghurt
Afternoon tea	Scones	Cake	Pancakes	Sandwiches with cheese & vegemite	Salads and cheese
Week Two	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Morning tea	Bran and prune muffins Mixed fruit platter	Cereal Mixed fruit platter	Toast and vegemite Mixed fruit platter	Chopped banana, yoghurt and marshmallows	Cheese on toast Mixed fruit platter
Lunch served with	Tuna and macaroni bake Salad	Meatballs in tomato sauce With greens	Barley and vegetable soup Wholemeal roll	Chicken cacciatore Rice	Shepherd's pie With vegetables
Afternoon tea	Pancakes	Salads with cheese or jam	Sandwiches with cheese & vegemite	Scones	Cake & fruit yoghurt
Week Three	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Morning tea	Toast and cheese Mixed fruit platter	Cereal Mixed fruit platter	Bread and butter Fruit salad and fruit yoghurt	Cubed fruit skewers and fruit yoghurt, mixed fruit platter	Mountain Bread, cream cheese, sultanas Mixed fruit platter
Lunch served with	Fried rice with mince Broccoli with cheese sauce	Soup and roll	Chicken Rissoles Mixed veggies	Tuna & cheese pasta	Beef burger & roll With salad
Afternoon tea	Sandwiches with cheese & vegemite	Scones	Piklets	Cake & fruit yoghurt	Cream cheese, sultanas and crisps
Week Four	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Morning tea	Muesli Mixed fruit platter	Corn muffins Mixed fruit platter	Baked beans on toast Mixed fruit platter	Toast with vegemite Mixed fruit platter	Carrot Slice
Lunch served with	Lentil Soup Rolls	Chicken and vegetable patties Salad of greens	Spaghetti bolognese & vegetables	Cherry Pumpkin Ricotta Bake Roasted root vegetables	Fish cakes Tzatziki, salad and roll
Afternoon tea	Pancakes	Salads with cheese or jam	Scones	Cake & fruit yoghurt	Sandwiches with cheese & vegemite
Colour Key	Chicken	Vegetarian	Fish	Grains	Red Meat

#### Menu Review

Thank you to all families who contributed to the menu review. We are now in our final stages of the review and are fortunate enough to have two Deakin food nutrition students joining our centre for the next four weeks.

The students will be monitoring the nutritional food intake in the Yarragum and Gumnut Rooms. This will assist us in our final review of the menu. Welcome and thank you to Avril and Eileen from Deakin.



# September Photo Board



Mount Scopas  
Memorial Collage  
Students  
Year 9  
Science Visit



Yarragum take the pram to visit  
the Chicken Hatching Program  
in the Kinder Room.



Father's Day  
celebrations

